

# 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

## Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 2026

10:30 A.M.

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” - MATTHEW 10:40

\*Congregation standing as able.

**Bold** is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

*Improvisation on “Cwm Rhondda”*

MAURICE WHITNEY

INTROIT

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

HALDOR LILLENAS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us sing of God’s steadfast love forever;

**With my mouth I will proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations.**

Let us declare that God’s steadfast love is established forever;

**God’s faithfulness is as firm as the heavens**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Fountain of grace and eternal life,  
help us live a holy life,  
one in which we are instruments of Your will  
and sin does not have power over us,  
for You have brought us from death to life,  
and You have taught us the way to love. Amen.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Help Us Accept Each Other*  
(see insert on page 3)

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength, and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

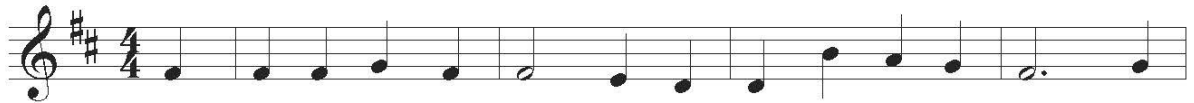


# Help Us Accept Each Other

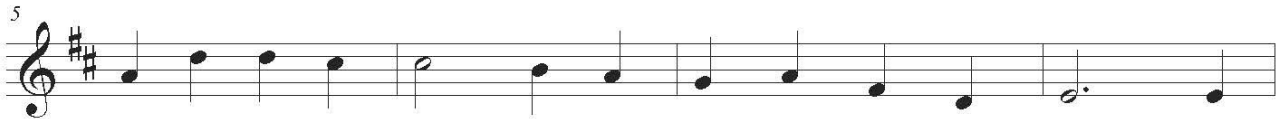
## AURELIA

Fred Kaan

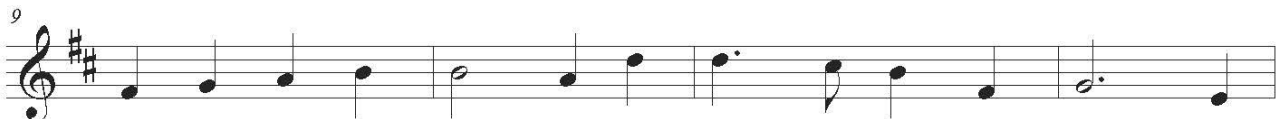
Samuel Wesley



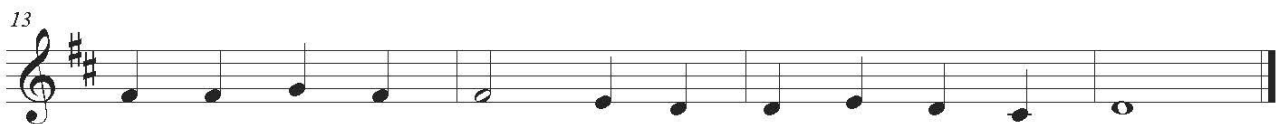
Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us; teach  
Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life we  
Let Your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved in  
Lord, for to - day's en - count - ers with all who are in need, who



us as sis - ter, bro - ther, each per - son to em - brace. Be  
strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith. Teach  
liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love; to  
hun - ger for ac - cept - ance, for right - eous - ness and bread, we



pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve we  
us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some, to  
prac - tice Your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart the  
need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on: re -



are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.  
love them as we find them or as they may be - come.  
ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
new us with Your Spir - it Lord, free us, make us one!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the risen Christ, You broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety, and fear. We have failed to love You as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see Your image in one another and in Your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so we can see ourselves as Your children. Amen.**

*(Time of Silent Confession)*

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

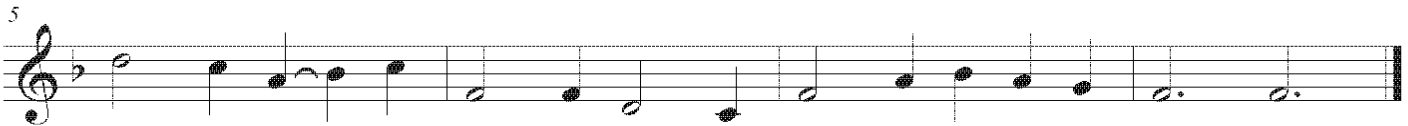
Kyrie Eleison

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

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be Your people. **Thanks be to 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.***

