

First Presbyterian Church

400 W Jefferson Street



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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

“Although you have not seen Him, you love Him, and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

- 1 PETER 1:8-9

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ALBERT TRAVIS

INTROIT

Eternal Life

OLIVE DUNGAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life,

from Whom all receive their breath,

breathe new life into our tired lungs,

so we may speak words of

faith, hope, and love.

Free us from fear,

that we may follow Christ boldly,

ready to lay down our lives

for Your kingdom's cause,
and trusting that You will also
rescue us from the grave
by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 104 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has been made known to us
in deeds of power, signs, and wonders,
and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.
Friends, let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, You have made known to us the ways of life.
Yet, too often, we put other things above You
and turn away from the ways of life
and toward the ways of death.
Forgive us and guide us back into Your presence,
that we may know the fullness of joy.**

(Time of Silent Confession)

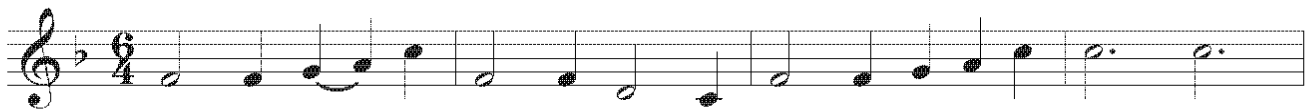
KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy
Kyrie Eleison

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

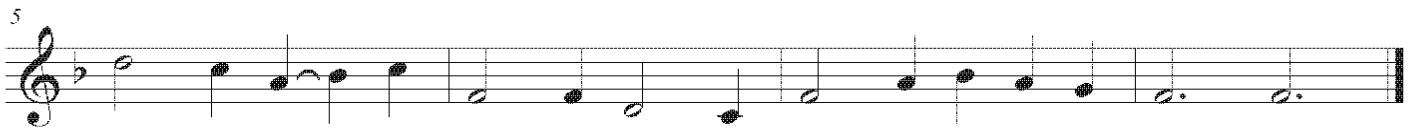
American folk hymn

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

My friends, God is our refuge
and will not abandon us.

In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God.

Friends believe the good news of the gospel:

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 16

Protect me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD;

I have no good apart from You."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

You hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD, Who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me;

because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

For You do not give me up to Sheol

or let Your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

**In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

PEW BIBLE, PG. 119

ANTHEM

Thine is the Glory

GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL/PAUL LEDDINGTON WRIGHT

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay.*

Refrain:

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]*

*No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. [Refrain]*

EPISTLE READING

1 PETER 1:3-9

PEW BIBLE, PG. 236

SERMON

God's Great Mercy

REV. JOHN BROCK



*STATEMENT OF FAITH — *Philippians 2:5-11*

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though He was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied Himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
He humbled Himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted Him
and gave Him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is LORD,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION NO. 106 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Let Us Break Bread Together

DALE WOOD

*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

**Generous God,
You are our portion and our cup,**

**In You our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest.
Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges
that they may bring the joy of Your presence
more deeply into the world. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*CLOSING HYMN

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers
(see insert on page 9)

AUSTRIAN HYMN

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ROBERT HOBBY

*BENEDICTION



Weekly

FPC Schedule

Sunday

9:00 A.M. Worship
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. New Member Orientation class
11:00 A.M. Worship
4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts

Communion

Two Cents a Meal

4/12

Monday

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

4/13

Tuesday

9:00 A.M. Tai Chi
10:00 A.M. Martha's Kitchen
12:00 P.M. Circle 24
2:30 P.M. CASA
6:00 P.M. Circle 24
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

4/14

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

4/15

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:30 P.M. Shepherd's Center Meeting
2:30 P.M. CASA

4/16

Friday

12:00 P.M. AA
2:30 P.M. CASA
5:30 P.M. Stubbs Wedding Rehearsal

4/17

Saturday

Erin Stubbs Wedding Day!

4/18

Notes

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Austrian Hymn

Brian Wren

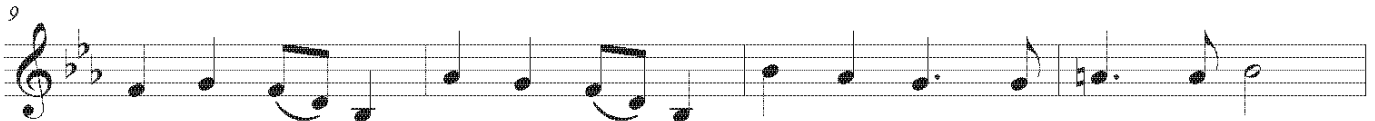
Franz Joseph Haydn



Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers; Christ has ris - en where hope died,
Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom He died to love and save;
Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge and to change



as He said and as He prom - ised, as we doubt - ed and de - nied.
Christ has ris - en for the wom - en bring - ing flow'rs to grace His grave.
all whose lives are messed or man - gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em - brace the bless - ing; let the sun em - brace the cheer;
Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud - dled in an up - per room.
Christ is ris - en, Christ is pre - sent mak - ing us what He has been:



let the world con - firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
He whose word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.
ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

Save the Date!
Vacation Bible School
May 27-29, 2026
Registration Details to
Come!

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 honor of Anne Marie's birthday by Corey & Minor Littrell and Alexis & Jack Parsh. We love you.

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: Rev. John Brock, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Liturgist: 9:00: Virginia Toliver

11:00: Trey Phyfer

Greeters: 9:00: Lucy and Steve Nash

11:00: Genie Alice and Jim Bruce, Lisa Johnson, and Leslie Hastings

Crucifers: 9:00: Carter McDuffie

11:00: Chris Ellis

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly Bible study will meet this Monday, April 13 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 10.

For April 19, our scripture passages will be from Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, and Luke 24:13-35.



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 Taziki's Greek Grilled Chicken Tenders and Taziki Sauce, Fried Chicken Tenders, Basmati Rice, Greek Roasted Vegetables, Macaroni and Cheese, Rolls, Pita Chips, Fresh Fruit, Full Salad Bar, and Assorted Desserts including Presly's Chocolate Bread Pudding! Our program will be *North MS Animal Control*. We hope to see you in the Fellowship Hall for supper and fellowship at 5:30 P.M. Wednesday, April 15.

Volunteers Needed—We need you to help sub as a camera monitor on Sundays! If you can take a shift (9:00 Worship, 10:00 Sunday School, or 11:00 Worship), please contact Kathy Wallace. We appreciate any help you can give.

New & Prospective Member Class - For the last three Sundays of April, Rev. Brock will be teaching a New & Prospective Member Class in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. Any one is welcome to attend! If you have any questions, please email or call.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Scarlett Reeder, Jim Seiler

Homebound: Betty Nash, Ruby Kathryn Patterson, Barbara Price

College Students: Lucy Gratz, Olivia Hastings, Lewis Herman

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M: 133 11:00 A.M: 281

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$22,106 Amount Received 4/5/26: \$10,910

YTD Budgeted Income: \$353,696 YTD Income Received: \$468,560

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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

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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
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