

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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662.842.5681

Morning Worship Service

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

“He has told you, O Mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God” - MICAH 6:8

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love

DALE WOOD

INTROIT

How Great Thou Art

ARR. ERIC NELSON

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 112)

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in His commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

They are not afraid of evil tidings,
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us how to live in relationship with You. Help us to walk in path which Jesus forged living as obedient children that Your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our LORD, Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSON

I John 1:8 reminds us that “if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” Let us be honest with ourselves so that we may be honest with God. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we cry out for righteous judgement against others, but fail to acknowledge the sin in our own lives. We say all the right things, but fail to live as we should. We have turned faith into a checklist of things to be done, rather than daring to enter into relationship. We have focused on the things which divide us, rather than the One who unites us. Forgive us, Holy God. Restore us to You that we might shine forth the light of Your salvation through Christ our LORD.

(Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear I John 1:9! “If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive

KYRIE

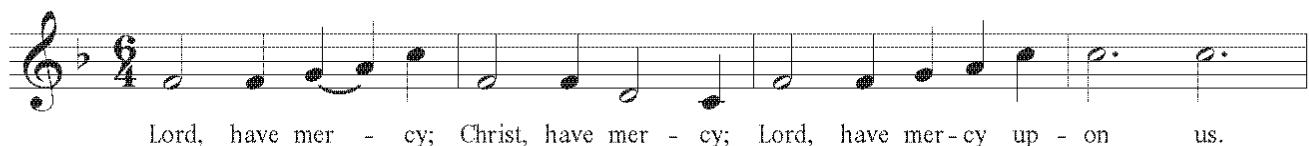
Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

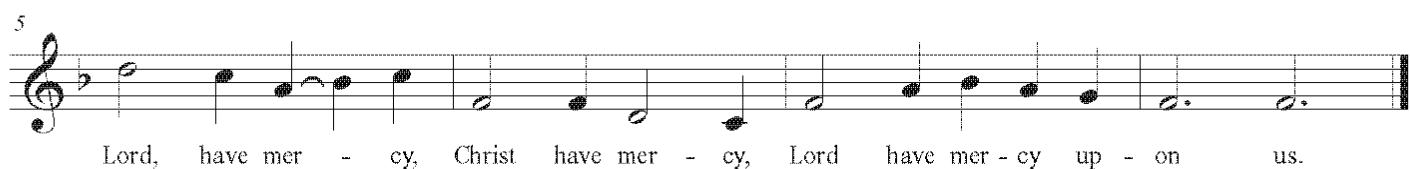
American folk hymn

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.

our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Friends, live as if this is true. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE No. 579

Gloria Patri

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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 24:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the LORD;
this I seek:

**to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,**

to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.

**For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;**

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,**

and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

**“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.**

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.

**Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:9-11

PEW BIBLE, PG. 162

ANTHEM

Jesus Paid It All

ARR. ROBERT STERLING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

MICAH 6:6-8

PEW BIBLE, PG. 866

SERMON

Relationship

MELISSA McDUFFIE

*STATEMENT OF FAITH — *THE Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day, He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION No. 357 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayers of the People

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

Adagio

W. A. MOZART

*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

Loving God, we give You thanks for Your many gifts to us and we praise You for Your overwhelming goodness. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of Your church. Bless all our offerings for the work of Your kingdom, through Christ our LORD, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

POSTLUDE

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

J. S. BACH

*BENEDICTION

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.

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 memory of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Godwin, Sr. by Chauncey & Ann Godwin Jr. and Ann & Gil Monaghan.

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.

Leading the worship service today: Melissa McDuffie, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Liturgist: 9:00: Virginia Toliver

11:00: Andy Crotwell

Greeters: 9:00: Amanda Montgomery and Kristi Hillhouse

11:00: Julie & Leighton Gibens and Miriam & Larry Crowell

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Ginger Mark, Scarlett Reeder, Jim Seiler

Homebound: John Gaston, Joy Hyatt, Betty Nash

College Students: Olivia Reynolds, Walt Rose, Jenkins Wells

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M: 51 11:00 A.M: 136



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly Bible study will meet this Monday, February 9 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 2.

For February 15, our scripture passages will be from **Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2 & 9, 2 Peter 1:16-21, and Matthew 17:1-9.**

 **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 Smoked Pulled Pork with BBQ Sauce, Buns, and Slaw on the Side, Fried and Grilled Chicken Tenders, Homestyle Green Beans, Cheese Grits, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit, Full Salad Bar, and Assorted Desserts! **Our program** will be Meals on Wheels. We hope to see you in the Fellowship Hall for supper and fellowship at **5:30 P.M. Wednesday, February 11.**

 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
1:30 P.M. Confirmation
4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts

SouperBowl

Sunday

MONDAY

11:00 A.M. Bible Study
2:30 P.M. CASA
5:30 P.M. Committee Meetings

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi
10:00 A.M. Martha's, Kitchen
12:00 P.M. Circle 24, Sheffield
2:30 P.M. CASA
6:00 P.M. Circle 5, Busylad
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Guat. Team Returns

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
2:30 P.M. CASA

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

9:00 A.M. Helping Hands
11:00 A.M. Singles' Valentine's Day
Brunch

Notes

- Ash Wednesday is the 18th!
- Stubbs Wedding Shower is the 22nd at 1PM!

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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

