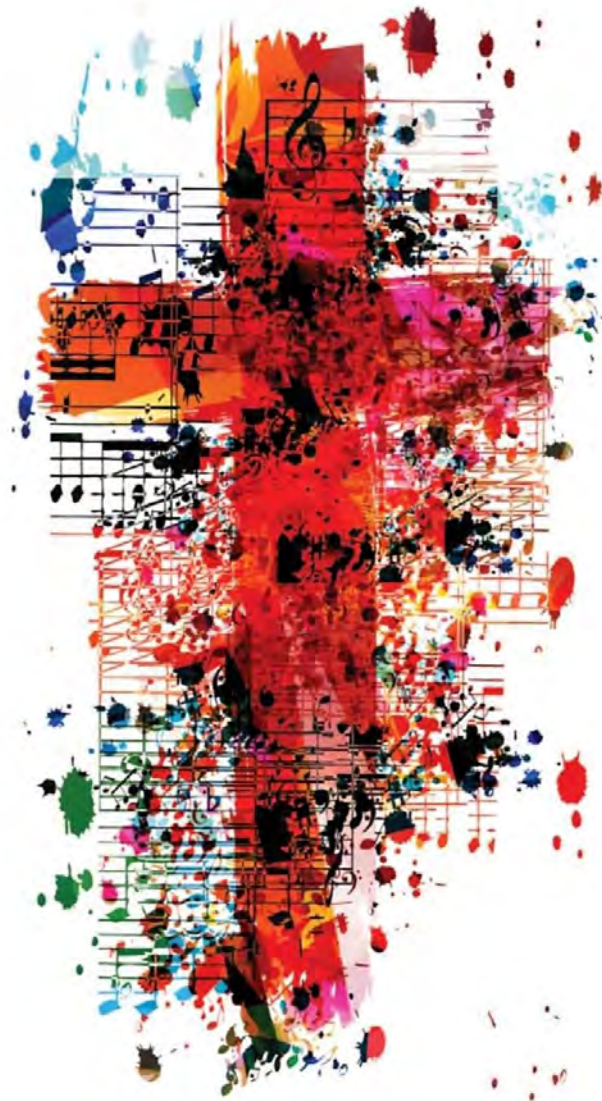


First Presbyterian Church Tupelo, Mississippi

Morning Worship Service

YOUTH SUNDAY



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From Jeremiah 29:11-13, "'For surely I know the plans I have for you', says the Lord, 'plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,'" What does it mean to trust God's plan for you? What does it mean to seek God with all your heart? What have you allowed to get in the way of these things?

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE/PROCESSIONAL

*INTROIT

Shelter Me

O shelter me, O shelter me:
the way ahead is dark and difficult to see.
O shelter me, O shelter me:
all will be well if only you will shelter me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Magalie Martin

Leader: God invites us...

People: to bring forth our worries and to trust Him and His plan.

Leader: God tells us...

People: to seek him with all our hearts.

Leader: God promises us...

People: a hopeful and promising future.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Annelise Fagan

Creator God, we come to you whole heartedly. Like you ask us to do in Jeremiah, help us to build houses, to multiply and to pray to you. We come to you trusting that you will seek our welfare and praying for a future with hope. Open our hearts and our minds as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying:

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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 333

Seek Ye First

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jenkins Wells

Sometimes we fail to choose God – even when God chooses us every day. We allow ourselves to get distracted by earthly things. Not only does this hinder our relationship with God, but it creates a barrier between us and your plan. Let us come together now to confess our sins in hope that God will guide us to prosper.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we bring to you our unrighteous habits in hope of seeking your forgiveness. Day after day, we tend to put ourselves in harmful situations, causing our relationship with you to weaken. You give us a simple command – to love one another – yet we fall short. With your guidance, we are able to stay away from the distractions of the outside world. Forgive us, O Lord. Bring our attention back to you and to your divine ways.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Andrew Goad

Leader: God never turns his back on us and promises to meet us when we run back to him.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Afton Gable, Maggie Gibens, Walt Rose

*ANTHEM

Shelter Me

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:4-14

J.T. Posey

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tyler Goad, Lilee Rose, Ana Morgan Beckham, Olivia Hastings

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

Ross Reeder

We believe we serve a loving, trustworthy God who offers us forgiveness and stability in the midst of this crazy world. We trust in Jesus as our Savior and look to him as the ultimate model of selflessness, courage, and living as God calls us to live. We look to the Holy Spirit as God in our midst every single day who fills us with contentment and points us back to God when we get side-tracked. We know each of us are called to be part of the body of Christ, His church, so that we can serve those around us and minister to each other. We are all loved. We are all unique. We are constantly being reformed into closer images of Jesus. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

GRADUATION LITANY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Congregation standing as able.

