

# First Presbyterian Church

400 W Jefferson Street

Tupelo, Mississippi



## THE MISSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS TO:

*Learn the Word of God in worship and study.*

*Live the Word of God in our homes and communities.*

*Lead others to the Word of God in love.*

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# *Morning Worship Service*

## *Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday*

February 15, 2026

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

“While He was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him!” - MATTHEW 17:5

\*Congregation standing as able.

**Bold** is spoken by the congregation.

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

## PRELUDE

## *Lamb of God*

## PARIS/LARSON

## INTROIT (11:00 SERVICE)

## *Love Songs*

## CHERUB CHOIR

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP - from *2 Peter 1:13-16*

Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you.

**As He who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.**

For it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

**Trust in God who raised Him and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of majesty and might,  
You have blessed us with revelations of Your glory.  
Give us the gift of faith,  
that we may hear Your voice for ourselves  
and see Jesus Christ revealed to us,  
that we may stand on our own without fear. Amen.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 210 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

## ST. ANNE

## CALL TO CONFESSON

We don't have to look very far to see the brokenness of our world: broken relationships, broken systems, broken nations, broken people. We are tired. We are worn. And we know that the world didn't get this way on its own. So, together, let us confess our part in the brokenness of things, and ask for God's help to repair and restore.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSON

**God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May Your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for Your sake, and for the sake of Your people.**

*(Time of Silent Confession)*

## KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

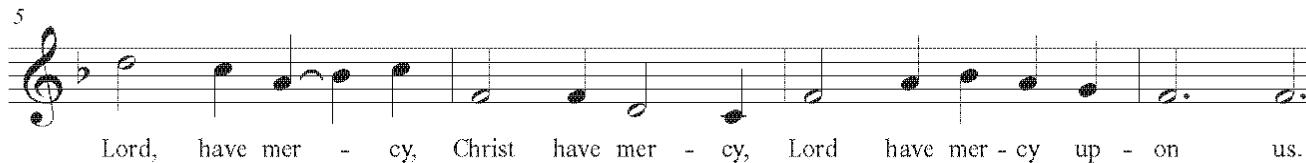
American folk hymn

Kyrie Eleison

arr. Richard Proulx



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.



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Lord, have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news is this: while we do not always – or perhaps often – get it right, God is faithful. God keeps God's promises. Let this truth deep down seep into your weary bones: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free for life in God's Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY (11:00 SERVICE)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 2

Why do the nations conspire  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
**The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and His anointed, saying,**  
“Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast their cords from us.”

**He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the LORD has them in derision.**  
Then He will speak to them in His wrath  
and terrify them in His fury, saying,  
**“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”**

I will tell of the decree of the LORD:  
**He said to me, “You are my son;  
today I have begotten you.**  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
**You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
**Serve the LORD with fear;  
with trembling kiss His feet,**  
or He will be angry, and you will perish in the way,  
for His wrath is quickly kindled.  
**Happy are all who take refuge in Him.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL READING	Matthew 17:1-9	PEW BIBLE, PG. 18
ANTHEM	<i>As the Deer</i>	NYSTROM/FORTIN
NEW TESTAMENT READING	2 PETER 1:16-21	PEW BIBLE, PG. 236
SERMON	Eyewitnesses to His Majesty	REV. JOHN BROCK

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH — *The Scots Confession*

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to Whom alone we must cleave, Whom alone we must serve, Whom only we must worship, and in Whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; One in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory.**

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 426 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God's light goes before us.

**Let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

**Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY	<i>Andante from Sonata No. 6</i>	FELIX MENDELSSOHN
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\*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious and holy God, we give You thanks for the many gifts in our lives. We are well and truly blessed. We dedicate these offerings to You. Multiply them beyond our imagining, that others might experience Your love and grace, Your mercy and justice. May we come to know a world where each person is enough and has enough. These things we ask boldly in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 391

*Take My Life*

HENDON

POSTLUDE

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ALBIN WHITWORTH

\*BENEDICTION

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## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Are you looking for a church home?** If so, please speak to our minister following worship or email him at [pastor@firstprestupelo.org](mailto:pastor@firstprestupelo.org).

**Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.**

**Ritual of friendship** — Members and Visitors: Please sign the attendance register and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

**The flowers** are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Linda Lehman, Martha Jo Patterson, and Daisy Aycock by Josefina Rayburn.

**All children are welcome in worship!** Children's activity bags and special bulletins are available for all ages and are located with our regular worship bulletins in the Narthex. Nursery care is available for newborns through four-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time. After the 11:00 Children's Sermon, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to attend "Wee Kirk." This is a time of fun childcare with age-appropriate songs and games.

