

First Presbyterian Church
Energized by Grace

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Youth Sunday
& Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025
10:00 AM

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Lectionary Texts:

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here.

We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

† Indicates all who are able may stand.



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING — *Let All Things Now Living*

arr. Cindy Berry

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We give you thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scripture. Through it, you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND PARISH LIFE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Cole Milner

PRELUDE — *The Gift of Love*

William Bouldin, Tucker Milner, Hugh Monteith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth McLellan

We come to this service, bringing our needs and longings.

**Each of us has traveled different roads
and conceived diverse thoughts this week.**

But underneath our differences lies
the same basic need for love and acceptance.

That's why we are here—

to admit to each other our need for love.

Let us celebrate in worship the most marvelous fact of the universe—

God loves us and accepts us just as we are.

Let us join hearts and voices and worship God.

† HYMN 37 — *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

† CALL TO CONFESSION

Weldon Wilkerson

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess: Indeed, God, we believe we have made some right choices. Yet, you, O God, are aware of the ongoing battles we face—the struggle between fear and love, the struggle between safe captivity and risky freedom, the struggle between anger and love, the struggle between foolishness and wisdom, the struggle between pride and love, the struggle between disloyalty and faithfulness, the struggle between pain and love, the struggle between individualism and responsibility. We pledge to persevere, but there are times when we grow weary, impatient, angry, and fearful—leading us to falter and disappoint you and each other. We seek your mercy and liberation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

† KYRIE ELEISON



† DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news;
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal, 581

**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 WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS (see insert)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Madeline Williams

*At this time, all children (pre-K 4 through third grade) are invited to leave the service to attend "Children's Time."
Children can be picked up on the second floor of the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING: Psalm 121 (p. 702)

Sterlin Smith

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION — *Psalm 121*

Heather Sorenson

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:26-38 (p. 69)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ann Luckett Montgomery

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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.

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY — *One Day as I Traveled the Moor*

arr. Bonnie Rideout

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Carter Myers

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.

GO AND WITNESS IN GOD'S NAME

† HYMN 693 — *Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

† BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me: God be the prayer to move my voice:

God, be the strength to now up-hold me: O Christ, sur-round me: O Christ, sur-round me.

† POSTLUDE — *Improvisation*

Creighton Holder

WELCOME!

First Presbyterian Church warmly invites visitors to become a member of our family of faith. You may do so in one of the following ways:

- By Profession of Faith - The act of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and sincerely promising to live for Him. Previous baptism is accounted as valid, or the Sacrament of Baptism may be administered at the time of profession.
- By Transfer of Membership - Request our minister to contact your former church for a letter of transfer, where applicable.
- By Reaffirmation of Faith - If you have been inactive or separated from the church for some time or wish to rededicate yourself, you may be received by reaffirmation of faith.

Parents of nursery aged children please note: a nursery is provided from **8:45 am - 11:15 pm** for the following ages: Infants (0-1 years), Babies (1-3 years), Preschool (3-4 years). The nursery and pre-school rooms are located in the Education Building, first floor.

The FPC prayer chain is ready if you or someone you know is in need. Please contact Carlisle Wood at carlislewood@gmail.com or 662-832-8606. All requests are held in strict confidence.

The church has two portable defibrillators on site if a cardiac event occurs. One is located in our office hallway by the east stairwell; the other is located in the Fellowship Hall.

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.

Tithes and Offerings: Thank you for prayerfully supporting the missions and ministries of FPC! Every gift is greatly appreciated. Here are some ways to give:

- Completing the pledge card in the friendship register found in your pew
- Online by choosing the tab titled “Giving” at the top of the church website
(<https://fpcoxford.net/giving/>)
- Enrolling in direct deposit or withdrawal by contacting the church office.
- Scanning the QR Code provided here. Credit Card fees apply.
- Mailing gifts directly to the church office at 924 Van Buren Ave, Oxford, MS 38655

If you need assistance with any specific ways to give, please contact Frances Saralvarez at fsaralvarezfpc@gmail.com, or call the church office.



TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<i>Proclaiming the Word</i>	Ann Luckett Montgomery	
<i>Liturgists</i>	Youth of First Presbyterian Church	
<i>Organist</i>	Creighton R. Holder	
<i>Ushers</i>	Lucy Deaton	Shands Orrell
	Nolan Franklin	Paxton Scott

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 19

New Member Sunday & Youth Sunday

9:00 am Donuts with the Deacons

9:00 am Sunday School*

10:00 am Worship Service*

5:00 pm Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

Monday, October 20

5:30 pm Session

6:30 pm Troop 45

Tuesday, October 21

6:00 am Men's Breakfast at Bim Bam

9:45 am Lula Gregory Circle

12:00 pm Gerry Duvall Circle

5:30 pm Carroll Barr Circle

Wednesday, October 22

10:00 am Fall Bible Study

5:30 pm Wednesdays Together

5:30 pm UKIRK College Ministry

5:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23

11:00 am VIP Cookout

Saturday, October 25

3:00 pm Youngish Adults & Friends Pig Roast

Sunday, October 26

Kirkin O' the Tartans

9:00 am Sunday School*

10:00 am Worship Service*

5:00 pm Hallowed Hopewell

**Nursery Provided*

**Are you interested in learning more? Do you have ideas to share?
Your church staff, Diaconate, and ministry team leaders would love to hear from you!**

