

First Presbyterian Church

400 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 21, 2024

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." - John 10:14

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Dale Wood

INTROIT

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. Moses Hogan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We are your people, O God—

the sheep of your pasture,

the flock you have gathered.

Lead us beside still waters;

teach us the way of righteousness;

and feed us at your table;

through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd,

who taught us to pray 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 (See insert)

HOLY MANNA

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

CALL TO CONFESSION

from 1 John 3:20

If we are honest with ourselves,
our hearts condemn us.
But God, who knows everything,
is greater than our hearts;
and God's deep desire for us
is mercy, love, and peace.
Therefore, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, have mercy on us.
We talk of love,
but our actions betray us.
We talk about love,
but we neglect the poor.
We talk about love,
but we fail to love one another.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, and abide in us
by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show
our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live
and in whose name we pray.**

(Time of Silent Confession)

KYRIE NO. 565

Lord, Have Mercy
Congregation please sing:

Lord _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have
mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We seek God's grace with boldness
because we trust in Jesus Christ,
the One who loves us
and laid down his life for us.
This is 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.

THE BAPTISM OF MORRISETTE HELEN MONTS

Presentation

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Prayer

Welcome

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

[1 John 3:16-24](#)

Pew Bible pg. 240

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Gerald Custer

GOSPEL READING

[John 10:11-18](#)

Pew Bible pg. 103

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd”

Rev. John Brock

*UNISON PROFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION (See insert)

BRADBURY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of goodness and mercy; **hear our prayer.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dale Wood

*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

**Gracious God, we give you thanks
that you have shown us the meaning of love
through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us.
Show us how to share Christ's love
by giving our lives for one another;
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 170

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

George F. Handel

*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.

Ritual of friendship—Members and Visitors: Please sign the black attendance register every Sunday and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Phyfer by Aryanna, Lawson, Lorena and Trey Phyfer.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today as we baptize Morrisette Helen Monts. She is the daughter of Julia and Kimmel Monts and the sister of Adelaide, who is four years old.

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. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you excuse yourself and your child, the service can be heard over speakers in McFadden Hall, which is located directly behind the Sanctuary.

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.

The service is live streamed and available for viewing on [YouTube.com](https://www.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
Liturgist: 9:00: Rick Jones 11:00: Doyce Deas
Greeters: 9:00: Lori & Bill Dickerson 11:00: Toni Martin, Glen Davidson Sr., Glen Davidson Jr., Kathy & Presly Wallace

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatment: Mollie Gratz
Homebound: Maureen Miller, Betty Nash, Ruby Kathryn Patterson
College Students: Cooper Moore, Ashton Posey, Jon Timothy Posey
Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Outreach/Missions committee is planning a trip to Cuba for the latter part of October or first of November. If you are interested in going on this trip or would like more information, please contact Jean Magee or Robin Faucette. For their contact information, call the church office at 662-842-5681.

Be sure to join church friends and our visitors for supper at 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, April 24, in the Fellowship Hall. The menu: Taziki's Greek Grilled Chicken, Basmati Rice, and Greek Grilled Vegetables, Fried Chicken Tenders, Chicken and Dumplings, Homestyle Green Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Rolls, Full Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, and Assorted Desserts you will enjoy! At 6:15 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, we will enjoy a program led by leaders of The Remnant House, a faith-based, transitional living recovery program for men. Wednesday programs for Faithbuilders and Youth begin at 6:00 P.M., Cherubs begin at 6:10 P.M. All programs conclude at 7:00 P.M. Sign up by Noon Wednesday using Sunday's attendance register, [the link](#) in Friday's newsletter, or you may call the church office at 662-842-5681.

Registration for Vacation Bible School 2024 is underway! VBS is June 3-5, 9:00 A.M.– 12:00 P.M., for three-year-olds – fifth grade, with nursery available for younger children. Sign up by using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-presbyterian-church-vbs-2024-tickets-866621065937?aff=oddtcreator> or the QR Code.



Sanctuary flowers are given in honor or memory of those whom we love. We appreciate your generosity in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary. Flowers are presently needed for several Sundays this year. The flower donor sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen. The price for one arrangement is \$60 if the Flower Guild ladies create it; otherwise, a florist of your choice may be used.

