

First Presbyterian Church

400 W Jefferson Street



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Morning Worship Service

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

10:30 A.M.

“Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.”

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Fanfare

WILLIAM MATHIAS

INTROIT

How Can I Keep from Singing?

ARR. ANDY BECK

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit!

Grant us Your peace.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Grant us Your power.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Grace us with Your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, You sent Your Spirit
to lead us in the paths of peace.

Breathe into us
the voice of prophecy.

Breathe into us
the power of forgiveness.

Breathe into us

the gifts of ministry,
that we may serve Your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 129 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

CALL TO CONFESSION

God’s Spirit is alive and at work among us, gathering us for worship, calling us to return to God through prayer, praise, and confession. Let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from Your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as beloved community. Let Your Spirit fill us, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ’s body, not in fits and starts but with steady conviction. Guided by Your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in Your peaceable kingdom.

(Time of Silent Confession)

KYRIE

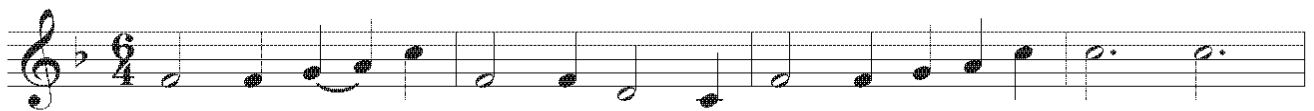
Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

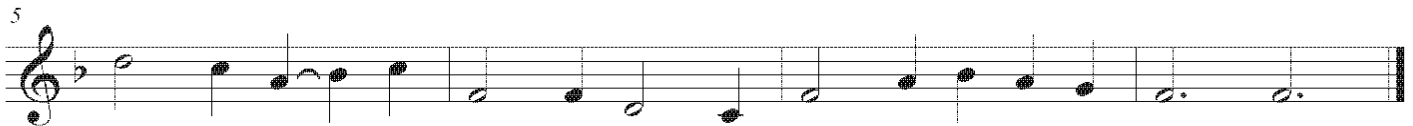
Kyrie Eleison

American folk hymn

arr. Richard Proulx



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



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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACTS 2:21

Peter on Pentecost says, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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 104:24-34

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;**
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—**
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
*May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-21

PEW BIBLE, PG. 119

*Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, now ignite us with Thy fire.
While the earth resists Thy burning, with Thy passion us inspire.
Overcome our sinful calmness, make us know our share of blame.
Baptize with Thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame!*

*Thou who in Thy holy purpose wills that we should truly live,
Grant us grace to be Thy servants, our tranquility forgive.
Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife.
Shame the smallness of our vision by Thine own abundant life.*

*Thou who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace,
by Thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency release!
Save us from our satisfaction, when we personally are free,
yet are undisturbed in spirit by our neighbor's misery!*

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

PEW BIBLE, PG. 174

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION NO. 316 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

*Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.*

Statement on Ordination

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Ordination

Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

ALICE JORDAN

*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

**Almighty God,
we have opened our hands to You,
and our hands have been filled with good things.
Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for Your care for us,
and help us to bless You with the dedication of Your lives;
through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... who forever sing Your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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 No. 319 *Spirit* MANLEY

POSTLUDE *Fantasia on "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"* RICHARD PURVIS

*BENEDICTION

Save the Date!



Vacation Bible School

May 27-29, 2026

Register Here!



Children 3 years old to 5th
Grade are Welcome!

Must be potty-trained

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Scarlett Reeder, Tom McDonald

Homebound: Barbara Price, Gladys Wilson, Mary Ann Chiles

College Students: Lucy Gratz, Olivia Hastings, Lewis Herman

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.: 45 11:00 A.M.: 97

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$22,106 Amount Received 5/17/26: \$9,110

YTD Budgeted Income: \$442,120 YTD Income Received: \$550,765

Weekly FPC Schedule

Sunday

10:30 A.M. Worship
4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts

Pentecost Sunday
Installation of
Session
Communion
Two Cents a Meal

5/24

Monday

2:30 P.M. CASA

Memorial Day
Church Office
Closed

5/25

Tuesday

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi
2:30 P.M. CASA
11:00 A.M. Bible Study
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

5/26

Wednesday

VBS

2:30 P.M. CASA
3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

5/27

Thursday

VBS

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

5/28

Friday

VBS

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

5/29

Saturday

5/30

Notes

- St. Luke's on the 4th.
- Helping Hands on the 6th.

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 today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim and Nancy Ingram, Van K. Rogers, and in honor of Gwen Rogers by Holly & ChrisRogers.

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 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 our 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: 10:30: Trey Phyfer

Greeters: 10:30: Vivian Fleming, Morgan Ricks, Grayson & Bess Robbins

Crucifers: 10:30: Emma McDuffie

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly Bible study will meet this Tuesday, May 26 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 16.

For May 31, our scripture passages will be from **Genesis 1:1-2, 4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, and Matthew 28:16-20.**

New officers being ordained and/or installed today are: Richard Hastings, Jimmy Milam, Curtis Monts, Dr. Mary Pace, Margaret Parker, Daintry Thomas, and Al Wallace.

A special thanks to our outgoing elders of the Class of 2026: Judge Glen Davidson, Sr., Jim Fisher, Ben Hunter, Bob Lence, Corey Littrell, Helen Monts, and Aubre Wells.

Flowers in the Sanctuary Update - Beginning August 1, the cost per arrangement is moving to \$75. If you have put your name down already for flowers after this date and would like to remove it, feel free to scratch it out on the calendar by the kitchen. We feel the price is still more than fair compared to the florists, but with prices going up, we had to as well. Thank you for understanding.

We will continue with **ONE SERVICE** until the fall. Worship with us at 10:30 A.M. and Sunday School at 9:30 A.M.

It's time to sign up for VBS 2026! Please join us May 27-29 (Wednesday through Friday), 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Ages 3-years-old to 5th grade are invited, with nursery available for younger children! Snacks will be provided daily! Sign up by today, Sunday, May 24 using the QR code provided.



The Nominating Committee is beginning its work to propose a slate of elders for the Class of 2030. If you have any suggestions for members of the church you would like the Committee to consider, please use the QR code provided.

The church office will be closed tomorrow in honor of Memorial Day.

You are invited to the 90th Birthday Celebration of Sarah Young. It will be held at the BelAir Golf Course & Center at 2107 Country Club Road, Tupelo, MS 38804 on Sunday, June 7, from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. No gifts please.

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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