SESSION

Adult Faith Formation - Carole Haney (2025)
& Irma Buchanan (2026)
Children & Youth Faith Formation - Brynne Quick (2026)
& Corey Mauldin (2027)
Clerk of Session - Catherine Servati (2026)
Finance - Brent Hardin (2025) & Richard DeVoe (2027)
Membership & Hospitality - Angela Manley (2025)
& Matt Nielson (2026)
Mission - Laura Montgomery (2026)
Personnel - Melissa Hall (2025) & Al Ling (2027)
Property - Bo Elliott (2025) & Hank Spragins (2027)
Worship - Whitney Bolen (2027)

DIACONATE

Class of 2025: Teresa Flautt, Scotty Jimenez,
David McPhail, Laura Scott, Laura Whitten

Class of 2026: Stefanie Goodwillier, Marty Mauldin,
Brad Mayo, Kathy Neff, Nina Patrick

Class of 2027: Todd Abbott, Heather Harris,
Caroline McIntosh, Monte Ochs, Dee Walker

CHURCH STAFF

The Congregation	Ministers	Ext.
Rev. Barrett C. Milner	<i>Pastor</i> bmilnerfpc@gmail.com	3
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THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Nancy Warner, in celebration of a milestone birthday, by her son Mike and his family.

Wednesdays Together: Join us on Wednesday nights as we gather for food, faith, and fellowship! Dinner begins at 5:30 with programming starting at around 6. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Rick Balkin, Distinguished Professor & Chair of the Department of Leadership and Counselor Education in the School of Education. He will be leading us in a four-part exploration of forgiveness, based on his research and his own faith. The menu for October 22 will be chicken spaghetti, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and cheesecake. There will be a kids bar each week with various options for our youngest friends. Donations of \$5 per person with a maximum of \$20 per family welcomed. RSVP by marking the number of attendees on the friendship registries.

VIPs: Our VIP party for October will be a cookout at the church on October 23, starting at 11:00 am. We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, but we need volunteers to bring sides, condiments, and desserts. We will also need some folks to man the grill. The sign up genius will also be available on Facebook (First Presbyterian Church, Oxford MS is the Facebook page). If you do not have access to Facebook, please call the church office and let either Kate or Frances know what you plan to bring.

Youngish Adults: Mark your calendars for the third annual pig roast! It will be held on Saturday, October 25, at Drew and Corey Mauldin's home, from 3 - 6 pm. We are in need of help cook the hog. See Fast Facts to sign up!

Hallowed Hopewell: It's that time of year again! Hallowed Hopewell returns this year on October 26 from 5 - 7 pm. In order to make sure every trick-or-treater has a spooktacular experience, they are in need of candy donations! You may drop off your candy donations by the church office now until October 24. If you'd like to send the candy straight to Hopewell, check out Fast Facts for their Amazon wish list!

Church Picnic: Join us at Camp Hopewell on Sunday, November 9, for an afternoon of good food, great company, and lots of fun. The Membership & Hospitality team will take care of the main course — fried chicken (and chicken tenders for the kids!) — plus chips and sweet and unsweet tea. If your last name starts with A–Q, bring a side dish. If your last name starts with R–Z, bring a dessert. And don't forget... there will be prizes for the best side and dessert! There'll be plenty to do for all ages. It's going to be a great evening of food, laughter, and fellowship. We can't wait to see everyone there!

Mission Opportunities: FPC seeks to serve "the least of these." See Fast Facts or call the church office for more details on the following outreaches as well as other opportunities.

- **Lovepacks** is an in-school pantry that provides food for children in the Oxford and Lafayette County schools who experience hunger in their homes. For the month of October, chewy granola or protein bars are requested.
- FPC is organizing a mission trip to Rolling Fork, MS, **October 22-25**, to assist in the reconstruction of homes destroyed by the tornado there In 2023. No carpentry skills are required, thereby making all able-bodied adults eligible to volunteer! See Fast Fact for details.

October 26 is the final date available to decorate the sanctuary with flowers before Advent. To provide flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, contact Kate at the church office, 662-234-1757, or kohillfpc@gmail.com.

