

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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Morning Worship Service

All Saints' Sunday

November 1, 2026

9:00 & 11:00 A.M

“All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”
- MATTHEW 23:12

*Congregation standing as able.

Bold is spoken by the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* DAVID JOHNSON

INTROIT *Hosanna in the Highest!* DAVID LANTZ III

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring
me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will
praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within
me?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

You have built Your house on a rock, O God, and have sent us the Christ as its
cornerstone. We praise Your name for the assurance Christ gives us, and
rejoice in the hope that His presence provides. Bring now Your Spirit into the
midst of our gathering and bless our endeavors as we follow Christ's call. May
our voices be blended into one of thanksgiving and our actions united into one
of great praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

For All the Saints
(see insert on page 5)

SINE NOMINE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The work of the church in being the people of God is not solitary work. We are here to support one another, to love one another, and to lead one another to Christ, again and again. In our work as the people of God, we will sometimes come up short. But God stands more ready to forgive than we are to ask.

Let us now confess our sin together, and then in silence, as we make more candid our confessions before our God who created us, who knows us, and who loves us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism — we know that Your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of Your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and Your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our arisen Lord. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that You created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers ...

(Time of Silent Confession)

KYRIE

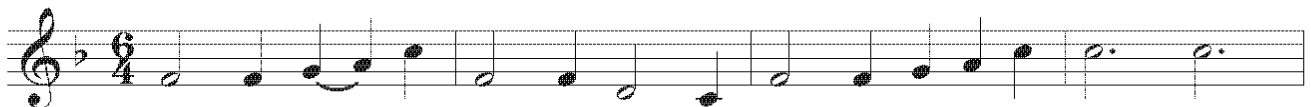
Lord, Have Mercy

(CONGREGATION PLEASE SING)

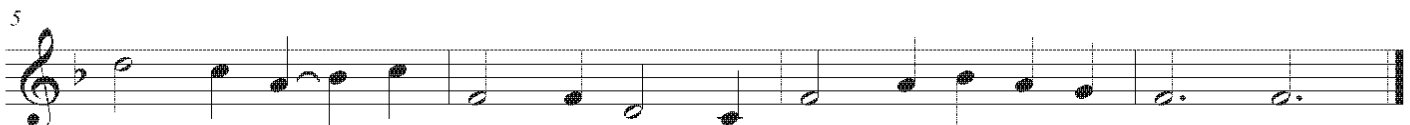
American folk hymn

Kyrie Eleison

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

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Believe the promise of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we 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

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 43

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people;
**from those who are deceitful and unjust,
deliver me!**

For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you cast me off?
**Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?**

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let them lead me;
**let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.**

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**and I will praise you with the harp,
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and why are you disquieted within me?
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my help and my God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

For All the Saints

William Walsham How

SINE NOMINE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

For all the saints who from their la - bors rest. Who
 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; _____
 O may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true and bold, _____
 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine. _____
 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, _____
 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast. Through

5
 Thee _____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; _____
 fight as the Saints who nob - ly fought of old, and
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song. And
 gates _____ of pearl streams in the count - less host, _____

9
 name, O _____ Je - sus, be for - ev - er _____ blest, Al -
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light. Al -
 win with _____ them the vic - tor's crown of gold. Al -
 all are _____ one in Thee, for all are Thine. Al -
 hearts are _____ brave a - gain, and arms are strong. Al -
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly _____ Ghost. Al -

13
 - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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ANTHEM

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

JAMES BIERY

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide flowing from His piercé side.
Praise we Him whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
gives His body for the feast, Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.*

*Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.*

*Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall:
You have opened paradise, and in You Your saints shall rise.*

*Grant us grace to see You, Lord, mirrored in You holy Word.
May we imitate You now and on us Your grace endow;
that we like to You may be at Your great epiphany;
And may praise You, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 23:1-12

PEW BIBLE, PG. 25

SERMON

“Exalted and Humbled”

REV. JOHN BROCK

*STATEMENT OF FAITH — from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
(see insert on page 9)

NETTLETON

A READING FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY BY JOHN DUNNE

“The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions; all that she does belongs to all. When she baptizes a child, that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that body which is my head too and ingrafted into that body whereof I am a member. And when she buries a man, that action concerns me. All mankind is of one author, and is one volume; when one man dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated. God employs several translators; some pieces are translated by age, some by sickness, some by war, some by justice; but God’s hand is in every translation, and God’s hand shall bind up all our scattered leaves again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another. As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only but upon the congregation to come, so this bell calls us all. . . . No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend’s or of thine own were. Any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND CELEBRATION OF THE LIVES AND WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Bill Reeder

Lanta Craig

Penny Cochran

Annette Thornton

Jack Price

Scarlett Reeder

Tom McDonald

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Aria

G. F. HANDEL

*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, from Your bountiful hand, we have received grace upon grace. From the abundance of Your world, we return this portion to You asking that You would bless these gifts, multiply them, and use them. May we be blessed as we see Your kingdom at work among us through Christ our Lord. 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. 364** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

