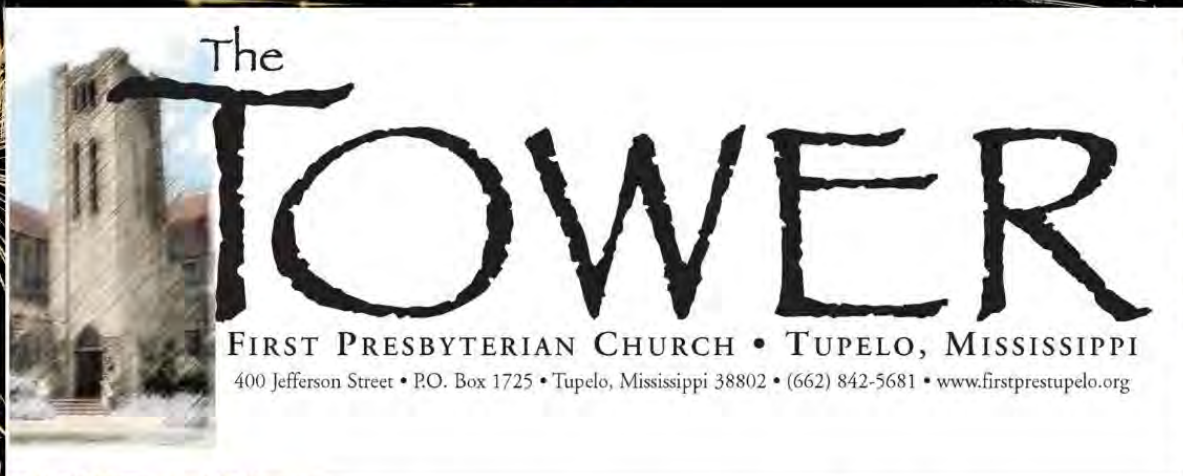




January 2026

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TUPELO, MS

Siblings in Christ.

In the Presbyterian tradition, Confirmation is a time of learning and faith formation. For us at First Presbyterian, Tupelo, it involves an education of the history, structure, and governance of the Presbyterian Church. It encourages participants to wrestle with theological questions such as, "Who is God?", "Who is Jesus?", "Who is the Holy Spirit?", "What is the church?", and possibly most importantly, "How do I fit in and what is my role in all of this?"

This Spring, Confirmation is being offered to our seventh and eighth graders. This journey begins with an overnight retreat at Camp Hopewell with a careful blend of incredible fun, education on the history and structure of the Presbyterian Church, and some group building! Following this retreat, participants engage in an eight-week study of the theological questions mentioned above (along with a few more), encouraging youth to determine how they answer these questions for themselves. During this time, youth are assigned to small groups and paired with an Elder Mentor who oversees the group in a local mission project and who is available to help them write a personal Faith Statement. This Faith Statement is their answer to the theological questions around which we center our study and discussion. The youth present these Faith Statements during a Wednesday night program, and they are examined by the Session in a called meeting following the program (I promise them that this sounds much scarier than it is!). On Palm Sunday, our Confirmands are officially Confirmed and accepted into full membership of our church. At this point, they can attend and vote in the annual Congregational Meeting and serve on committees of the church. In recent years, we have had youth serve on committees such as Worship and Pastor Nominating Committee.

As we begin this journey, we ask that you keep our Confirmands in your prayers: Henry Brock, Wesley Brock, Mary Crotwell, Ren Crowell, and Carter McDuffie (and their leaders).

*Thanks for the prayers.
Melissa*

Worship With Us First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 28

Service at 10:00 A.M.

No Sunday School this week



[Our YouTube Channel](#)

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Ages 3 & Up](#)

[Bulletin](#)

[Children's Bulletins
Ages 7 & Up](#)

[CHECK OUT OUR GOOGLE CALENDAR!](#)

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Bible Study

WILL RESUME

JANUARY 5, 2026

Intro to Acts



Volunteer Drivers Needed

For More Information:

Call: 662.840.0787

400 W Jefferson St

Tupelo, MS 38804

Happy
New Year

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TUPELO, MS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

JANUARY

Wednesday Night Program

JANUARY 7:

A Special
Epiphany
Service

by John Brock

MENU:

*Beef Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots, Fried and Grilled
Chicken Tenders, Homestyle Green Beans, Tater Tots, Rolls and
Cornbread, Fresh Fruit, Full Salad Bar, and Assorted Desserts!*

\$7 PER PERSON



RSVP BY NOON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

Youth Adventures

IN JANUARY

Youth Confirmation Retreat

January 3-4

Sunday Meeting

January 11

PYC Retreat

January 16-18



OFFICE CLOSED

FOR

new year

1/1/26

Welcome!



