

HE IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!



First Presbyterian Church

400 Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 1725
Tupelo, Mississippi 38802

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

Easter Sunday

APRIL 20, 2025

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

“Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;” - Isaiah 55:6

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Christ is Alive!

Wilbur Held

INTROIT 9:00 A.M.

The Cross of Calvary

Charles Gounod

11:00 A.M.

Antiphonal Hosanna

G. Alan Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Be glad and rejoice forever.

God is creating a new heaven and earth!

The homes we build and the gardens we plant will burst with life.

God is creating a new heaven and earth!

The oppressed and the afraid will no longer be tyrannized.

God is creating a new heaven and earth!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God is creating a new heaven and earth!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Alleluia! We praise you, O God,
for the power of your saving love
revealed in the resurrection of our Lord.
As you have raised Jesus from the dead
give to us the gift of everlasting life,
that we may worship you forever;
through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know that God shows no partiality,
but welcomes and forgives all those who repent and believe.
Let us confess our sin together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our longing,
you raised Jesus Christ from the dead.
We confess that the emptiness of the tomb
often leaves us befuddled and disappointed.
We know what we had hoped,
but we can't see what has actually happened.
We know the good news, but our hearts struggle to believe it.
Open our eyes, our minds, our hearts.
Reveal yourself in the confusion of our lives,
so our lives might reveal Christ's risen presence,
for we are his people.**

(Time of Silent Confession)

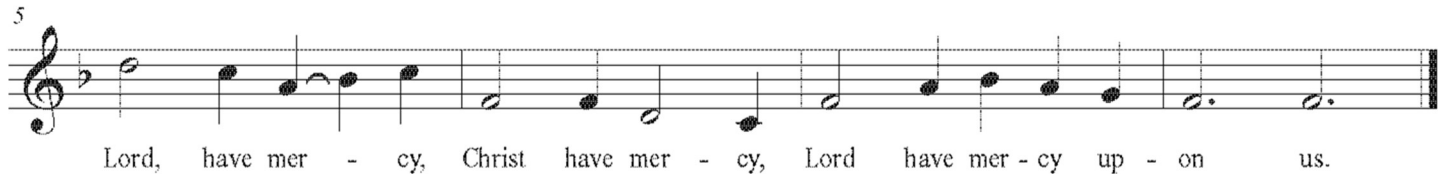
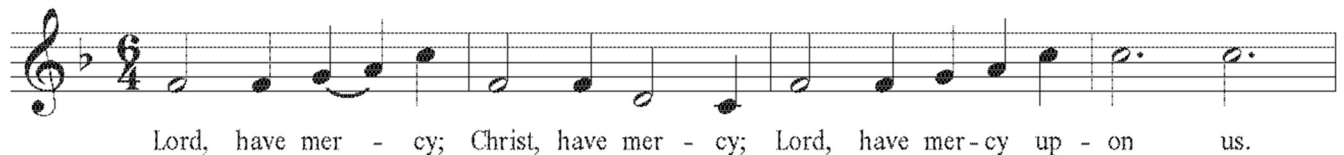
KYRIE

Americal folk hymn

Lord, Have Mercy

(Congregation please sing)

arr. Richard Proulx



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ conquered death to restore us to life. Believe this good news.
Live this resurrection. Hope in God's promise.
Friends, believe the good news 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.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GOSPEL READING

[Luke 24:1-12](#)

Pew Bible, pg. 90

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Resurrection Hymn *See What a Morning*

arr. Steven Strite

See, what a morning, gloriously bright with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.

Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light as the angels announce, "Christ is risen"

See God's salvation plan wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice.

Fulfilled in Christ, the Man for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.

Hears a voice speaking, calling her name it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!

The voice that spans the years speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us

will sound till He appears for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.

Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority.

And we are raised with Him death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered!

And we shall reign with Him for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

Pew Bible, pg. 129

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Witness"

Rev. John Brock

*UNISON PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION NO. 113

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Living God, hear our prayer:

Make of this world your new creation!

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

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Paul Manz

*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

**We praise you, O God, and give you thanks
that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope,
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Let our lives be proof of that good news.
Let all our words and actions, our love and service
bear witness to your resurrection power;
for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

***BENEDICTION**

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

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.

Ritual of friendship—Members and Visitors: Please sign the attendance register every Sunday 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 memory of Mary R. Phyfer and the Phyfer, Raines, Lica, and Borgabita grandparents by Trey and Lorena Phyfer.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

We care about you as we care about each other. If you would like to submit a prayer request, you may use the blue cards in the pews or in McFadden Hall, and our pastoral staff and prayer partners will pray for you.

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 11:00 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.

