

# First Presbyterian Church

400 W Jefferson Street



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

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# *Morning Worship Service*

## *Trinity Sunday*

May 31, 2026

10:30 A.M.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

\*Congregation standing as able.

**Bold** is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

DAVID JOHNSON

INTROIT

VBS Songs

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our gracious God has created us and called us His own.

**Let us worship the triune God.**

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has redeemed our lives.

**Let us worship the triune God.**

The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us all the days of our lives.

**In gratitude and joy, let us worship the triune God!**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, Three-in-One,

from the communion of Your being,

love overflowed,

endowing us with Your image

and calling us into community.

Help us to listen for Your word,

that our lives may be ordered

by Your peace alone;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us, again and again, to turn from all that separates us from the Divine and to return to God’s path. Let us, then, name the ways we have sinned in wandering from God, relying on God’s mercy to forgive and renew us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are. We are a people who prefer our will to Your will. We focus on things of the self and give little thought or care to others. We wander through our days giving little thought to our own discipleship, let alone our call to help others become disciples. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and set us again on the path of Your righteousness.**

*(Time of Silent Confession)*

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

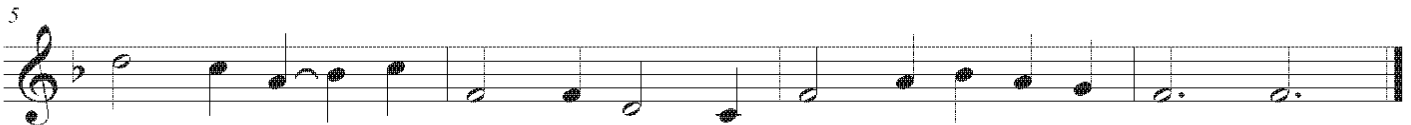
American folk hymn

Kyrie Eleison

arr. Richard Proulx



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



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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACTS 2:21

Hear the Good News! While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to the Triune God.**

\*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 8

O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants**  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,**  
**the moon and the stars that you have established;**  
what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

**Yet you have made them a little lower than God**  
**and crowned them with glory and honor.**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
**all sheep and oxen,**  
**and also the beasts of the field,**  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O LORD, our Sovereign,**  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

PEW BIBLE, PG. 34

ANTHEM

*Laud to the Trinity*

GORDON YOUNG

*Christ is made the sure Foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone.*

*Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one.*

*Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts today.*

*With Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy people as they pray;*

*And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,*

*Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one.*

*One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us; brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life!*

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

PEW BIBLE, PG. 186

SERMON

The Love of the Trinity

REV. JOHN BROCK

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH — *The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION NO. 132    *Come, Great God of All the Ages*                      ABBOT'S LEIGH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY                                      *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*                                      K. LEE SCOTT**

**\*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**

**For all that You have given us,  
we thank You, Gracious God.  
For day and night, evening and morning,  
for land and sea, for fish and birds,  
plants and animals, for humankind,  
and for Your Son, who came among us  
with the gift of life abundant.  
Let Your Holy Spirit abide in our midst  
and work through our gifts,  
that all people may have joy and peace,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 139

*Come, Thou Almighty King*



ITALIAN HYMN

POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on "Come Thou Almighty King"*

DON HUSTAD

\*BENEDICTION



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

WILL BE AT

**TALBOT HOUSE**

STARTING

**6/4/26**

**8:00 AM**

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**PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Cancer Treatment:** Tom McDonald, Mel Whitfield

**Homebound:** Carolyn Gaston, John Gaston, Joy Hyatt

**College Students:** Magalie Martin, Aryanna Phyfer, Ashton Posey

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


**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

10:30 A.M.: 147

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Weekly Budget: \$22,106      Amount Received 5/24/26: \$13,417

YTD Budgeted Income: \$442,120      YTD Income Received: \$565,782



You are invited to  
celebrate

*Sarah Young*

In honor of her 90th birthday

*Sunday, June Seventh*

2:00 - 4:00

**BEL-AIR GOLF  
COURSE & CENTER**

2107 Country Club Road

Tupelo, MS 38804

• NO GIFTS PLEASE •

# Weekly

## FPC Schedule

### Sunday

Trinity Sunday

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. Worship  
4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts  
5:30 P.M. Youth

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### Monday

7:30 A.M. CASA  
6:45 P.M. Circle 3, Member's House

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### Tuesday

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

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### Wednesday

7:30 A.M. CASA  
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting  
3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg  
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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### Thursday

7:30 A.M. CASA  
7:45 A.M. St. Luke's Food Pantry  
8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Talbot House  
6:00 P.M. Braver Angels, FH

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### Friday

7:30 A.M. CASA  
12:00 P.M. AA

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### Saturday

9:00 A.M. Helping Hands

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### Notes

- Communion & Two Cents a Meal are next Sunday.)
- Committee Meetings on the 8th
- Marthas, Circle 24, and Circle 5 are on the 9th

## 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 today to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Elizabeth Williams and in memory of Fayette Creed Williams, Jr., for the occasion of their birthdays on June 4, by Dr. & Mrs. Fayette Williams III, Creed, and Hunter Williams.

**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](http://www.firstprestupelo.org).

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

**Liturgist:** 10:30: Liz Rose

**Greeters:** 10:30: Bob & Carolyn Kelly, Buddy & Mary Stubbs

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly Bible study will meet this Tuesday, June 2 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 17.

For June 7, our scripture passages will be from **Genesis 12:1-9, Psalm 33:1-12, Romans 4:13-25, and Mathew 9:9-13, 18-26.**

**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.



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.

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 next 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 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

**CLASS OF 2029**

Richard Hastings  
Jimmy Milam  
Curtis Monts  
Mary Ellis Pace  
Margaret Parker  
Daintry Thomas  
Al 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  
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Lucy Wells, Afternoon Receptionist  
Ricky Kimbrell, Maintenance Superintendent  
Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