Sunday, December 21, 2025
We welcomed Eddy & Carla
Holland to our church family!

**OFFICE
CLOSED**

IN HONOR OF

*Martin Luther
King, Jr Day*

1/19/26

Prayers for the Week

Cancer Treatment: Ginger Mark, Scarlett Reeder,
Jim Seiler

Homebound: Betty Nash, Ruby Katherine
Patterson, Barbara Price

College Students: Walt Rose, Jenkins Wells, Ana
Morgan Beckham

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

2 CENTS-A-MEAL

Offering

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Two Cents-a-Meal invites every member of your congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents to help alleviate hunger and poverty. Ideally, contributions come from “living more simply so that others may simply live.” Participation in is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus’ command, “You give them something to eat.”



LET'S SERVE TOGETHER

January



1/1 ST. LUKE'S
FOOD PANTRY
AT 7:45 A.M.

1/17 HELPING HANDS
VOLUNTEERS
AT 9:00 A.M.

1/20 COOK FOR THE
SALVATION ARMY
AT 2:30 P.M.



Memorials, Gifts, and Honoraria

*IN HONOR OF TOM McDONALD,
JOHN & RUTH BROCK, AND THE FPC
STAFF FROM SARAH YOUNG.
(PASTORS' DISCRETIONARY FUND)

*IN HONOR OF GEORGE & WANDA
DENT FROM SARAH YOUNG.
(GUATEMALA MISSION FUND)

*IN HONOR OF BILL & LUCY HILBUN
FROM SARAH YOUNG. (CUBA
MISSION FUND)

*IN HONOR OF BOB TAYLOR & RAY
HARRIS FROM SARAH YOUNG.
(MUSIC FUND)

*IN HONOR OF LESLIE GEOGHEGAN
FROM SARAH YOUNG. (CHERUB
CHOIR FUND)

*IN HONOR OF CINDY FAUCETTE &
GARRA OWENS FROM SARAH
YOUNG. (SISTAHOOD CLASS)

*IN HONOR OF MITZI & JEFF MOORE,
JALA & RUDY CALDWELL, MICHELLE
& JOEY HUTTO, LUCY & STEVE NASH,
AND KIM & MARK BURLESON FROM
SALLIE KATE & MARK RAY.
(FELLOWSHIP FUND)

*IN HONOR OF RUTH & JOHN BROCK
FROM SALLIE KATE & MARK RAY.
(PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND)

*IN HONOR OF THE RICHARD
HASTINGS FAMILY FROM SALLIE
KATE & MARK RAY.
(ADMINISTRATIVE FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF BILL REEDER FROM
THERESA MCCORMICK.
(UNDESIGNATED MEMORIAL FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF BILL REEDER FROM
SUSAN BOONE. (UNDESIGNATED
MEMORIAL FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF BILL REEDER FROM
ALICE & BRITT ROGERS. (INTERIOR
AESTHETICS RESTORATION FUND)

*IN HONOR OF ANN & CHAUNCEY
GODWIN, MARGARET PARKER, AND
HEATHER INGRAM FROM ALICE
ROGERS. (CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES)

*IN HONOR OF PRESLEY WALLACE,
LEE HERMAN, AUBRE WELLS, ANN &
CHAUNCEY GODWIN, ANN
MONAGHAN, AND MEL WHITFIELD
FROM ALICE ROGERS. (KITCHEN
FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF BILL REEDER AND IN
HONOR OF THE PW COORDINATING
TEAM, CIRCLE 3, THE FELLOWSHIP
COMMITTEE, JOHN & RUTH BROCK,
PRESLEY WALLACE, AND THE
SISTAHOOD CLASS FROM STEVE &
LUCY NASH. (FELLOWSHIP FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF PENNY COCHRAN
FROM BONNIE & GLEN DAVIDSON.
(UNDESIGNATED FUND)

*IN HONOR OF TOM McDONALD'S
90TH BIRTHDAY FROM BONNIE &
GLEN DAVIDSON. (UNDESIGNATED
FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF PENNY COCHRAN
FROM DEBRA & RUD ROBISON.
(MUSIC FUND)

*IN HONOR OF JIM & HEATHER
INGRAM FROM SANDY HENSON.
(CAPITAL CAMPAIGN)

*IN HONOR OF JEFF & MITZI MOORE
FROM SANDY HENSON. (CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN)

*IN HONOR OF ROBIN & CINDY
FAUCETTE FROM SANDY HENSON.
(CAPITAL CAMPAIGN)