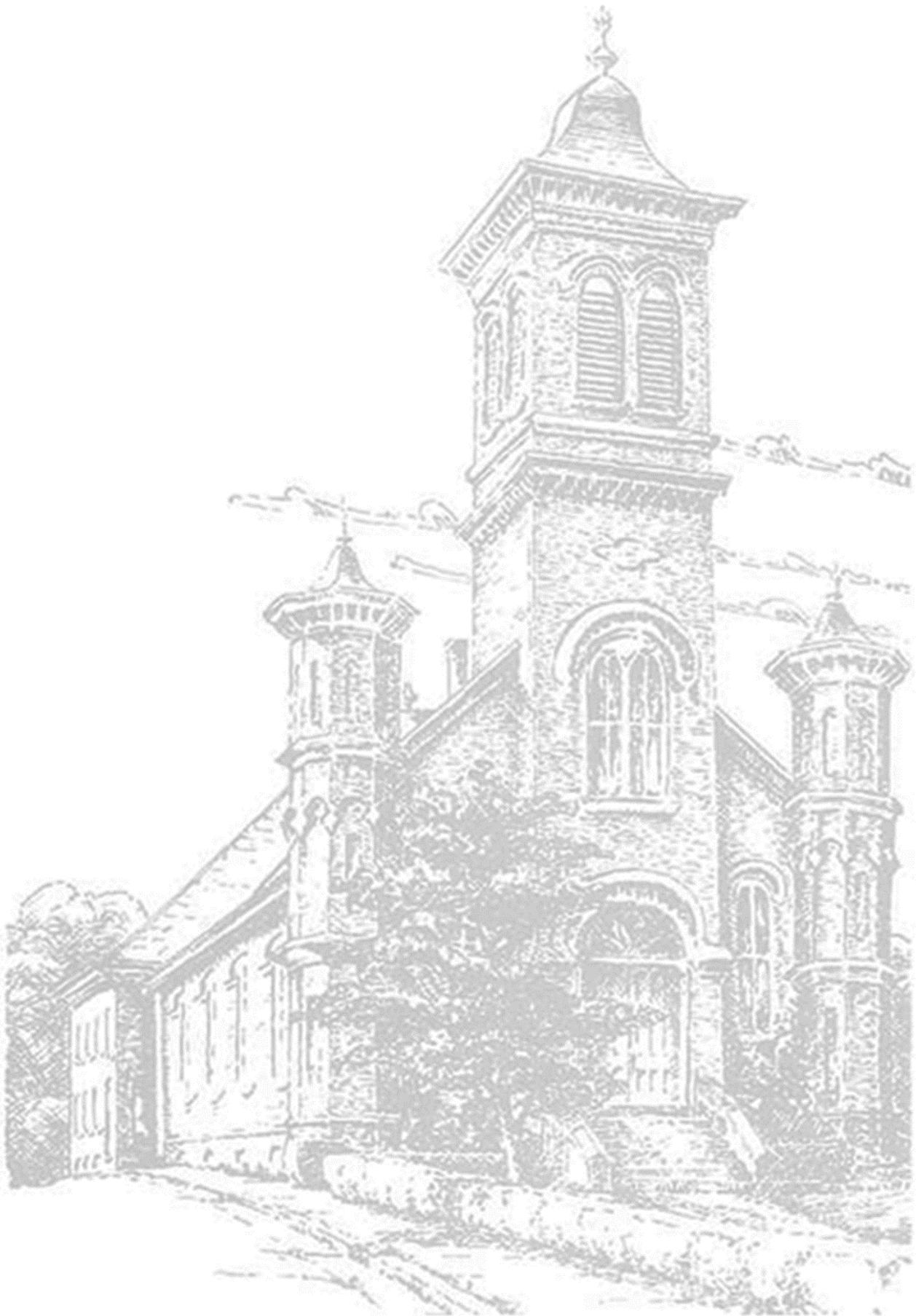
REMEMBER IN PRAYER

FPC Members: The Family of Max Williams; Vaughn Grisham; William Rogers; Carey Hanson; Katie Ochs; Lilly Bieden-harn; The Family of Pat Atkinson; Kay Tyler; Duke Goza; The Family of Corrine Cullen; The Family of Marjorie Selvidge; Keith Hayward; Tommy Smith; The Family of Randy Bolen; The Family and Friends of Margaret Buntin Burnett; Syd Shaw; Becky Murphey; Ann Dickins; Sarah, Cliff, and Sterlin Smith; Scottye Boone; Leon McCullouch

Family and Friends: Jhon Johnson; The Family of Ariadne Welch; Amy Kennedy; The Family of Craig Hayden; The Family of Pat Howard; The Family of Lisa Lockett; The Family of Lynda Grimes Ferris; Marshall Roberson; Lynessa Erler; The Family of Rev. Sam Marshall; The Family of Helen Dupree Brandon; Richard Bremer; Family of Elijah Crump; Helen Lockett; The Family of Bob Flautt; Minor Atkinson; Melissa Cribbs; Sarah & Brian LaPrade; Mike Flautt; Steve Mistilis; Sigrid Long; Eileen Cheney and Family; Thomas Hines; Olivia Flautt; Dr. Gladys Memnon and Friends in Bongnotte, Haiti; Doors of Hope Families; Lafayette County Detention Center inmates; Parchman Prison inmates; Haven House residents

U. S. Military: SSgt Jason Freeland, USAF 17th Special Tactics Squadron

*Please pray, too, for those with unspecified needs.
If you wish to have a name removed or added to this list, please contact the church office.*



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