



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "St. Anthony Chorale" Haydn

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship "Jesus, the Light of the World" WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

And also with you

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 134 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
Moment for Silent Meditation.

Congregational Prayer Response: ***The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth, when you will see my promise: salvation come to birth. My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land and you will be delivered by my almighty hand.***
From Hymn # 357 (vs. 1)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anthem "Of the Father's Love" Raney

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

Children's Message

Sermon Thomas Richardson

+Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+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 # 145 "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES

Prayer of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Hopkins
arr. Gardner

+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
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+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.

SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Purcell
arr. Berry

Prayer Concerns

Sandra Mims
Health Concerns

Jon & Dorothy Fortman
Health Concerns

Toni Oakes
(Ed Oakes' Sister)
Health Concerns

Ginny Oakes
(Ed Oakes' Mother)
Health Concerns

Bonnie Boyd
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

Ronnie Richardson
(Taylor Richardson's Father)
Health Concerns

Desiree Krieger
Recovery from back surgery

Patty Jones Family
Prayer Concerns for Family

The Family of James Pope
(Family Friend)
Prayer Request

Susan Smith
Recovery from Knee Surgery

Becky Owings & Family
On the loss of John Owings

Jim Loveland
Holly Longton's Father
Recovery from Stroke

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

1st Sunday of Christmas

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship

Monday

Office & PCDP Closed

Tuesday

Office & PCDP Closed

Wednesday

Happy New Year!

Office & PCDP Closed

No Bible Study

Thursday

Office & PCDP Closed

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday

Office & PCDP Closed

Next Sunday

2nd Sunday of Christmas

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Communion Worship

Helping Hands

Blankets

Peanut Butter

Boxed Cereal

Canned Chili

Canned Soups

Chef Boyardee Items

Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator Hope DeVenney, Clerk

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

Marthalie 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

The Office & PCDP will be closed December 23– January 3.
Both will reopen on January 6th.

Helping Hands Blanket Drive

Blankets will be accepted for the colder temperatures of the winter for those in need.

New blankets may be dropped off in the education building. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please reference Helping Hands-Blanket Drive.

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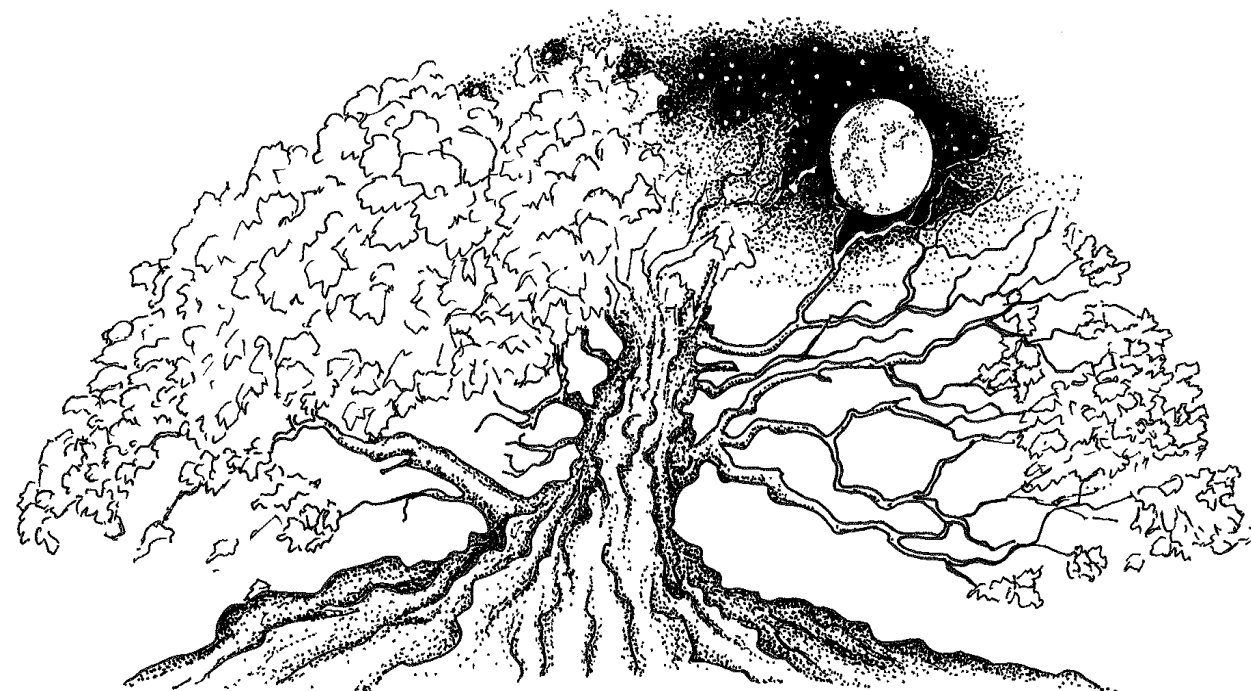
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First Presbyterian Church Columbus, Mississippi



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

Thomas Richardson
December 29, 2024