ANDRE CAMPRA

***BENEDICTION**

This Week at FPC

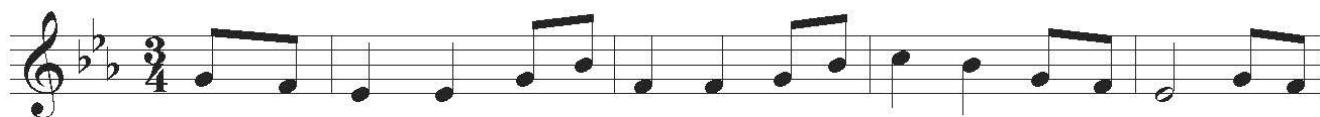
<u>Sunday, November 1</u> Communion, Two Cents a Meal Offering, All Saints Day, Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00a: Worship 10:00a: Sunday School 11:00a: Worship 4:30p: Boy Scouts Youth to Camp Hopewell	<u>Tuesday, November 3</u> Election Day 9:00a: T'ai Chi, Garden 2:30p: CASA, Gym 7:00p: AA, Session Room	<u>Thursday, November 5</u> 7:45a: St. Luke's Food Pantry 8:00a: Men's Breakfast, Talbot House 2:30p: CASA, Gym
<u>Monday, November 2</u> 2:30p: CASA, Gym 6:45p: Circle 3, Member's House	<u>Wednesday, November 4</u> 10:00a: Staff Meeting 2:30p: CASA, Gym 3:00p: Mah Jongg, Stewart Clayton Classroom 5:05p: Tower Ringers 5:30p: Wednesday Night Program 7:00p: Chancel Choir	<u>Friday, November 6</u> 12:00p: AA, Session Room 2:30p: CASA, Gym

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

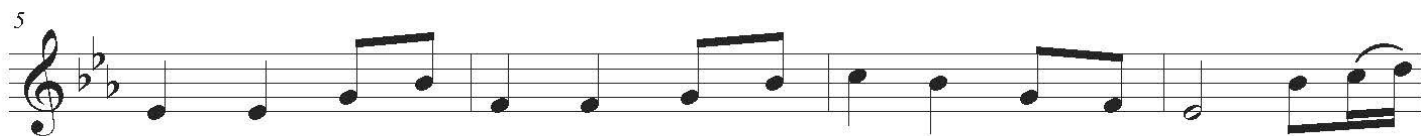
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Albert F. Beyly, 1961

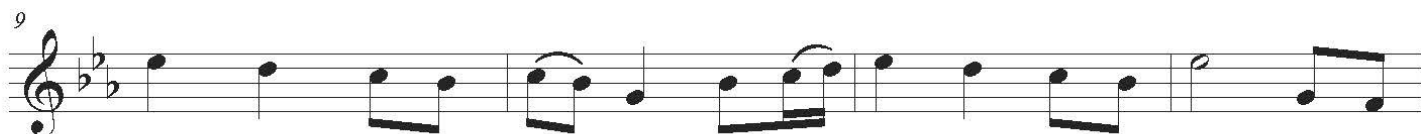
Wyeth's repository of Sacred Music, 1813



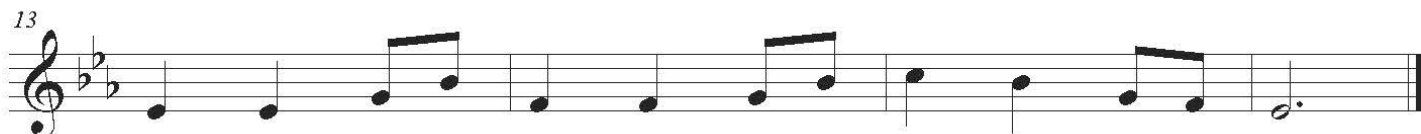
Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need, Who up-
Still Your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread; still the
As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion till Your love's re - veal-ing light in its
Called from wor - ship to Your ser - vice, forth in Your dear name we go to the



on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed. We, your
cap - tives cry for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O
height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight mak - ing
child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show. Hope and



ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a lone, but heart. Con - se -
Lord, Your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear; stir - ring
health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid and peace we give, that Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
love Your Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
us to tire - less striv - ing Your a - bun - dant life to share.
ser - vants, Lord in free - dom may Your mer - cy know and live.

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 Justin Carlisle by David and Frieda Carlisle and family.

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: Melissa McDuffie

11:00: Debra Robison

Greeters: 9:00: Jimmy & Nancy Brown Milam

11:00: Jeff & Mitzi Moore, Mark & Kim Burleson

Crucifers: 9:00: Carter McDuffie

11:00: Oliver Grisham

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 November 8, our scripture passages will be from **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, and Matthew 25:1-13.**



Only two weeks remain until our **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday!** Please begin finishing your boxes and preparing them for collection. Before returning your box, double-check the packing guidelines and make sure your box is labeled for the correct age and gender group. More information on what to include can be found at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>. We ask that you pre-pay your shipping label or provide \$10 to help cover shipping fees for your shoebox. There is still time to donate toward boxes our youth will shop for and pack. 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.



Our **Wednesday night supper and program** will take place in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, November 4**, at 5:30 P.M. Tom Bryson will be presenting. The menu includes Beef Stroganoff, Sauteed Mixed Vegetables, Fried Okra, a full Salad Bar, Rolls, & Dessert. Chicken tenders and Tots are on the kids' menu. 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.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Emily Barber, Margaret Murphey

Homebound: John Gaston, Joy Hyatt, Betty Nash

College Students: Lewis Herman, Magalie Martin, Joey McDuffie

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.: 45 11:00 A.M.: 160

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$22,106 Amount Received 10/25/26: \$11,101
YTD Budgeted Income: \$884,240 YTD Income Received: \$855,836

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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. Bob Taylor, Director of Music
Dr. Ray Harris, Organist
Jeff Nock, Audio/Visual Technician
Claire Leeke, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs
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