

Morning Worship Service

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

Because we come together as Christians for a variety of reasons, today's Gospel confronts us with a challenge and an affirmation that opens the way for us to know the Kingdom of God.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Deo Gratias

John Dunstable

INTROIT

Festival Piece on St. Anne

arr. Eugene Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Hebrews 12:1-2, NRSV)

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Judy Armentrout

Bert Hershfelt

Bert Miller

Bernice Baker

Bobbie King

Mary Claire Moncrief

Jerry Burkett

Linda Lehman

Allan Smith

Jackie Haguewood

Mary Evelyn Maxwell

Denise Williford

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God,
that we may celebrate the witness
of our forefathers and foremothers
and the courage that gave birth to the Reformation.
Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past
as well as in our present days.
May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts
be one that forms our own faith.
Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church
and be present to us in word and sacrament.
We pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...

Unison: **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.**

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP - Ed Neelly

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 260

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

RECEPTION OF 2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS (11:00)

Joey McDuffie
Aryanna Phyfer
Emma Claire Wallace

CALL TO CONFESSON

Leader: Let us put aside our good works and remember that we do sin and fall short of the glory of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Leader: When we want to be a church ever-reforming,
yet cling to comfortable ways:

People: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

Leader: When we want to honor your “still speaking voice,”
but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

People: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

Leader: When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness,
but fail to listen to voices of difference:

People: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

(Pause for reflection and self-examination) Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us!
We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia.

Through Christ, God forgives us our failings and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.

Let us celebrate this mercy of God
by greeting each other with a sign of Christ’s peace.

*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.*

ANTHEM

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Mack Wilberg

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Mark 12:28-34](#)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Will the Real Christian Stand Up?

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from *A Declaration of Faith*

The church’s story with God did not end with the latest events recorded in Scripture. Across the centuries, the company of believers has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history. It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame. We confess we are heirs of this whole story. We are charged to remember our past to be warned and encouraged by it, but not to live it again. Now is the time of our testing as God’s

story with the church moves forward through us. We are called to live now as God's servants in the service of people everywhere. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN No. 526

For All the Saints (see insert – sing all six verses)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in D Minor

J. S. Bach

*Congregation standing as able.

- Before the service, speak to God.
- During the service, let God speak to you.
- After the service, speak to one another.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

Today's Affirmation of Faith is taken from “*A Declaration of Faith*,” which was written in the 1970s in a poetic style and emphasizes that God is compassionate and ineffable. Professor Shirley Guthrie, who taught at Columbia Theological Seminary for forty years, was a coauthor. Unlike some of the more ancient confessions of faith, this affirmation was intentionally written in a form to be easily used in worship.

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Margaret and Tom Beaudrot, Betty Black, and Roberta and John Burress.

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. 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).

Both the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. services are 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. Dr. Olin McBride; Dr. Bob Taylor; Dr. Ray Harris

Liturgists: 9:00 A.M.: Lisa Nichols

11:00 A.M.: Deborah Robison

Greeters: 9:00 A.M.: Leslie Geoghegan, Kathy McMurry, Judy Thomas

11:00 A.M.: Vivian Fleming, Liz Rose, Walt Rose

Please remember to dedicate your offering this morning. Field Thomas made the two beautiful offering plate stands which are placed in our Narthex. Please dedicate your gift to First Presbyterian Church by placing your offering in one of these plates. Contributions may also be mailed to: FPC, P.O. Box 1725, Tupelo, MS 38802.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Luke UMC Food Pantry is a food bank that serves families each Thursday from 8:00 A.M. until Noon. They need volunteers on **Thursday, November 4** to assist in food distribution. There are two time slots—7:45 A.M.-10:00 A.M. and 9:45 A.M.-12:00 P.M. If you are interested or need more information about this local mission opportunity, please call or text Sally Kate Collins at (662) 871-3761.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 14. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to First Presbyterian Church's life and ministry. Officers will dedicate their gifts on Sunday, November 7.

Wednesday Night Study - Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M. as we continue Adam Hamilton's study, Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today. **Masks are encouraged for all ages.** All programs conclude at 7:00 P.M.

Looking for an Advent study or a new Sunday school class? The Sistahood Sunday school class will begin their Advent study on November 7. The title is Christmas from the Back Side: A Different Look at the Story of Jesus' Birth. If you do not have a Sunday school class, please consider joining this diverse group of ladies as they study this book by J. Ellisworth Kalas.

Following the impacts of Hurricane Ida and in anticipation of future natural disasters, FPC's Outreach/Missions Committee hopes that you will join us in supporting relief efforts. For instructions, visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/#bucket>. For donations, go to: https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=x9o9M2RWKevvGNqk2VX07H2HlvbzGBdZf-DUfIUQ2OKn-iljWOH6a6YxriZAaKE8hv1uDXI-XxmJv_nm.