*IN HONOR OF JOHN, RUTH, WESLEY,
& HENRY BROCK FROM SANDY
HENSON. (CAPITAL CAMPAIGN)

*IN HONOR OF TOM McDONALD FOR
HIS BIRTHDAY FROM TRAVIS & GAY
ABNEY. (GUATEMALA FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF DAISY AYCOCK
FROM TRAVIS & GAY ABNEY.
(GUATEMALA FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF BILL REEDER FROM
TRAVIS & GAY ABNEY. (GUATEMALA
FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF JULIE GIBEN'S
MOTHER, PENNY COCHRAN, FROM
TRAVIS & GAY ABNEY. (GUATEMALA
FUND)

*IN HONOR OF JOHN BROCK,
MELISSA, PENNY, LUCY, KAY, MJ,
BOB, CLAIRE, RAY, RICKY, JOHN
BUCHMAN, AND ALICE ROGERS
FROM TRAVIS & GAY ABNEY.
(GUATEMALA FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF AUBREY PATTERSON
AND CHARLIE HYATT FROM CINDY &
ROBIN FAUCETTE.
(CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF BILL REEDER AND
PENNY COCHRAN FROM CINDY &
ROBIN FAUCETTE. (CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION FUND)

*IN HONOR OF MARY & SAM PACE
FROM MARY & BUDDY STUBBS.
(CUBA MISSION FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF BERT BLACK FROM
HANK & GARRA OWENS.
(UNDESIGNATED MEMORIAL FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF PENNY COCHRAN &
TOMMY BARBER FROM JUDY GRIFFIE.
(UNDESIGNATED MEMORIAL FUND)

*IN MEMORY OF MOLLIE GRATZ
FROM MAXINE S. BROCK.
(MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND)

*IN HONOR OF THE BROCK FAMILY
FROM MARY ELIZABETH WILLIAMS.
(PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND)



December Graduates

THE FUTURE IS YOURS! *Graduate!*

Reid Hardison



Lindley Gibens



Dream big. Work hard. Achieve greatness.



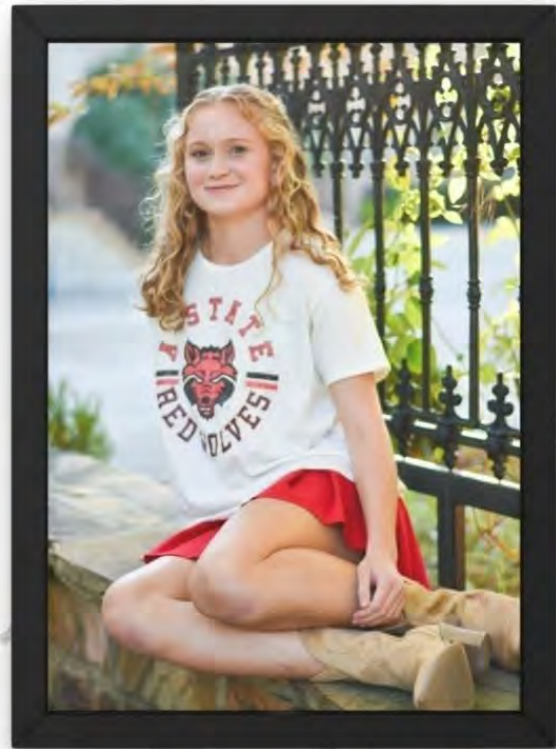
Congratulations GRADUATES!

Congratulations to our December High School Graduates!
Your Church Family Celebrates with You!



Aryanna Phyfer

daughter of Trey & Lorena
graduating from Tupelo High School
attending Presbyterian College
on a soccer scholarship



Anne Crotwell

daughter of Andy & Heather
graduating from North Pontotoc High School
attending Arkansas State University
on a soccer scholarship





SUPPORT OUR CHURCH YOUTH

- DONATE WHAT YOU WOULD SPEND ON A MEAL IF YOU ATE OUT
- SOUPS SERVED: VEGETABLE BEEF, CHICKEN, CHILI, AND SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN

★ **We thank you for your support**

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Cuba Water Mission

Your generosity can make all the difference. By donating, you help children and families in need get access to basic necessities and a brighter tomorrow. Join us in making an impact!

How You Can Help:

- Sponsor a family or individual that is going to Cuba
- Share our cause with your network
- Donate the items listed below to our collection box in the breezeway:
 - over-the-counter medicine - such as Tylenol, Advil, Aspirin, Aleve
 - vitamins for children and adults
 - cold and cough medicine
 - bedpans
 - oral hydration packets—such as Liquid IV, PurAqua Hydration, etc.
 - toothbrushes
 - sunglasses and regular glasses



Medical Supplies

Pills, chewable, and gummies are preferred to liquids due to weight reasons.