ATTENDANCE LASTSUNDAY

9:00 A.M.: 47 11:00 A.M.: 108

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$18,475 Amount Received 4/14/24: \$11,516
YTD Budgeted Income: \$320,231 YTD Income Received: \$454,799

THE SESSION

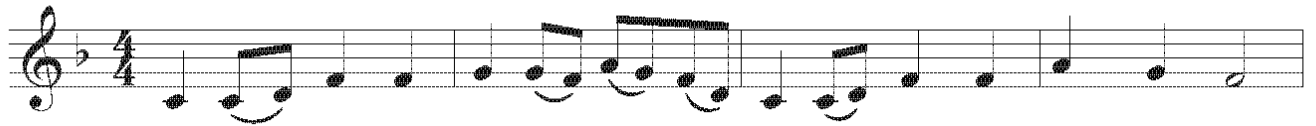
Rev. John Brock, Moderator
Lisa Nichols, Clerk of the Session

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Kim Burleson	Richard Hastings	Glen Davidson, Sr.
Cindy Faucette	Trey Leeke	Jim Fisher
Leslie Geoghegan	Lucy Nash	Ben Hunter
Michael Gratz Jr.	Chris Rogers	Bob Lence
Chauncey Godwin	Mary Stubbs	Corey Littrell
Charles Reece	Glenn Thomas	Helen Monts
Alice Rogers	Presly Wallace	Aubre Wells

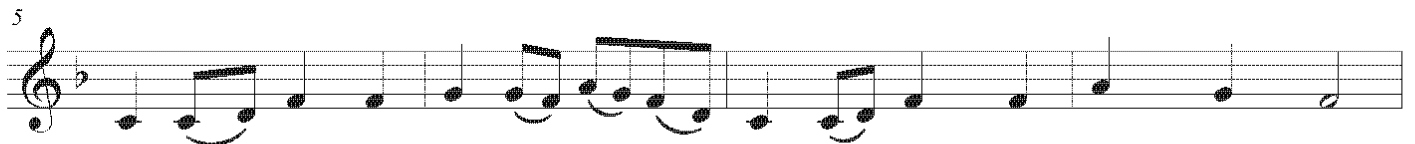
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. John Brock, Pastor
Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education
Dr. Robert Taylor, Director of Music; Dr. Ray Harris, Organist
Dr. Kathy McMurry, Treasurer
Claire Leeke, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs
Cindy Faucette, Church Librarian
Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian
Helen Curtis, Church Secretary
Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary
Jen Baylor, Receptionist
Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent
Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

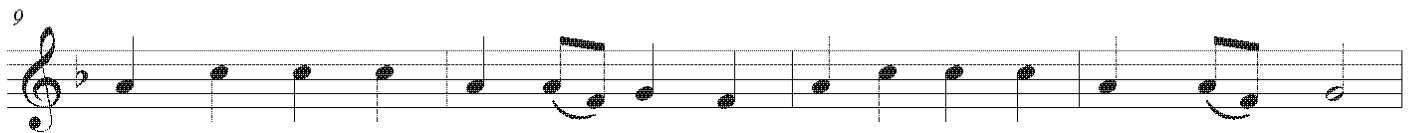
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship



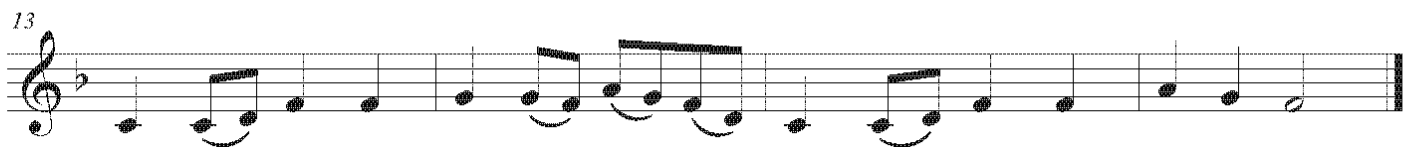
Brethren, we have met to__ wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
Is there here a trem-bling jail - er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
Let us__ love our God most ho - ly, let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow-er__ while we try to preach to word?
Is there here a weep-ing Ma - ry__ pour - ing forth a flood of tears?
Let us__ love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
Breth - ren, join your cries to__ help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
Christ will call us home to__ heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit__ down.