Be sure to join church friends and our visitors for supper at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 3. Our menu: Beef Pot Roast, Connie's Fried Chicken Tenders, Homestyle Green Beans, Baked Cheesy Potato Casserole, Marinated Vegetables, Homemade Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Individual & Dinner Salads, Chocolate Layered Dessert, Lemon Crunch, Cream Cheese Pound Cake w/Caramel Icing, Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Ice Cream. Sign up by Noon on Tuesday by using the link in Friday's newsletter, calling the church office at 662-842-5681, or emailing frontdesk@firstprestupelo.org.

It's Operation Christmas Child time! Please stop by the table outside the library and pick up your boxes; fill and return by November 7. If you need ideas or have questions, please contact Cindy Faucette (231-6827) or Jean Magee (231-6404). If you would like to contribute but cannot fill a box, please make a donation and the youth will gladly fill one for you.

The Outreach/Missions Committee invites you to participate in Habitat's FaithBuild 2021. This is a coordinated effort with several area churches to build a house for a local family. For more information, contact Chauncey Godwin at 662-791-9345 or email hbhtupelo@bellsouth.net.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Aimee McDonald Burrow, Sam Pace, Julie Seiler, Mike Thomas

Homebound: Sarah Parker, Ruby Kathryn Patterson, Jack Price

College Students: Lilee Rose, George Seiler, Henry Seiler

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

In-Person Worship Services: 9:00 - 42 11:00 - 93

YouTube Streaming Service Views as of 10/28/2021: 110

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on [YouTube](#)
9:45 A.M. Reformation Sunday Brunch, Fellowship Hall
11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on [YouTube](#)
5:30 P.M. Youth

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

2:30 P.M. Mah-Jongg, Library
6:45 P.M. Circle 3, Mary Pace's home
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

5:00 P.M. Safety Committee, Bolton Room
5:10 P.M. Tower Ringers
5:30 P.M. Supper in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 P.M. Faithbuilders & Youth
7:00 P.M. Adam Hamilton study, Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Holiday Inn

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

The Session

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Moderator
Clerk of the Session, Lisa Nichols

Class of 2022

Steve Bryson
Anne Marie Littrell
Pete McMurry
Mary Pace
Buddy Stubbs
Virginia Tolivar
David Williams

Class of 2023

Kirk Biddle
Susan Boone
Amy Fagan
Mitzi Moore
Aubrey Patterson, Jr.
Grayson Robbins
Debra Robison

Class of 2024

Kim Burleson
Cindy Faucette
Leslie Geoghegan
Michael Gratz, Jr.
Chauncey Godwin
Alice Rogers
Mike Thomas

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education
Heather Crotwell, Children's Church Director
Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music
Dr. Ray Harris, Organist
Seth Shelnut, Audio/Visual Technician
Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs
Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian
Helen Curtis, Church Secretary
Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary
Debbie Merritt, Receptionist
Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent
Joyce Richardson, Housekeeper
Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

For All the Saints

Hymn No. 526

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

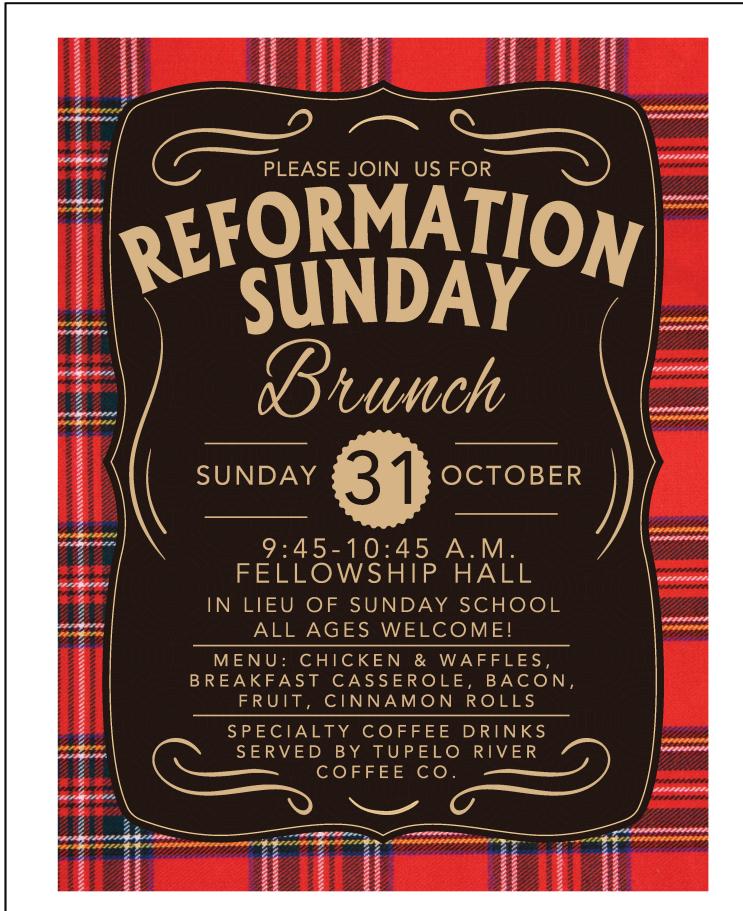
Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!



