

Morning Worship Service

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

We are living in a world and a time of greed and self-interest. Ignoring God's messages (and messengers) could cause us to lose our souls. Christ must be the cornerstone of life and the church.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	J. S. Bach
INTROIT	<i>Christ is Our Cornerstone</i>	John Darwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Take off your shoes!

People: We are standing on holy ground.

Leader: Shake off the dust!

People: We are ready to start afresh.

Leader: Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings,
that we may be renewed and strengthened to share God's love with the world.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 361 *How Firm a Foundation*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP - Mary Pace

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you:
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better,
and then just go on living the same way we always have.
Let this be the moment,

when we tell our God of our failures and faithlessness,
so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of grace and hope.
Join me as we pray,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory,
but people find only hardened hearts.
We would like to be transformed people,
but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you.
We long to stand with those who are in need,
but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.
Forgive us, God who came down to us.
Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost.
Split open our frozen hearts,
that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting.
Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit,
that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
into that kingdom of grace and hope. *(Pause for reflection and self-examination)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news:
in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished.
You are forgiven, you are made new.

People: We will complete God's joy
by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope,
with everyone we meet.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Matthew 21:33-43](#)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Foolish Farmers

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, 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 rose 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.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 386

O For a World

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

*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.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Lucy Jeanelle Wells, Billy Jenkins Jordan, and Wilson D. “Buck” Simmons by Jack, Aubre, Ivy, Lucy, Jenkins, and Witt Wells.

The red rose and Dutch cradle cross celebrate the birth of Finlay “Finn” Reed Clayton, on October 15. He is the son of Roxie and Claude Clayton and the grandson of Judy Thomas.

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.: Rick Jones
11:00 A.M.: Doyce Deas

Greeters: 9:00 A.M.: Leslie Geoghegan, Kathy McMurry, Lisa Nichols
11:00 A.M.: Sally Kate Collins, Tatum Collins, Rochelle Wallace

Please remember to dedicate your offering this morning. Field Thomas made the two beautiful offering plate stands which are placed in our Narthex. Please remember to 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

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.

Join our team to assist at Helping Hands Food Pantry next Saturday, October 30 from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. The team will help stock shelves and bag groceries for neighbors in need. We do this every four weeks. Helping Hands Food Pantry is located at 314 S. Church Street, Tupelo, MS and is an extension of First United Methodist Church of Tupelo. Children are welcome. For more information, contact Rick Jones at rickjones2525@gmail.com or 662-213-1520.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 14. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to First Presbyterian Church's life and ministry.

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.

Be sure to join church friends and our visitors at 5:30 P.M. for supper in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 27. Our menu: Marinated Pork Tenderloin, chicken Tenders, Homestyle Green Beans, Corn on the Cob, Corn Spoon Bread, Homemade Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Salads, Italian Cream Cake, Lemon Crunch, and Chocolate Cobbler with Ice Cream! Sign up by Noon on Tuesday by using the link in our Friday newsletter, calling the church office at 662-842-5681, or emailing frontdesk@firstprestupelo.org.

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.

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, visit https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=nE8Tb8IkZVBGovBb8yoTbuFTukkwDh92NAPXR3uJMCZjY_YT3MEVBwX892UmKKrel5mfrbvfbzunJKZP.

Don't miss your opportunity to have beautiful family photos taken by a professional photographer! Faith Riley Photography will be at the Thomas Barn on Jackson Street on October 29-30 to take beautiful, professional family photos amid a scenic, fall landscape. All sessions are \$75, and proceeds go to Good Samaritan Health Services, an organization which encompasses the Antone Tannehill Free Clinic as well as educational and prevention services. Sign up for a mini-session at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4CACAC2FABFC1-photography>.

Please support Sanctuary Hospice through Celebration Village's Virtual Bakery! The bakery has been an important part of Celebration Village's fundraising each year; in fact, the 2019 CV Bakery brought in \$10,000. There will be no in-person bakery this year, but anyone may continue to support this worthwhile project with a monetary contribution. Simply contribute what you would have spent baking a cake or what you have spent previously on baked goods. There are two ways to donate: Mail checks to CV Bakery, P.O. Box 2177, Tupelo, MS 38803, or visit www.sanctuaryhospice.org, click "Donate" and add CV Bakery in notes.

Church Office hours are 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Homebound: Faye Moreland, Betty Nash, Claudia Neelly

College Students: Cooper Moore, Jon Timothy Posey, Ross Reeder

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Michael Zerk "Bubba" Wilson, who died October 15. Services were held Monday at First Presbyterian Church.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

In-Person Worship Services: 9:00 - 47 11:00 - 100
YouTube Streaming Service Views as of 10/21/2021: 119

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on YouTube
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary and streaming on YouTube
5:30 P.M. Youth

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

2:30 P.M. Mah-Jongg, Library
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Holiday Inn
10:00 A.M. Chancel Guild, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

Nannette Comer, Church Librarian

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



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 Presbytery fund designated for use in the State of Mississippi. Give online at https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=QR7Bpz4ZOqkivKMRYf9FEAPzb_TgK-VcAvDTG1Z46xm1akYpPYYY3QAxdrCyoFJTH4VMXBZIW2JXwY

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.

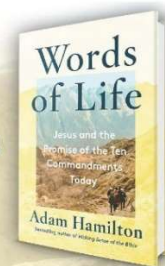
Contact Melissa at
(662) 842-5681 or stop by
400 West Jefferson, Tupelo
for more information.

Must be 18 years
of age

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 workaholicism, 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 Guntree Bookstore, Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

MISSION FUNDRAISER: *Family Photography Weekend*

Faith Riley Photography Mini Sessions
Friday & Saturday, October 29-30 • \$75

Proceeds go to Good Samaritan Free Clinic

Participants sign up for 15-minute slots
at The Thomas Barn on Jackson Street and receive
a portfolio of 10-15 pictures to choose from.

Sitting fee includes 3 PDF images.

An estimated 2-3 week
turn around on the
images will allow families
to use the photographs
for Christmas cards
or order prints for
Christmas gifts.

Church members,
friends and family are
invited to participate.



**Operation
Christmas
Child**

OCC BOXES ARE AVAILABLE

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**FaithBuild
2021**



Northeast Mississippi
**Habitat
for Humanity®**

Tuesdays or Saturdays

7:30 am - 2:30 pm

1114 Evelyn Dr. Tupelo

Register at
nemshabitat.com/get-involved
662.842.4675

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VOLUNTEER**

**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!"