Please place all donations in the Cuba Mission Box in the Breezeway.

Monetary Donations Appreciated

This Week at APC

*Happy
New Year*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
4:30 P.M. BOY SCOUTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 A.M. T'AI CHI CHIH
7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE

10:00 A.M. STAFF MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

7:45 A.M. ST. LUKE'S FOOD PANTRY

8:00 A.M. MEN'S BREAKFAST, HILTON GARDEN INN

6:00 P.M. BRAVER ANGELS, FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

12:00 P.M. AA MEETING

January

Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Birthdays <i>Chitra Leake</i> <i>Wendy Parker</i> <i>Bonnie Wiltford</i> <i>Richard Rourea</i>	3 Birthdays <i>Emily Barber</i> Anniversaries <i>Mr. & Mrs.</i> <i>Pat Monaghan</i>
4	5 Birthdays <i>Frances Brunsford</i> <i>Curdie Morris III</i> <i>Nancy Whitten</i> <i>Presley Wallace</i> Anniversaries <i>Mr. & Mrs.</i> <i>Greg Burke</i>	6	7 Birthdays <i>Mary Kate Robbins</i> <i>Bergstrom</i> <i>Josephina Rayburn</i> <i>Patrick Hastings</i>	8	9 Birthdays <i>Leahy Hanson</i> <i>Kathy Mc Murry</i>	10 Birthdays <i>Lacy Wells</i>
11	12 Birthdays <i>Alta Morris</i> <i>Laura Rogers</i> <i>Spencer Hiltzhouse</i>	13 Birthdays <i>Catherine Rogers</i> <i>Rudy Caldwell Jr.</i> <i>Bryan Fagan</i>	14 Birthdays <i>Jeremy Blanchard</i>	15 Birthdays <i>Fady Bittles</i> <i>Annette Thornton</i>	16	17 Birthdays <i>Bonnie Davidson</i> <i>Sandy Henson</i> <i>Jon Timothy Posey</i>
18 Birthdays <i>Lee Herman</i>	19	20 Birthdays <i>Hajibe Gurley</i> <i>Betty Reece</i> <i>Tatum Collins</i>	21 Birthdays <i>Alise Rose</i> <i>Mc Whitfield</i> <i>Gladys Wilson</i> <i>Elliot Long</i>	22 Birthdays <i>Mary Pace</i>	23 Birthdays <i>Mary Ann Childs</i> <i>Barrett Polindexter</i>	24 Birthdays <i>Robert Taylor Jr.</i>
25 Birthdays <i>Gus Dapow</i> <i>Gunner Goad</i>	26 Birthdays <i>Rosie Clayton</i> <i>Bronwyn Jeague</i>	27 Birthdays <i>Gregory Davidson</i>	28 Birthdays <i>Larkin Robbins Red</i>	29	30 Birthdays <i>Carolyn Gaston</i> <i>Loren Zimmerman</i> <i>Ross Reeder</i>	31

Happy Birthday and Anniversary
to You!

January

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7:45AM ST. LUKE FOOD PANTRY 8:00AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 2:30PM CASA 6:00PM BRAVER ANGELS, FH	2 12:00PM AA	3 CONFIRMATION RETREAT
4 CONFIRMATION RETREAT COMMUNION 2 CENTS A MEAL 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00AM WORSHIP 4:30PM BOY SCOUTS	5 6:45PM CIRCLE 3, MEMBER'S HOME	6 9:00AM T'ai CHI 2:30PM CASA 7:00PM AA	7 EPIPHANY SERVICE 10:00AM STAFF 2:30PM CASA 3:00PM MAH JONGG 5:00PM TOWER RINGERS 5:30PM WED. NIGHT PROGRAM 7:00PM CHANCEL CHOIR	8 8:00AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 2:30PM CASA	9 12:00PM AA 2:30PM CASA	10
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Happy New Year

THE SESSION
Rev. John Brock Moderator
Lisa Nichols, Clerk of the Session

Class of 2026

Glen Davidson, Sr.
Jim Fisher
Ben Hunter
Bob Lence
Corey Littrell
Helen Monts
Aubre Wells

Class of 2027

Heather Crotwell
Amanda Davis
Beth Anne Ellzey
Mac Godwin
Mary Margaret Gratz
Debra Robison
Liz Rose

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Tatum Collins
Lee Herman
Trey Phyfer
Buddy Stubbs
Virginia Toliver
Kathy Wallace

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