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
Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2026 9:00 & 11:00 A.M

> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'"
> - Matthew 25:37-40

*Congregation standing as able. **Bold** is spoken by the congregation.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Concerns, and Celebrations of the Church

Prelude *Thanksgiving Songs* Cherub Choir

Introit *Grand March* Kevin McChesney

*Call to Worship

The Lord God is our shepherd.
We are the people of God's pasture,
the sheep of God's hand.
God will seek the lost,
feed the hungry,
and strengthen the weak.
Let us come and worship the Lord.

*Prayer of the Day

God of Majesty,
You love us with an everlasting love
and show us the way to justice and peace.
In Jesus Christ, You have reconciled the whole world to You
and claimed us as Your own,
that we may live as His body on earth and,
with all the saints, enter into Your glory on the last day. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise No. 559 *We Gather Together* KREMSER

Call to Confession

With sincere and repentant hearts,
let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess
that we are not ready for Your Holy Realm.
You guide us toward right paths,
but we refuse to follow where You lead.
You love and feed and care for us,
but we fail to love and serve others.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to Your fold
and rejoice in Your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne.

(Time of Silent Confession)

Kyrie Lord, Have Mercy (Congregation Please Sing)

Kyrie Eleison



Assurance of Pardon

However long we wander,
however far we stray,
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Sister and brothers, be assured:
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

Unison Reading Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into His presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him; bless His name.

For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever
and His faithfulness to all generations.

Children's Sermon

Old Testament Reading	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Pew Bible, pg. 803
Anthem	*Alleluia, Amen*	arr. Brian Childers
Gospel Reading	Matthew 25:31-46	Pew Bible, pg. 29
Sermon	"In His Glory"	Rev. John Brock

*Statement of Faith — from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is He also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to His creatures.

Therefore we reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through Him. Amen.

*Hymn of Affirmation No. 151 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Diane Bish

*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

Almighty God, all that we have comes from You, and we give Thee but Thine own. Bless now these gifts, that the reign of Christ may become manifest in the uplift of the poor, seeking out the lost and lonely, restoring dignity to those whom the world has dehumanized, so that the fullness of Christ's glory may be revealed in the life and ministry of Your church. Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ we pray: Amen.

*Closing Hymn No. 551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Postlude *Let All Things Now Living a Song of Thanksgiving* Dale Wood

*Benediction

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 their sons, John Osborne and Michael Osborne, by Rud and Debra Robison.

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: Rev. Ann Kelly
11:00: Rev. Ann Kelly
Greeters: 9:00: Mark & Janice Reynolds
11:00: Jimmy & Nancy Brown Milam, Jim & Genie Alice Bruce

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Our weekly Bible study will not meet this Tuesday, November 24. Have a great Fall Break!

For November 29, our scripture passages will be from **Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, and Mark 13:24-37.**

We will not have a Wednesday night meal and program this week. Happy Thanksgiving!

From our Financial Secretary: To receive contribution credit for this year, we need all contributions in by **December 31.** Honorariums and Memorials for this year need to be in by the **6th of December** to be counted towards 2026.

The **Gym Floors are being redone** during the week of Thanksgiving. Please do not enter the CLC from **November 23-28**, so they will have time to set.

The **office will be closed** on Wednesday, November 25 & Thursday, November 26 in honor of Thanksgiving.

Information on our new **Church Pictorial Directory** will be out soon! We plan on taking pictures over the course of several Sundays, 30 minutes before our 9:00 A.M. service and during our Sunday School hour. See Sandy Grimm, Kathy Wallace, or Amanda Davis for more information.

On Sunday, December 20th, we will have one worship service at 10:30 led by the Chancel Choir singing **The Carols of Christmas**. At 9:30 that morning, we will also have a **reception to honor Melissa McDuffie** and her years of service with us. That evening, we will hold our **Longest Night Service**.

Prayers for this Week

Cancer Treatment: Emily Barber
Homebound: Joy Hyatt, Betty Nash, Ruby Kathryn Patterson
College Students: Walt Rose, Emma Claire Wallace, Jenkins Wells
Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

Attendance Last Sunday

9:00 A.M.: 46 11:00 A.M.: 104

Stewardship Update

Weekly Budget: $22,106 Amount Received 11/08/26: $2,902
YTD Budgeted Income: $972,664,240 YTD Income Received: $921,068

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Your children are welcome to join us for a night of crafts - making Advent wreaths for your home, crafts to share with our shut-ins, and more - reminding us that even th smallest hands can share the greatest love this season. Come be a part of a night filled with warmth, creativity, and the spirit of giving!

Advent Made With Love



REGISTER:

INFORMATION:

Sunday, November 29
4:30 - 6:00 P.M.
For Children of All Ages
Crafts, Dinner, & Hot Cocoa Bar!

OUR ADDRESS:

400 W. Jefferson St.
Tupelo, MS 38804

First Presbyterian Church,
Fellowship Hall

Joy Gift Service

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 13
5:30 P.M.

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday &
Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving!



JOIN US FOR OUR

Thanksgiving POTLUCK LUNCHEON

NOV | 22 | NOON

Community Life Center

Honey Baked Turkey/Ham, Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, and Beverages will be provided. Please bring a "family-sized" side, salad, or dessert to share.

Join Us to Celebrate This Special Day!

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THIS WEEK @ FPC

Sunday

9:00 A.M. Worship

10:00 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship

12:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Lunch

1:00 P.M. Hanging of the Greens

4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts

11/22

Monday

THANKSGIVING BREAK

REDOING FLOORS IN THE GYM

11/23

Tuesday

THANKSGIVING BREAK

REDOING FLOORS IN THE GYM

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi, Garden

7:00 P.M. AA, Session Room

11/24

Wednesday OFFICE CLOSED

THANKSGIVING BREAK

REDOING FLOORS IN THE GYM

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM & DINNER

3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg

5:05 P.M. Tower Ringers

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

11/25

Thursday OFFICE CLOSED

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

REDOING FLOORS IN THE GYM

11/26

Friday

12:00 P.M. AA Meeting

11/27

Saturday

11/28

Next Week:

Sunday - Advent Fair

Thursday - St. Luke Food Pantry

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The Session

Rev. John Brock, Moderator
Lisa Nichols, Clerk of the Session

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Heather Crotwell	Jim Bruce	Richard Hastings
Amanda Davis	Tatum Collins	Jimmy Milam
Beth Anne Ellzey	Lee Herman	Curtis Monts
Mac Godwin	Trey Phyfer	Mary Ellis Pace
Mary Margaret Gratz	Buddy Stubbs	Margaret Parker
Debra Robison	Virginia Toliver	Daintry Thomas
Liz Rose	Kathy Wallace	Al Wallace

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. John Brock, Pastor
Rev. Ann Kelly, Parish Associate
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