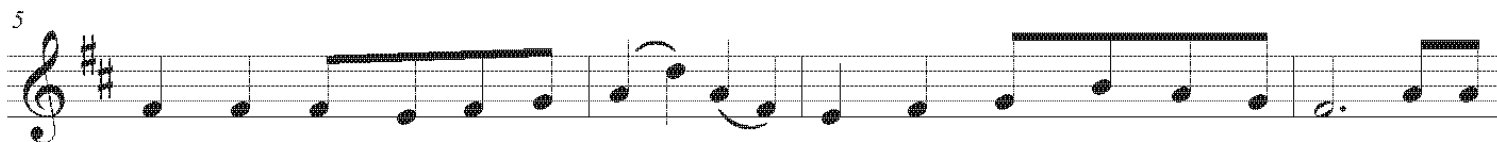


Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly__ man - na will be__ show-ered all a-round.
Pray, O__ pray, that ho - ly__ man - na will be__ scat-tered all a-round.
Christ will gird Him - self and serve us__ with sweet man - na all a-round.

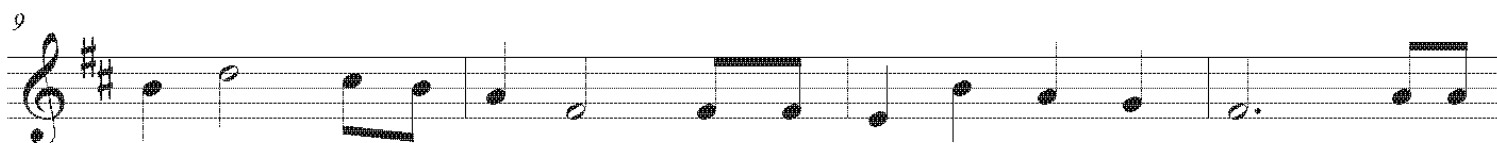
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



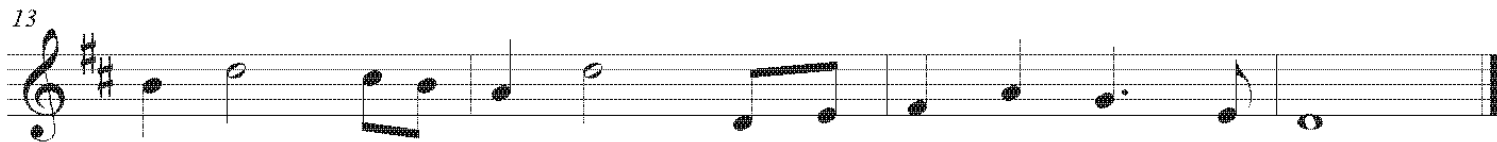
Sav - ior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Thy ten - der care.
We are Thine in love be - friend us; be the gaurd-ian of our way.
Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us; poor and sin - ful though we be.
Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do Thy will.



In Your plea - sant pas-tures lead us; for our use Thy fold pre-pare. Blessed
Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us: seek us when we go a-stray. Blessed
Thou have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free. Blessed
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with Thy love our spir - its fill. Blessed



Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us: Thine we are. Blessed
Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear Thy child-ren when we pray. Blessed
Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to Thee. Blessed
Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed



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COME TO OUR
**CHURCH
PICNIC**

and Closing Program
by Cherubs & Faithbuilders

1 MAY | 5:30 P.M.

STUART GARDEN

Fun for ALL AGES!

BUBBLES!

*SIDEWALK
CHALK!*

Barbecue Sandwiches & all the Trimmings,
Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Marinated Vegetable
Salad, Chips, Fresh Fruit, Cheeses, Pickles, and
More, along with lots of Desserts!

Complimentary!
Reservations Not Necessary

Youth Sunday

MAY 5

Honoring our Baccalaureates
during Worship at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

ALL ARE INVITED
to the Recognition Lunch
for Graduating Seniors
at Noon in the CLC

Reservations are Not Necessary

2024 GRADUATES:

DANIEL CROTWELL

AFTON GABLE

MAGGIE GIBENS

CHARLIE GRATZ

LEWIS HERMAN

ISABELLA POSEY

KAILAN REYNOLDS

WALT ROSE

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- 9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 4:30 P.M. Boy Scouts, Room B205
- 5:30 P.M. Youth

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 11:00 A.M. Bible Study, Bolton/Sistahood Room
- 2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym
- 7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- 2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym
- 3:00 P.M. Mah-Jongg, Stewart Clayton Room
- 5:05 P.M. Tower Ringers
- 5:30 P.M. Supper, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 P.M. Faithbuilders & Youth
- 6:10 P.M. Cherubs
- 6:15 P.M. Program by The Remnant House, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn
- 10:15 A.M. Church Bus boards for the Toyota Tour
- 2:45 P.M. CASA, Gym

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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