

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
Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 2026

10:30 A.M.

“as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,” - EPHESIANS 5:19

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Toccata in Seven

JOHN RUTTER

INTROIT

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ARR. JOHN FERGUSON

COMMISSIONED TO HONOR DR. RAY HARRIS' SERVICE TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Before the first note was ever played, before the first voice was raised in song, God was—glorious, sovereign, and full of grace.

We gather in the presence of God. We come not to entertain, but to behold.

God has not left us speechless before His majesty. God has given us breath—and with that breath, a song.

God has given us God's Word to shape our praise, the Spirit to inflame our hearts, and one another to lift our voices together.

There are those who have sung God's praise in places of great darkness—in chains, in suffering, at midnight, when hope seemed spent.

And still the song rose. Because the God we praise is not silenced by the night. The Triune God is Lord of every hour.

So we come now—with all that we are, with all that we have been given—to add our voices to the unending chorus of praise.

We come to worship. We come to sing. To the glory of God the Father, through Jesus Christ the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, You are the source of every song, the ground of every joy, and the end to which all praise returns. Open our mouths to sing Your praise with gladness and not mere duty. Fill us with Your Spirit, that the

psalms and hymns and spiritual songs we raise together would be more than sound—that they would be the honest cry of hearts that know themselves redeemed. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Ephesians 5, Paul urges the church to be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs—singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart. Yet so often our worship is halfhearted. Our singing is silent. Our hearts are elsewhere. In humility, let us confess our sin before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You have commanded that we praise You with all our hearts, with all our voices, with all that we are. Yet we confess that our worship has been hollow and distracted. We have been present in body but absent in spirit. We have let our hearts grow cold to Your Word and Your song. We have silenced the melody You have placed within us through indifference, pride, and fear. Forgive us. By Your Spirit, tune our hearts to sing Your grace. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, that we may praise You, not merely with our lips, but with our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time of Silent Confession)

KYRIE

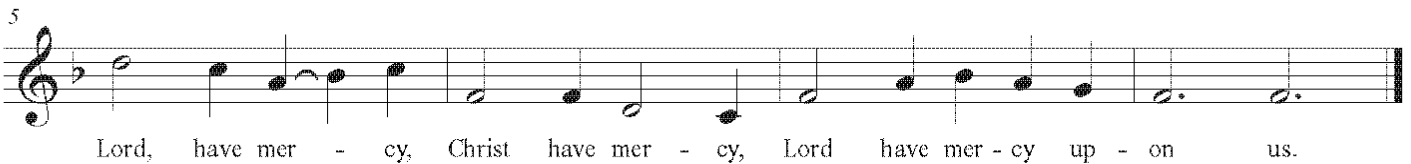
Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

American folk hymn

Kyrie Eleison

arr. Richard Proulx



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Paul and Silas were stripped, beaten, and thrown into the deepest cell, yet at midnight they were singing hymns to God.

In Jesus Christ, the prison of sin and death has been broken open. The jailer asked, "What must I do to be saved?" And the answer rings through the ages:

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved!" Thanks be to God! 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

UNISON READING

PSALM 150

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

praise Him in his mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

praise Him according to His surpassing greatness!

Praise Him with trumpet sound;

praise Him with lute and harp!

Praise Him with tambourine and dance;

praise Him with strings and pipe!

Praise Him with clanging cymbals;

praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

PEW BIBLE, PG. 194

ANTHEM

Lift Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

ARR. MACK WILBERG

COMMISSIONED TO CELEBRATE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;

Behold, the King of Glory waits.

The King of Kings is drawing near;

The Savior of the world is here!

O blest the land, the city blest:

Where Christ the Ruler is confessed.

