

First Presbyterian Church

400 W Jefferson Street



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Morning Worship Service
Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 7, 2026

10:30 A.M.

“Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.” - MATTHEW 9:13

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

I Danced in the Morning

DALE WOOD

INTROIT

Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with Your God

ERIC NELSON

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Return to the One Holy God who calls you to steadfast love.

The Lord desires love, not sacrifice.

Return to the One who heals and binds, revives and raises up.

The Lord desires knowledge, not burnt offerings.

Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation with light and life.

Let us worship the Triune God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, Creator of the universe,

Author of faith itself,

infuse Your people with Your trust

so that as you have given life to your people throughout the ages,

we too might know the true healing that comes from your steadfast word.

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us turn and return to the One who desires to hear our confession and waits to grant us grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
your word and your promises come to us
when our hearts are full with rejoicing
and when our heart all with sorrow for our failings.
The gifts you have given us we have not shared with our neighbors.
By overt acts and by omission, we diminish your creation.
We deceive ourselves about our true nature,
and we do not honor your desire for Earth and all her creatures.
We beg your mercy. Forgive us.
Help us to amend our lives
in accord with your admonitions.
Show us the pathway toward healing
and give us peace,
in the name of Christ, our Savior.**

(Time of Silent Confession)

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

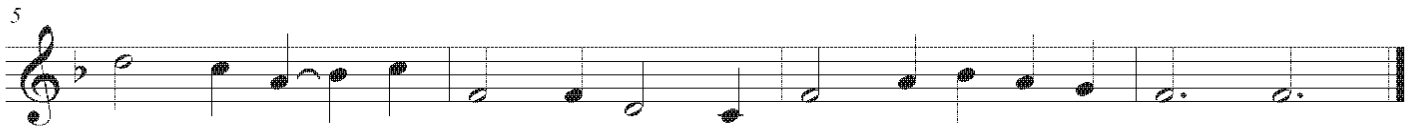
Kyrie Eleison

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

Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." We have been blessed with God's grace and mercy in abundance, through Jesus Christ. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace!
Alleluia! Amen!

*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 50:7-15

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.

**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.

**For every wild animal of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

I know all the birds of the air,
and all that moves in the field is mine.

**“If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and all that is in it is mine.**

Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.**

***Call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”***

CHILDREN’S SERMON

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Hosea 5:15-6:6

PEW BIBLE, PG. 838

ANTHEM

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

MAURICE BEVAN

***There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement given.***

***For the love of God is broader than the measure of man’s mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own.***

*There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

PEW BIBLE, PG. 9

SERMON

Mercy

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. 341 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Aria* SAMUEL WESLEY

*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

**Holy God, we offer our gifts today and every day, trusting in Your promises
to heal, reconcile, and bring justice and peace. May all that we offer be
transformed into signs of Your love and acts of Your mercy. We ask this in
Jesus' name. 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 No. 280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on "Come Thou Almighty King"* DON HUSTAD

*BENEDICTION



You are invited to
celebrate
Sarah Young

In honor of her 90th Birthday
Today

2:00 - 4:00

Bel-Air Golf Course & Center

2107 Country Club Road
Tupelo, MS 38804

****NO GIFTS PLEASE****

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Mel Whitfield

Homebound: Betty Nash, Ruby Kathryn Patterson, Barbara Price

College Students: Isabella Pose, Jon Timothy Posey, Walt Rose

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

10:30 A.M.: 148

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$22,106 Amount Received 5/31/26: \$20,513

YTD Budgeted Income: \$442,120 YTD Income Received: \$586,295

A hallmark of First Presbyterian, Tupelo, over her 160 year history has been her love for quality, traditional music in worship. Countless singers and instrumentalists have blessed the congregation each Sunday as they lifted songs of praise, prayer, confession and commitment to God. You in the congregation have always been an integral part of this music ministry as you support it with your time, talents and gifts.

It is a rare occasion for a church to commission a composer to write a new anthem. During just the last ten years, this church has commissioned three new anthems, which shows our commitment to not only reproducing great music, but to helping composers create beautiful new anthems!

One anthem was arranged by John Ferguson, professor of organ and church music at St. Olaf College and conductor of their Cantorei; one was arranged by Mack Wilberg, conductor and arranger for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and one by Ryan Murphy, associate conductor and arranger for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

During our worship service on Sunday morning, June 14, the Chancel Choir and guest instrumentalists will present all three of these anthems along with moving hymns and instrumental selections. We hope that all of you will be able to join us for this glorious celebration of God's gift of music.



Weekly

FPC Schedule

Sunday

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

Communion
Two Cents a Meal

6/7

Monday

7:30 A.M. CASA
5:30 P.M. Committee Meetings

6/8

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

6/9

Wednesday

7:30 A.M. CASA
8:30 A.M. CASA Registration, Rec Room
3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

6/10

Thursday

7:30 A.M. CASA
8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Talbot House

6/11

Friday

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

6/12

Saturday

6/13

Notes

- Sunday, we will have a special Anthem Service.
- Session meets next Monday.
- Help cook for the Salvation Army in the Kitchen next Tuesday.
- Bingo, Burgers, & Bluebell next Wednesday!!

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 honor of Sarah Young for her birthday by Rachel Young, Hallie Howele, and Koury Mallett.

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: Anne Marie Littrell

Greeters: 10:30: George & Wanda Dent, Jordan & Elise Alexander

Crucifer: 10:30: Ren Crowell

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly Bible study will meet this Tuesday, June 9 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 14, our scripture passages will be from **Genesis 18:1-15, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Romans 5:1-8, and Matthew 9:35-10:8.**

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 end of July. 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 today, from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. No gifts please.

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



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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