BAPTISM OF HATTIE ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 69:7-18

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn to my servant David:

**'I will establish your descendants forever  
and build your throne for all generations.'** "

Happy are the people who know the festal shout,

who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;  
**they exult in your name all day long  
and extol your righteousness.**  
For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.  
**For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

PEW BIBLE, PG. 730

ANTHEM

*Gather Us In*

MARTY HAUGEN/MARK HAYES

*Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness, vanished away,  
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat, the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away,  
but here in this space, the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own.*

*Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones.*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:40-42

PEW BIBLE, PG. 11

SERMON

Whoever Welcomes

REV. JOHN BROCK

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

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

*Adagio Espressivo*

*César Franck*

\*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

**O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to Your love, peace, and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 507

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in C Major*

J. S. BACH

\*BENEDICTION

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**PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Cancer Treatment:** Emily Barber

**Homebound:** Ruby Kathryn Patterson, Barbara Price, Gladys Wilson

**College Students:** Lucy Gratz, Olivia Hastings, Lewis Herman

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

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

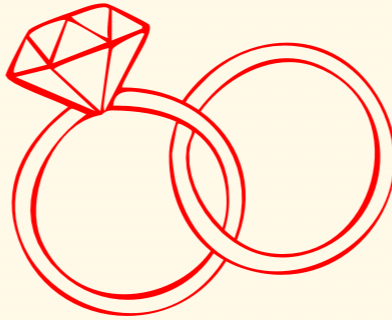
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**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Weekly Budget: \$22,106      Amount Received 6/21/26: \$3,124

YTD Budgeted Income: \$530,544      YTD Income Received: \$606,905

**Today!**



*Wedding Shower*

*to celebrate*

*Lynnsee &  
Cooper Moore*

*06.28.2026*

*one to two thirty pm*

Registered at Elizabeth Clair's, Reed's,  
Jody's, Amazon, Crate & Barrel

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us for a night of fun for the whole family!

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**  
**5:00 PM**

Roxie & Claude Clayton's House  
2011 West Jackson St.  
Tupelo, MS 38801



# Weekly

## FPC Schedule

### Sunday

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

**1:00 P.M. COOPER & LYNNSEE MOORE'S**

**WEDDING SHOWER**

4:30 P.M. BOY SCOUTS

6/28

### Monday

7:30 A.M. CASA

6/29

### Tuesday

7:30 A.M. CASA

9:00 A.M. TAI CHI

11:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY

7:00 P.M. AA MEETING

6/30

### Wednesday

7:30 A.M. CASA

10:00 A.M. STAFF MEETING

3:00 P.M. MAH JONGG

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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

7/3

### Saturday

Independence Day

**9:00 A.M. HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEERS**

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## Notes

- Church Office will be closed July 6 for Independence Day.
- Communion & Two Cents a Meal will be next Sunday.
- Planning Family night on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Baby Shower for Dylan & MJ Whitt on the 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1.

## 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 loving honor of the birthdays of Loretta and Ada Bruce from Genie Alice and Jim Bruce.

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

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

**Greeters:** 10:30: Al Wallace Family, Claude & Roxie Clayton



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly Bible study will meet this Tuesday, June 30 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 19.

For July 5, our scripture passages will be from **Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:10-17, Romans 7:15-25a, and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.**



**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 after service **today** at 1:00 pm as we celebrate with a **Wedding Shower for Cooper & Lynnsee Moore** in the Fellowship Hall.

We will **not have Sunday School** next Sunday in honor of Independence Day.

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 6** in honor of Independence Day.

We are honored to announce the birth of Thomas Leigh Hyland, born June 17, 2026, to Elizabeth & Will Hyland. Thomas weighed 7lbs 5oz. Congratulations to **Mark & Kim Burleson** on the birth of a sweet grandchild.



As we prepare to launch our upcoming capital campaign, we want to ensure that everyone who loves and supports our church has the opportunity to be informed and involved. Many people beyond our membership—such as grandparents, former members, and friends of the church—may feel a meaningful connection and want to participate. If you know someone who would appreciate receiving information about the campaign, please share their name, your relationship to them, their email address, and their mailing address with the church office using the QR Code provided or by calling 662.842.5681. Thank you for helping us extend this invitation and include our wider church family in this exciting season.

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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

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Dr. Ray Harris, Organist  
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Claire Leeke, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs  
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