O happy hearts and happy homes,

To whom this King of triumph comes.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;

Make it a temple, set apart

*From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love and joy.*

*Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee, here, Lord abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 16:19-31

PEW BIBLE, PG. 136

SERMON

Let Everything That Breathes

REV. JOHN BROCK

*STATEMENT OF FAITH — from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION NO. 264 *When In Our Music God Is Glorified* ENGELBERG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our 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

Salvation Is Created

PAVEL CHESNOKOV/CRAIG GARNER

*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 God, You are the source of every gift, of breath and voice, and song, of time, and treasure. Paul and Silas had nothing left to offer You but their praise, and still You moved. We offer what we have: ordinary gifts, made holy by Your grace. Receive them for the building of Your kingdom, the care of the needy, and the glory of Your name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising
(see insert)

THAXTED

POSTLUDE

O Worship the King
COMMISSIONED TO HONOR DR. ROBERT TAYLOR'S SERVICE TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

ARR. RYAN MURPHY

*BENEDICTION



PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Mel Whitfield

Homebound: Gladys Wilson, Mary Ann Chiles, Carolyn Gaston

College Students: Jenkins Wells, Daniel Crotwell, Anne Crotwell

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

10:30 A.M.: 168

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$22,106 Amount Received 6/7/26: \$6,043

YTD Budgeted Income: \$530,544 YTD Income Received: \$595,198

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

Gustav Holst

Michael Perry

arr. Richard Proulx

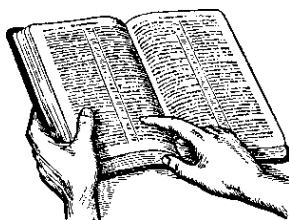
O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day and
The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die, its
Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that

5
sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; for we can on - ly
frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to You the Lord most high; but hid - den from all
we who know Your fa - vor may serve You as our King; and wheth - er our to -

10
won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and
na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown though small in mor - tal sta - ture, to
mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and

15
mer - cies with - out end. We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on Your
heav - en's gar - den grown: for Christ the man from heav - en from death has set us
rise to bless You still: to mar - vel at Your beau - ty and glo - ry in Your

20
word, we hon - or and a - dore You our great and might - y Lord.
free, and we through Him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry!
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise!



First Presbyterian Church Tupelo Presents

Bingo, Burgers, &

Bluebell



Sign Up with the QR Code

5:30 PM

Fun Games with Cool Prizes

June 17, 2026

First Presbyterian Church Gym

sponsored by Scoops & Brews

Weekly

FPC Schedule

Sunday

Anthem Service

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

6/14

Monday

7:30 A.M. CASA
5:00 P.M. Steering Committee
6:00 P.M. Session Meeting

6/15

Tuesday

7:30 A.M. CASA
9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi
11:00 A.M. Bible Study
2:30 P.M. Cook for Salvation Army, Kitchen
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

6/16

Wednesday

Bingo, Burgers, & Bluebell!

7:30 A.M. CASA
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg
5:30 P.M. Bingo, Burgers, & Bluebell, Gym

6/17

Thursday

7:30 A.M. CASA
8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Talbot House
1:30 P.M. Shepherd's Center Meeting, Rec Room

6/18

Friday

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

6/19

Saturday

6/20

Notes

- Cooper & Lynnsee Moore's Wedding Shower will be on Sunday, June 28 @ 1
- Church Office will be closed July 6 for Independence Day.

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 Maureen and Bert Miller from Sarah, Dwight, and Reid Hardison.

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

Liturgist: 10:30: Melissa McDuffie

Greeters: 10:30: Jordan & Elise Alexander, Trey & Lorena Phyfer

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To My Church Family, A sincere thank you for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday. Your love and support bring comfort and joy to my life. With love & gratitude, **Sarah Young**

Our weekly Bible study will meet this Tuesday, June 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 18.

For June 21, our scripture passages will be from **Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17, Romans 6:1b-11, and Matthew 10:24-39.**

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.

The **Martha's** will not meet in June or July. If this changes, you will be notified.

Join us for **Bingo, Burgers, and Bluebell** on Wednesday, June 17 in the church gym! Scoops and Brews and Fellowship are working hard to make this a fun and exciting event free for the family! Sign up today so we will know how many to expect!



We would like to thank these instrumentalists for sharing their talents with us this morning.

John Schuesslin, trumpet
Stuart Schuesslin, trumpet
Derek Taylor, trombone
Jason Beghtol, bass trombone

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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
Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary
Penny O'Quinn, Morning Receptionist
Lucy Wells, Afternoon Receptionist
Ricky Kimbrell, Maintenance Superintendent
Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

