



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
Prelude

“Glory to His Name”

Stockton
arr. Jordan

Welcome and Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Prayer of Praise and Adoration

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Balm in Gilead

Call to Worship

O God, you are our God;

our souls thirst for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

We have looked upon you in the sanctuary;

we have seen your power and glory.

Our lips will praise you as long as we live;

we lift up our hearts and call on your name.

Let us worship God!

+Opening Hymn # 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM Rhondda

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, though you lovingly tend us, we have not put forth the good fruits of your Spirit. Our consumption poisons the earth. Our violence threatens our neighbors. Our greed exploits the poor. We must seem a waste of time, but don't give up on us yet, O God. In your power to abundantly pardon, forgive us for the sake of Christ, and imbue us with love, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Amen.
Moment for Silent Meditation.

Congregational Prayer Response: **Three personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace, that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face. From Hymn # 434**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Choral Anthem

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Hopson

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

Isaiah 55: 1-9 (pp. 644-645)
Psalm 63: 1-8 (p. 498)
I Corinthians 10: 1-13 (p. 161)
Luke 13: 1-9 (p. 71)

Children's Message

Fran Brown

Sermon

“Goblin Market”

Dr. Tom Richardson

+Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

+The Gloria Patri, # 581

Glory Be to the Father

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.

OUR RESPONSE

+Hymn of Praise #649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
(Verses 1, 3, and 4)

Amazing Grace

Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Mason
arr. Kelsey

+Doxology # 606

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.

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

+Sending Hymn #808

“When Memory Fades”

Finlandia

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude

“Oh, the Glory of Your Presence”

Fry

Prayer Concerns

Sandra Mims

Health Concerns

Jon Fortman

Health Concerns

Toni Oakes

(Ed Oakes' Sister)

Health Concerns

Ginny Oakes

(Ed Oakes' Mother)

Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones

(Scott Jones' Mother)

Health Concerns

Amy Sullivan

(Pam Sullivan's Daughter-In-Law)

Health Concerns

Lyla Fulton (2 Years Old)

(Holly Longton's Great Niece)

Cancer Diagnosis

Patty Jones Family

Prayer Concerns for Family

Jim Loveland

Holly Longton's Father

Recovery from Stroke

Julian Gardner

Recovery from surgery

Prayer requests should be communicated through the Church Office.

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so.

Please join in unison reading of the bold print.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

**We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!**

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth through five years old).

Restrooms are located on both floors in the Education Building. Follow the signs or ask a friendly face who will be happy to help you find anything you need.

Today

3rd Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Dr. Tom Richardson

2 Cents A Meal Offering

Fellowship Meal following

Worship

(Shepherding Group 1)

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday

4th Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Johnny Wray

Helping Hands

Blankets

Boxed Cereal

All Canned Vegetables

Session

Dr. Tom Richardson, Moderator, Pro-Tem

Hope DeVenney, Clerk of Session

Class of 2025

Collene Albright-3

Hope Devenney-4

Taylor Richardson-2

Tom Richardson-3

Class of 2026

Maridith Geuder-1

Tori Pumphrey-4

Lezli Waits-4

Steve Wilkes-2

Class of 2027

Fran Brown-1

Marthalia Porter-1

Steve Porter-2

Susan Smith-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Diaconate

Class of 2025

Dorothy Fortman-1

Hillary Richardson-3

Anna Jones -4

Class of 2026

Hope Oakes-3

Eric Waits-4

Sue Hatcher-3

Class of 2027

Lee Hackett-1

Mary Nelson-1

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Last Sunday's Attendance: 46

Helping Hands Blanket Drive

It is still **COLD** outside!

BLANKETS ARE NEEDED!

Helping Hands is still running very low on blankets, please show your support by making a monetary donation or donating a blanket today.

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

If you are at the grocery store this week, please consider picking up a few items to help those in need. Immediate needs are:
boxed cereal and all canned vegetables.

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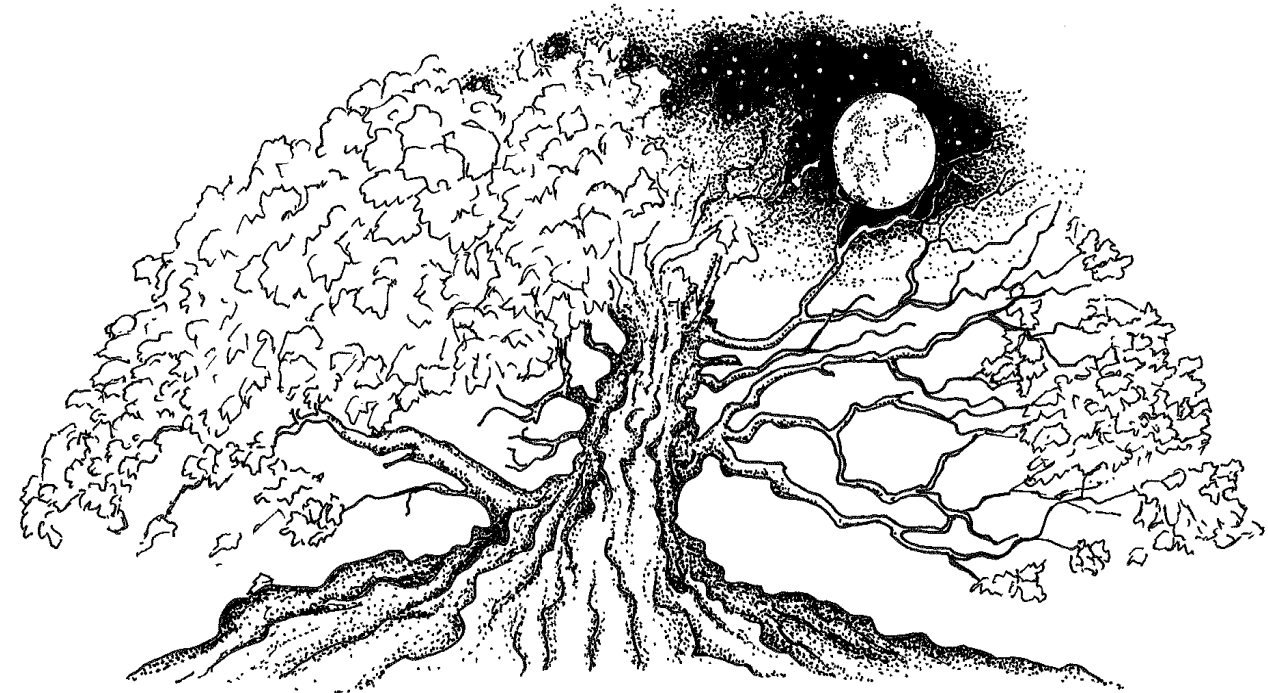
Accompanist: Shirley Ellis

PCDP Director: Lezli Waits

Custodian: Rowland Jennings



First Presbyterian Church Columbus, Mississippi



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Goblin Market”

Dr. Tom Richardson

March 23, 2025

