

First Presbyterian Church

400 W Jefferson Street
Tupelo, Mississippi



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

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 2026

9:00 & 11:00 A.M

“Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”
- MATTHEW 22:21B

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

CAT STEVENS

INTROIT (11:00)

Do You Hear God’s World Sing

CHERUB CHOIR

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CHERUB CHOIR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You have found favor in my sight,
says the Lord;

I know you by name.

Show us Your glory.

My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.

Where You are is our rest!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

We come before You today, O God,
to worship You in Your holy splendor.

Our hearts tremble before You,
mindful of Your goodness and mercy.

Show us Your glory, we pray.

Reveal Your presence with us
that we may be strengthened and sustained,

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now and for the journey to come;
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

For the Beauty of the Earth
(see insert)

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For the Beauty of the Earth

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Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not regard us with partiality,
 but with the grace of Christ Jesus
 deals with each of us according to our need.
 With gratitude for this amazing grace,
 let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**What a debt we owe to You, O God.
 You have given us all things in Christ
 and yet we withhold from You
 the honor and glory that is Yours.
 Instead we pay tribute to empire,
 plot to entrap the innocent,
 mock Your truth with empty praise,
 and put Your patience to the test.
 Forgive us, O God, and by Your grace
 restore us in the image of Your face;
 through Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(Time of Silent Confession)

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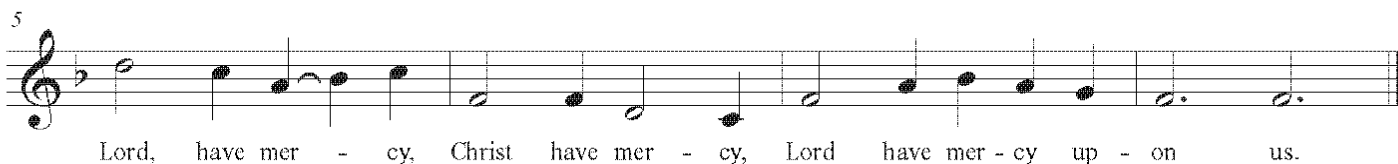
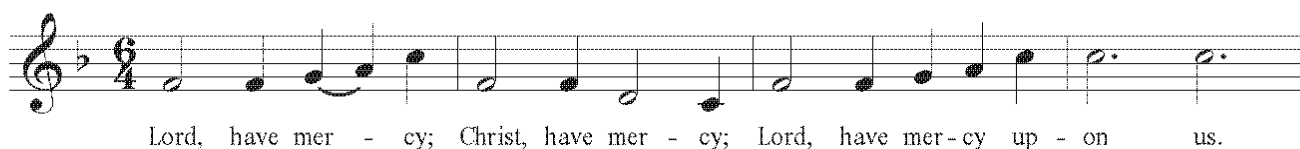
Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

American folk hymn

Kyrie Eleison

arr. Richard Proulx



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let the heavens be glad,
 and let the earth rejoice!

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Let the sea roar with laughter,
the fields shout in celebration,
and the forests sing with joy;
for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.***

THE BAPTISM OF DELANEY GREEN JOHNSTON (11:00)

BAPTISMAL HYMN (11:00)

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

JOHN YLVISAKER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

UNISON READING

PSALM 96

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

**Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

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**Say among the nations, “The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity.”**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
let the field exult and everything in it.

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	PEW BIBLE, PG. 203
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GOSPEL READING	Matthew 22:15-22	PEW BIBLE, PG. 24
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SERMON	“Caesar’s”	REV. JOHN BROCK
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*STATEMENT OF FAITH — from *The Confession of 1967*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION	<i>This Is My Father’s World</i> (see insert)	TERRA BEATA
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This Is My Father's World

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TERRA BEATA SMD

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

Maltbie Davenport Babcock, 1901

Harm. 1953 for *The Hymnbook*; alt. 1988

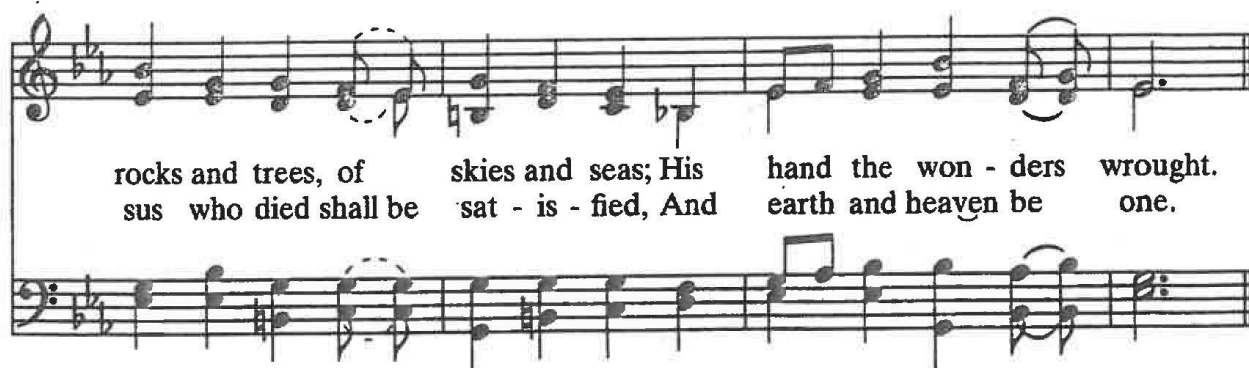

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-tening ears All
2. This is my Fa-ther's world: Oh, let me ne'er for - get That



na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world: The bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heaven be one.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Great are you, Lord,
and greatly to be praised.

