

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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662.842.5681

Morning Worship Service
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 5, 2026

10:30 A.M.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- MATTHEW 11:28-30

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Voluntary on “National Hymn”

GEORGE W. WARREN

INTROIT

My Country, 'tis of Thee

ARR. MACK WILBERG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-3, 6

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One,

we meet You here today,

seeking Your revelation,

seeking Your forgiveness,

seeking Your will.

Delight us with Your presence,

so we may eagerly learn from You. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia, “For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” With full assurance of God’s grace and mercy in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to Your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need Your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as Your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love You with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of Your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust.

(Time of Silent Confession)

KYRIE

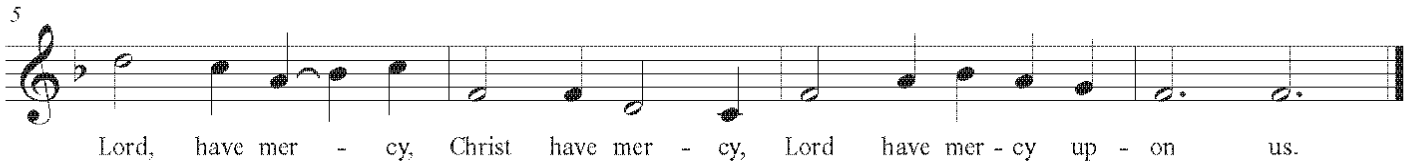
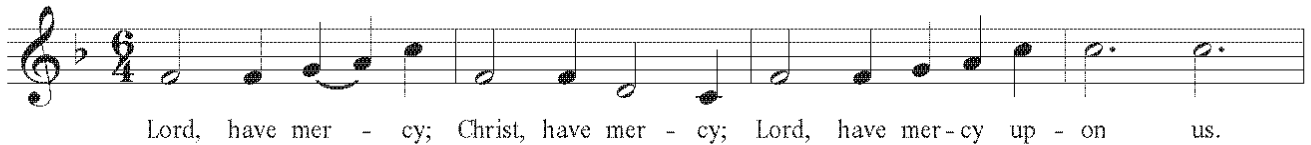
Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

Kyrie Eleison

American folk hymn

arr. Richard Proulx



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The apostle Paul also wrote to the believers in Galatia, “For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Hear and believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.**

*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

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.

**The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

PEW BIBLE, PG. 884

ANTHEM

Come to the Water

JOHN FOLEY/JACK SCHRADER

*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?*

*And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?*

*And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?*

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. 513 *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD

POSTLUDE *Fanfare for the Common Man* COPLAND/ROGER BRISON

*BENEDICTION



PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Emily Barber

Homebound: Mary Ann Chiles, Carolyn Gaston, John Gaston

College Students: Aryanna Phyfer, Ashton Posey, Isabella Posey

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

10:30 A.M.: 169

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$22,106 Amount Received 6/28/26: \$27,279

YTD Budgeted Income: \$618,968 YTD Income Received: \$638,425



Please join us for a

BABY *Shower*

honoring

DYLAN & MJ WHITT

1:00pm on Sunday, July 12, 2026

*First Presbyterian Church Tupelo
Fellowship Hall
400 W. Jefferson St.
Tupelo, MS 38804*

Registered on Amazon



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

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
4:30 P.M. BOY SCOUTS

Two Cents a Meal
Communion

7/5

Monday

7:30 A.M. CASA

Church Office Closed

7/6

Tuesday

7:30 A.M. CASA
9:00 A.M. TAI CHI
11:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY
7:00 P.M. AA MEETING

7/7

Wednesday

7:30 A.M. CASA
10:00 A.M. STAFF MEETING
3:00 P.M. MAH JONGG

7/8

Thursday

7:30 A.M. CASA
8:00 A.M. MEN'S BREAKFAST, TALBOT HOUSE

7/9

Friday

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

7/10

Saturday

7/11

Notes

- Planning Family night on the 12th.
- Baby Shower for Dylan & MJ Whitt on the 12th @ 1.
- Committee Meetings next Monday.
- Shepherd's Center meeting next Thursday.

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 Janice Anthony on her 75th birthday. Love you to the moon and back - Corey, Anne Marie and Minor Littrell and Jack & Alexis Parsh.

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: Trey Phyfer

Greeters: 10:30: Frances Brasfield, Pete & Kathy McMurry

Crucifer: 10:30: Owen Leeke



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly Bible study will meet this Tuesday, July 7 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 20.

For July 12, our scripture passages will be from **Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11, and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.**

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 Rally Day on August 2. 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 July. If this changes, you will be notified.

We will have a **baby shower** in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday at 1:00 P.M. for our church secretary, **MJ Whitt**, and her husband, Dylan Whitt. They would be honored to have you attend.

Next Sunday Evening, we will also celebrate with a **family night at Roxie & Claude Claytons!** Come out for a night of fun and fellowship! Festivities begin at 5:00 P.M.

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



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

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
Jeff Nock, 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