Musicians and vocalists this morning are: Dylan Gray, guitar, Olivia Hastings, Lindley Gibens, Magalie Martin, Maggie Gibens, Afton Gable, Ella Michael Gable, and Annelise Fagan.

We wish to thank Danielle Frerer for assisting with music this morning.

All of our youth were not able to join us this morning, but many helped us think through these verses, write prayers, write liturgy and more! Thanks to all the youth who helped make today meaningful: Ana Morgan Beckham, Anne Crotwell, Daniel Crotwell, Annelise Fagan, Afton Gable, Ella Michael Gable, Lindley Gibens, Maggie Gibens, Andrew Goad, Tyler Goad, Dylan Gray, Reid Hardison, Olivia Hastings, Lewis Herman, Magalie Martin, Joey McDuffie, Jon Timothy Posey, Ross Reeder, Kailan Reynolds, Olivia Reynolds, Lilee Rose, Walt Rose, Jenkins Wells, and Witt Wells.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, MAY 16

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on [YouTube](#)
12:00 P.M. Church-wide Luncheon honoring graduates, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MAY 17

4:30 P.M. Mah-Jongg
6:00 P.M. Session Meeting
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, MAY 18

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih
7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 21

12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Aimee McDonald Burrow, Julie Seiler

Homebound: Bobbye Carsten, Mary Evelyn Maxwell, Betty Nash

College Students: Emma Counce, Leland Counce, Gatlin Farrar

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We strongly recommend remaining masked during worship. Please feel free to hum or sing along during this morning's hymns.

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please speak to our minister following worship.

Nursery care is available for newborns through 4-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

After the children's sermon, pre-kindergarteners through second graders are invited to attend "Wee Kirk" with Heather Crotwell. This is a time of age appropriate lessons, songs, and games intended to prepare our children to fully participate in worship. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you excuse yourself and your child, you can hear the service over speakers in McFadden Hall (directly behind the Sanctuary).

As a courtesy to those around you, kindly turn off or silence cell phones and personal communication devices.

Both the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. services will be live streamed and available for viewing on [YouTube.com](#) by those unable to be with us this morning. Search *firstprestupelo* or click [this link](#). We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

You are invited to join us in the gym immediately following the 11:00 A.M. service for our Senior Luncheon honoring our graduates.

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors. They will attend the following colleges in the fall: Ana Morgan Beckham, daughter of Sarah Helen Beckham—Mississippi State University; Tyler Goad, son of Gunnar & Anne Marie Goad—Delta State University; Reed Hardison, son of Dwight & Sarah Hardison—Mississippi State University; Olivia Hastings, daughter of Richard & Leslie Hastings—University of Mississippi; Jon Timothy Posey, son of Timothy & Joanne Posey—Samford University; Ross Reeder, son of Jeff & Lee Reeder—Itawamba Community College; Lilee Rose, daughter of Kevin & Liz Rose—University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of Jim and Judy Armentrout, Becky Franklin, and Bob and Rita Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS 2021- Save the Date June 6-9, 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Dinner provided. 2-year-olds– 5th grade with nursery available for younger children. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Melissa at mcduffiemel18@gmail.com or 662-871-2046. We especially need shepherds for each individual age group.

June Tower articles and information need to be turned in to the church office or emailed to churchsecretary@firstprestupelo.org by Wednesday, May 19.

Congratulations to Cameron and Sean Wilson, who were married on April 24. Cameron is the daughter of Theresa White.

Interested in a 10-day Switzerland and Germany tour, including the world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau? We have 18 spots reserved for this trip, which will be June 1-10, 2022. Contact Olin for more information: olinmcbride@firstprestupelo.org.

Weekly Budget: \$16,960

Amount Received 5/9/21: \$8,417

YTD Budgeted Income: \$364,800

YTD Income Received: \$402,437

The Session

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Moderator

Clerk of the Session, Lisa Nichols

Class of 2021

Mark Burleson

Sally Kate Collins

Ann Godwin

Richard Hastings

Kristi Hillhouse

Glenn Thomas

Joel Zimmerman

Class of 2022

Steve Bryson

Anne Marie Littrell

Mary Pace

Buddy Stubbs

Virginia Toliver

David Williams

Class of 2023

Kirk Biddle

Susan Boone

Amy Fagan

Mitzi Moore

Aubrey Patterson, Jr.

Grayson Robbins

Debra Robison

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