Children in first through fifth grade are invited to join our Sunday version of Faithbuilder's during the 11:00 A.M. Sunday service every 2nd and 4th Sunday. We meet after the children's sermon for a fun and engaging time of learning about the structure of our church service, with activities to help kids grow in their understanding and participation in worship. If your child attends, you can pick them up in the gym area after the service.

The service is live streamed and available for viewing on YouTube.com by those unable to be with us this morning. Search firstprestupelo. We also invite you to visit our website at [www.firstprestupelo.org](http://www.firstprestupelo.org).

**Leading the worship service today:** Rev. John Brock, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

**Liturgist:** 9:00: Bob Lence

11:00: Larry Crowell

**Greeters:** 9:00: Jim & Hudson Fisher

11:00: Julie & Leighton Gibens and Anne Marie & Minor Littrell



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our weekly Bible study will meet this Monday, February 16 at 11:00 A.M.** We will continue meeting in the Bolton/Sistahood Room. This group enjoys engaging discussions and fellowship, and it is open to everyone. This week, we will study Acts 3.

**For February 22,** our scripture passages will be from **Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, and Matthew 4:1-11.**

 **Sign up by noon Wednesday to hold your place for our Wednesday Night Supper and Program** using the QR Code provided, using today's Attendance Register, or by calling the church office at 662-842-5681. This week the cost is \$7 per person, and we will enjoy Chicken and Wild Rice Casserole, Fried and Grilled Chicken Tenders, Homestyle Green Beans, Tater Tots and Hotdog Bites, Corn on the Cob, Congealed Salad, Rolls, Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Desserts! **Our program** will be our Ash Wednesday Service. We hope to see you in the Fellowship Hall for supper and fellowship at **5:30 P.M. Wednesday, February 18.**

 This Saturday, February 14, we will host our **Single's Valentine's Day Brunch.** We hope to see you there! Sign-Up if you have not already!

**Ash Wednesday** will be on February 18, this year. We will have two services, one at noon and one at 6:15 P.M. in place of our Wednesday Night Program. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**The First Lenten Luncheon** will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, February 19, at 12:00 P.M.

Sunday, February 22, the **Billy Roberts/Erin Stubbs Wedding Shower** will start at 1:00 P.M. Please come and show love and appreciation to this couple as they prepare to join together as one.

**The Cuba Mission Team** appreciates the gifts and medicine the congregation has provided for Cuba. They would like everyone to suspend bringing more until we know a new date for their trip sometime in the fall. Thank you again for the support.

# WEEKLY

## FPC Schedule

### SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. Worship  
10:00 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Worship  
4:00 P.M. Confirmation  
4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts

### TUESDAY

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi  
2:30 P.M. CASA  
**2:30 P.M. Cook for the Salvation Army**  
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

### THURSDAY

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast  
**12:00 P.M. First Lenten Luncheon**  
**1:30 P.M. Shepherd's Center Meeting**  
2:30 P.M. CASA

First Lenten  
Luncheon

### SATURDAY

### MONDAY

11:00 A.M. Bible Study  
2:30 P.M. CASA  
**5:00 P.M. Steering Committee**  
**6:00 P.M. Session Meeting**

President's  
Day

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting  
**11:00 A.M. Ash Wednesday Service**  
2:30 P.M. CASA  
3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg  
5:05 P.M. Tower Ringers  
5:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Program  
**6:15 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service**  
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

Ash  
Wednesday

### FRIDAY

12:00 P.M. AA  
2:30 P.M. CASA

### *Notes*

- Stubbs Wedding Shower is the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1PM!

First Presbyterian Church

invites you to

*The First Lenten  
Luncheon*

Thursday, February 19  
12:00 P.M.

400 W. Jefferson St.  
Tupelo, MS 38804

BRIDAL SHOWER



STUBBS & ROBERTS

HONORING

*Erin Stubbs & Billy Roberts*

FEBRUARY 22, 2026  
1:00-2:30 IN THE AFTERNOON  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Registered at Reed's,  
Jody's, and Amazon*

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## 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

### CLASS OF 2028

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

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. John Brock, Pastor  
Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education  
Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music  
Dr. Ray Harris, Organist  
John Buchman, Audio/Visual Technician  
Claire Leeke, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs  
Dr. Kathy McMurry, Treasurer  
Cindy Faucette, Church Librarian  
MJ Whitt, Church Secretary  
Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary  
Penny O'Quinn, Morning Receptionist  
Lucy Wells, Afternoon Receptionist  
Ricky Kimbrell, Maintenance Superintendent  
Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

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## PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

**Cancer Treatment:** Ginger Mark, Scarlett Reeder, Jim Seiler

**Homebound:** Ruby Kathryn Patterson, Barbara Price, Jack Price

**College Students:** Ana Morgan Beckham, Daniel Crotwell, Anne Crotwell

**Service Members:** Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