Hurricane Relief

Following the impacts of Hurricane Ida and in anticipation of future natural disasters, FPC's **Missions Committee** hopes that you will join us in supporting relief efforts. *See below for the ways you can get involved.*

COLLECT supplies

Cleanup Buckets

Assemble complete cleanup kits according to the instructions at <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/#bucket>

Individual Items

Some specific items are also needed to finish assembling buckets at the warehouse:

Laundry detergent

Sturdy non-latex dish gloves

Disinfectant cleaner (no spray bottles or aerosol)

Work gloves

Dish soap

Heavy duty black trash bags

Mississippi Disaster Fund

A St. Andrew Presbyterian fund designated for use in the State of Mississippi. Give online at https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=QR7Bpz4ZOgkivKMRy9FEAPzb_TgK-VcAvDTG1Z46xmlalkkYpYYY3QAxdrCyofjTH4VMXBZIW2jXwY
Or mail to: 24 CR 231, Oxford, MS 38655 with "MS Disaster Fund" in the memo line.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Support our denomination's nationwide hurricane relief efforts by giving online, by phone, or by mail. Find all the details at <https://bit.ly/3yFv8ck>

Bring buckets and other donations to the Presbytery meeting at Camp Hopewell on OCTOBER 12

or drop them off at the Presbytery office by OCTOBER 19

Help Needed



**First Presbyterian Church
in Tupelo is hiring
nursery workers.**

Contact Melissa at
(662) 842-5681 or stop by
400 West Jefferson, Tupelo
for more information.

Must be 18 years
of age

Save the Date!

Sunday, November 21
after 11:00 service
First Presbyterian Church

Thanksgiving Luncheon

More info to come



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2021 Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Conference

November 8-11 This is a free virtual event with continuing education hours for professionals

Monday, Nov. 8th	10:00 a.m.	Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia
	1:00 p.m.	Dementia Risk Reduction
Tuesday, Nov. 9th	10:00 a.m.	Navigating Caregiver Resources
	1:00 p.m.	Race, Ethnicity and Alzheimer's
Wednesday, Nov. 10th	10:00 a.m.	Unintended Consequences of Isolation
	1:00 p.m.	Mandatory Reporting
Thursday, Nov. 11th	10:00 a.m.	Planning for the Second Half of Life
	1:00 a.m.	Speaking the language of Dementia

To register, visit
alz.org/ms/events/2021-alzheimers-conference

Event Contact: Kristen White | KriDavis@alz.org

8 CE's have been approved for Nursing Home Administrators, activity professionals and social workers (includes 1 hour diversity and 1 hour mandatory reporting).

RENASANT BANK **UMMC** The MIND Center **Ingalls Shipbuilding** A Division of Huntington Ingalls Industries **BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi** It's good to be Blue.

800.272.3800 | alz.org



Operation Christmas Child

OCC BOXES ARE AVAILABLE

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Register at
nemshabitat.com/get-involved
 662.842.4675

Tuesdays or Saturdays
 7:30 am - 2:30 pm
 1114 Evelyn Dr. Tupelo



First
 Presbyterian
 Church

putting
God's love
 into action



Meet Future Homeowner, Lisa Richey

Lisa Richey is the proud mother of 2 daughters and 1 granddaughter. Daughter Shari, is an LPN at Cedars and also studying to be a Registered Nurse. Her daughter, Jasmine, is a 1st year medical school student at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. Her granddaughter, Gabby, is a 6th grader at Guntown Middle School.

Lisa has been with the Hardee's Restaurant Company for nearly 19 years and is the Assistant Manager at the Verona location, working the 4am-3pm shift. She and her family currently live with her mother. The *FaithBuild 2021* build will be home to Lisa, Shari and Gabby.

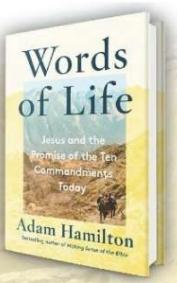
A friend told Lisa about NEMS Habitat for Humanity's homeownership program and after applying twice, she was finally accepted. Lisa diligently participated in financial education courses, homeownership workshops, and completed 200 sweat equity hours by helping to build homes for other homeowners in the program. She is so excited to finally see the preparation work being done on her property and to own a home of her very own at an affordable mortgage.

To her *FaithBuild 2021* sponsors and volunteers, Lisa says "This home will be a true blessing. Thank you for making this commitment to my family. I can't wait for that first night in my very own home and the peaceful sleep I'll have!"

New Wednesday Night Study!

6:00 PM
 Fellowship Hall

Unpack the
 Ten Commandments
 for today!



What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life today? Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments. These ten ancient "words" were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, and protect us—often from ourselves. In *Words of Life*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every "thou shalt not" was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt." He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHT at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, as we begin this new study for adults. No book is necessary, as this is a series of video lessons. If you wish to purchase a book for the study, they are available at Reed's Gumtree Bookstore, Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

Outdoor Worship Service
 Sunday, November 7
 9 & 11 A.M. in Stuart Garden