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

Crucifer: 9:00: Carter McDuffie 11:00: Anne Crotwell

Liturgist: Melissa McDuffie

Ushers: 9:00: Steve and Lucy Nash

11:00: Leighton and Julie Gibens and Family

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Scarlett Reeder, Jim Seiler

Homebound: Jack and Barbara Price, Annette Thornton, Gladys Wilson

College Students: Tyler Goad, Charlie Gratz, Reid Hardison

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to First Presbyterian's traditional Easter Brunch today at 10:15 A.M. in Stuart Garden between services. There will be no Sunday school, but the children will have fun in the garden, searching for Easter eggs! Join us!

The Tuesday morning Bible study will not meet this week. We resume in the Bolton/Sistahood Room at 11:00 A.M., Monday, June 2.

Be sure to join church friends and our visitors in the Fellowship Hall for supper and fellowship at 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, April 23! The cost for supper is \$7, and the menu: Presly's Smoked Pork Loin, Fried and Grilled Chicken Strips, Homestyle Green Beans, Cheese Grits, Tater Tots, Broccoli Salad, Rolls, Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, and Assorted Desserts you will enjoy! **Please register by Noon on Wednesday** using today's Attendance Register, the QR Code in the bulletin, or by calling the church office at 662-842-5681.



This week's program is "*A Night of Understanding: Learning to Talk about Hard Things through God's Love*," led by Virginia Toliver and Buddy Stubbs.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.: 59 11:00 A.M.: 151

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$19,644

Amount Received 4/13/2025: \$13,800

YTD Budgeted Income: \$340,493

YTD Income Received: \$429,468



Spring Bulb Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Janice Anthony

Minor Littrell

Jim & Judy Armentrout

Eric & Lynne Johnson

Marnie Bell

Jim Ingram

John E. Bishop

Chauncey & Ann Godwin

Hank Boerner

Helen Boerner

Mark & Helen Monts

Russell & Katy Bryson

Glen & Bonnie Davidson

Freddie Chiles

Mary Ann Chiles

Robin & Cindy Faucette

Beverly Cobb

Kirsten Bolton

Curtis Cockrell

Jeff & Mitzi Moore

Mrs. Gene Cockrell

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Lori Cockrell

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Katherine Tatum Collins

Tatum Collins

Sudie Crockett

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Shirley Reed Gillentine

Tatum Collins

Louise Nanney Godwin

Chauncey & Ann Godwin

Mollie Gratz

Rudy & Jala Caldwell

Joe & Beverly Chappell

William & Amanda Davis

Robin & Cindy Faucette

The McDonald Girls

Phyllis Hawkins Harper

Her Children, Grandchildren,
and Great Grandchildren

Judy Hodges

Judy Billups

Dan & Francis Brasfield

Charlie Hyatt

Travis & Gay Abney

Sandy Henson

Nancy Ingram

Jim Ingram

Fletcher & Jo Ann Johnson

Eric & Lynne Johnson

Frances & Earnest Joyner

Dan & Francis Brasfield

Marjorie Anderson Lampkin

Anne Lampkin Kramer

Frankie Lawler

Jimmy & Nancy Brown Milam

Malcolm McAuley

Rudy & Jala Caldwell

Tom & Jane McCool

Robin & Cindy Faucette

Susan McDonald

Judy Billups

The McDonald Girls

Helen Milam

Jimmy & Nancy Brown Milam

Maureen & Bert Miller

Sarah Hardison

Jim Moore

Jeff & Mitzi Moore

Margaret Murphey

Kirsten Bolton

Claudia Neelly

Judy Billups

Aubrey Patterson

Sandy Henson

Martha Jo Patterson

Kirsten Bolton

James Hugh & Peggy Ray

Glen & Bonnie Davidson

Harry Rayburn

Kirsten Bolton

Josefina Rayburn

Julie Walsh Seiler

Scott Walsh

Donald Leroy Shane, Jr.

Tracy Shane Kramer

Joe & Francis Sheffield

Glen & Bonnie Davidson

Sue Roberts Shepherd

Tatum Collins

Irma Stubbs

Buddy & Mary Stubbs

Presly Thornton Wallace, Jr.

Kathy & Presly Wallace

Lee Walsh

Scott Walsh

Carroll E. White

Edna Sue White

Bill & Wade Young

Sarah Young

IN HONOR OF:

Travis Abney

Mark & Helen Monts

Pat Agnew

Judy Griffie

Eddie Baker

Edna Sue White

Sarah Helen Beckham

Mark & Helen Monts

Judy Billups

Judy Griffie

The McDonald Girls

Susan Boone

Mark & Helen Monts

Camille Caples

Scott Walsh

Beverly Chappell

Glen & Bonnie Davidson

Kay Gillentine Collins

Tatum Collins

Sally Kate Collins

Tatum Collins

Jimmy Crockett

Mark & Janice Reynolds

Martha Dale

Glen & Bonnie Davidson

Bonnie Davidson

The McDonald Girls

Doyce Deas

Glen & Bonnie Davidson

Chauncey & Ann Godwin

Mike & Margaret Gratz, Sr.