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

JOHN RUTTER

*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

**All honor and majesty, strength and beauty
are Yours, Almighty God,
maker of heaven and earth.
Let these simple offerings we bring
be a sign of the great glory
that is due to Your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

Go to the World!
(see insert)

SINE NOMINE

POSTLUDE

Gavotte from French Suite #5

J. S. BACH

*BENEDICTION

Go to the World!

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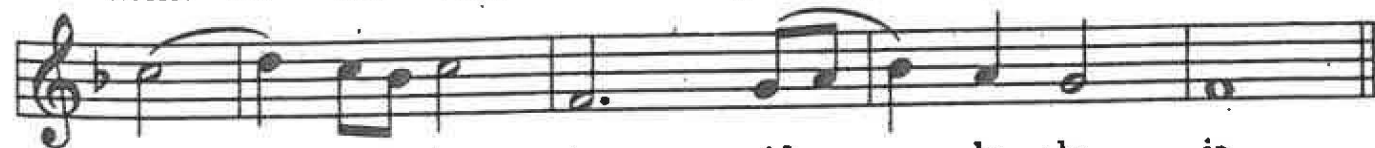
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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 Dr. Malcolm & Beth McAuley with love from their children, Mac & Dawn McAuley, Jim & Kim McAuley, Robert & Michelle McAuley, Alex & Marybeth Ross, and their grandchildren.

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

Liturgists: 9:00: Lucy Nash

11:00: Rud Robison

Greeters: 9:00: Sarah Hardison, Elise & Jordan Alexander

11:00: Anne & Chris Kramer, Margaret Parker, Judy Thomas

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our weekly Bible study will be taking a break until Tuesday, November 10. We will begin studying the book of Proverbs when Bible Study resumes.

For October 25, our scripture passages will be from **Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, and Matthew 22:34-46.**



Our **Wednesday night supper and program** will take place in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, October 21**, at 5:30 P.M. The Foundry (spiritual care center, rooted in Jesus) will present our program. The menu includes BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, a full Salad Bar, Rolls, & Dessert. On the Kids' Menu, we will serve Pizza this week. Adults are \$10/person, kids (12 & under) are \$5/person, and there is a \$40 maximum per family. The kids' menu is available to ages 13+ at adult pricing. Please specify when making your reservation. **Sign up by noon on Tuesday** by scanning the QR code or by calling the church office at 662-842-5681.

We're still working on our **Operation Christmas Child Campaign!** Boxes are available in the church library. As you pack your Operation Christmas Child shoebox, remember that every box will be received by an individual child. Consider including something special such as a favorite toy, small stuffed animal, ball, craft item, or other "wow" gift. You may also include a personal note or photo from your family. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Prefer to help another way? Monetary donations will allow our youth to shop for and pack additional shoeboxes. Cash may be placed in an envelope labeled for **Operation Christmas Child**, or checks may be written with "OCC" in the memo/for line. Completed shoeboxes should be returned to the church by **Sunday, November 15**. Contact Morgan Ricks or Anne Kramer with questions.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Emily Barber, Margaret Murphey

Homebound: Ruby Kathryn Patterson, David Price, Gladys Wilson

College Students: Afton Gable, Maggie Gibens, Lindley Gibens

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.: 54 11:00 A.M.: 105

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$22,106 Amount Received 10/11/26: \$6,575
YTD Budgeted Income: \$884,240 YTD Income Received: \$841,445



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REGISTER FOR SUPPER

FESTIVAL

GAMES - FELLOWSHIP - FUN!

OCTOBER 28

MEAL @ 5:30

FESTIVAL @ 6:00

ADULTS: \$10

KIDS: \$5

- FRIED/GRILLED CHICKEN TENDERS
- PIZZA
- SALAD
- MIXED FRUIT
- CHIPS

ENTRANCE FEE:

**A BOX OF
CEREAL**

**LOTS OF FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!!!**

***** COSTUME CONTEST *****



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**PACK A
SHOEBOX**

Scan or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community.



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Capital Campaign Home Meetings

SIGN UP
TODAY!

Available Today:

Fellowship Hall 10:00-11:00am (during Sunday School)	Fellowship Hall 12:00-1:00pm (following worship)
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Home of Mark & Helen
Monts
5:30-6:30pm



Wednesday Night Supper

OCTOBER 21, 2026

5:30 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Adults: \$10
Kids: \$5
Family: \$40/max



*Kids' menu is available to
ages 13+ at adult pricing.*

MENU

BBQ Sandwiches
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Salad Bar
Rolls
Dessert
Kids: Pizza

Program:

The
Foundry
Reservations due
by Noon Tuesday
10/20

This Week @ FVPC

Sunday.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

9:00 A.M. Worship
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship (**Baptism Service**)
4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts

10/18

Monday.

2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym
5:00 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. Session Meeting

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Tuesday.

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi
2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym
2:30 P.M. Salvation Army, Kitchen
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

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Wednesday.

10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym
3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg
5:05 P.M. Tower Ringers
5:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Program
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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Thursday.

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Talbot House
2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym

10/22

Friday.

12:00 P.M. AA Meeting
2:00 P.M. Hosting Lake Comorant
Football Team, FH & Kitchen
2:30 P.M. CASA, Gym

10/23

Saturday.

10/24

Next Week:

Wednesday - Fall Festival

Saturday - Halloween

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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