Lori Dickerson

Bill Dickerson

Beth Ellzey

Judy Griffie

Jennifer Faggert

Jim Ingram

Cindy McCool Faucette

Tatum Collins

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Staff

Sandy Henson

First Presbyterian Church

Youth

Bill & Camille Caples

Jim Fisher

Mark & Helen Monts

Margaret Gratz

Chauncey & Ann Godwin

Judy Griffie

Mark & Helen Monts

Sandy Henson

Mark & Helen Monts

Lucy Hilbun

Judy Griffie

Michelle Hutto

Henry & Brooks Hutto

Abby Ingram

Jim Ingram

Heather Ingram

Jim Ingram

Jim & Heather Ingram

Sandy Henson

Lisa Johnson

Judy Griffie

Jean Magee

Mark & Helen Monts

Lou Ann McCarty

Mike & Margaret Gratz, Sr.

Judy Griffie

Kathy McMurry

Glen & Bonnie Davidson

Judy Griffie

Adelaide, Lou, Morrie, and

Mila Monts

Mark & Helen Monts

Lucy Nash

Mike & Margaret Gratz, Sr.

Judy Griffie

Scott Walsh

Sam Pace

Chauncey & Ann Godwin

Josefina Rayburn

Kirsten Bolton

Betty Reece

Judy Griffie

Holly Rogers

Jim Ingram

Erin Stubbs

Mary & Buddy Stubbs

Kathy Wallace

Judy Griffie

Aubre Wells

Glen & Bonnie Davidson

Mary Elizabeth Williams

The McDonald Girls

Gladys Wilson

Judy Griffie

Mark & Helen Monts

Rachel Young

Sarah Young

Sarah Young

Scott Walsh



This Week @ FPC

Sunday, April 20

- 9 & 11 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts, Room B205 Youth

Monday, April 21

- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym
5:00 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 22

- 9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih
11:00 A.M. Shepherd's Center Event, Rec Room
2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym
7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, April 23

- 2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym
3:00 P.M. Mah-Jongg, Library

Thursday, April 24

- 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn
11:30 A.M. United Way Women's Event, Fellowship Hall
2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym

Friday, April 25

- 12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting
2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym





VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

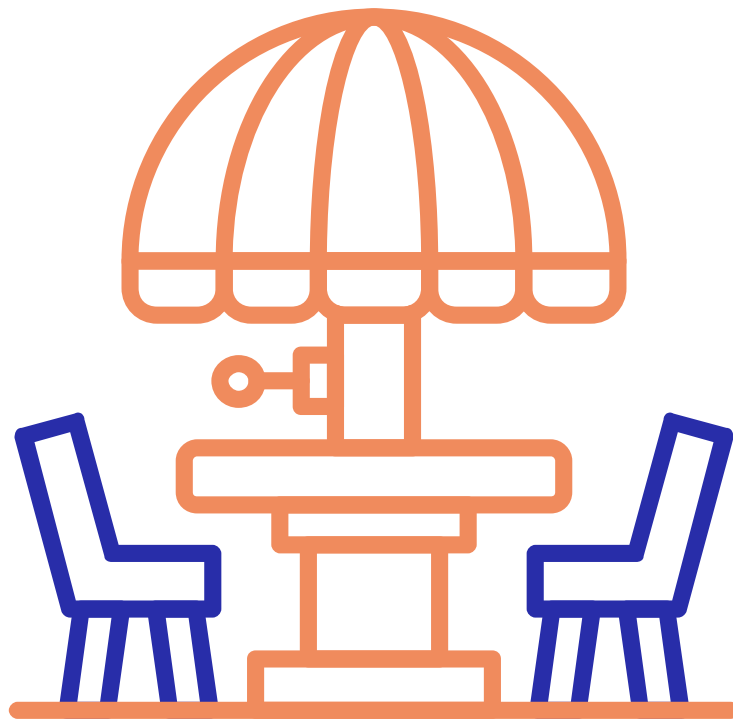
Driver Update & Info
Luncheon



April 22, 2025, 11:30am
First Presbyterian Church
Light Meal Served

For More Information:
Call: 662-840-0787
400 W Jefferson Street-Tupelo

Presbyterians on the Patio



THE GRILL

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ALL ADULTS WELCOME

THE SESSION

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

Class of 2025

Richard Hastings
Trey Leeke
Lucy Nash
Chris Rogers
Mary Stubbs
Glenn Thomas
Presly Wallace

Class of 2026

Glen Davidson, Sr.
Jim Fisher
Ben Hunter
Bob Lence
Corey Littrell
Helen Monts
Aubre Wells

Class of 2027

Heather Crotwell
Amanda Davis
Beth Anne Ellzey
Mac Godwin
Mary Margaret Gratz
Debra Robison
Liz Rose

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. John Brock, Pastor
Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education
Dr. Robert Taylor, Director of Music
Dr. Ray Harris, Organist
Claire Leeke, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs
John Buchman, Audio/Visual Technician
Dr. Kathy McMurry, Treasurer
Cindy Faucette, Church Librarian
Helen Curtis, 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

