

First Presbyterian Church  
*Energized by Grace*

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Trinity Sunday*

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

10:00 AM

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Lectionary Texts:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

*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.*



## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING — *Andante solenne* from *Six Variations on a Ground Bass*

Margaret Sandresky

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Holiness, Word, Power, you reveal yourself as one God in three persons, a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer who invites your creation to join you. Catch us up in your love and lead us into your world to call others to follow you with singing and rejoicing. Amen.*

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND PARISH LIFE

PRELUDE — *As the Wind Song*

Swee Hong Lim

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God. Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power to the world, as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God. As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God, making worlds that are new, making peace come true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the world, as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 104*

Mighty Wind, who danced over the deep and surveyed the shapeless void,  
**dance over us now and ready us for your creative purpose.**  
Divine Word, who commanded unruly chaos and called forth light and life,  
**call to us now and open us to new expressions of grace.**  
Eternal Artist, who formed us in your likeness and claimed us as kin,  
**Re-form and refine us to be bearers of your blessing.**  
Holy Trinity—Creator, Christ, Spirit—who gathered the primeval waters,  
**gather us in, then send us out, our voices echoing creation's song:**  
**How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

† HYMN 1 — Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

† CALL TO CONFESSION

Colton Turner

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, you send us to make disciples of all nations, but we focus our energies inward and shy away from sharing the good news in word and deed. You charge us to teach your commandments, but we struggle to obey them and neglect to model them for others. You assure us of your abiding presence, but we doubt this promise and disregard your Spirit, denying the power you give us to do your work. Forgive us, Lord, and renew us to be the church you created us to be. Wash us with your grace and commission us for service in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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.**

COMMISSIONING OF CAMP HOPEWELL SUMMER STAFF

Andrew Agnew	Emily Gambill	Maytte Leon Becerra	Alexandria Robertson
Annalee Bartels	Viridian Garson	Jude Morrell	Amelia Samples
Poppy Bowling	Claire Griffin	James Morrison	Abby Shoaf
Lilly Coggin	Eli Hathcote	Mason Myers	Colton Turner
Skye Dodge	Mary Carter Hitt	Emery Pitcock	Thaxton Van Every
Lily Downey	Caitlyn Howie	Georgia Pitcock	Damien Whittington
Tucker Dunlap	Ethan Lasseigne	Olivia Reynolds	Andrew Zona

*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

Alexandria Robertson

PSALTER READING: Psalm 8

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The Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION — *When the Poor Ones*

William Chadwick

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers, when the thirsty water bless upon us all,  
 When the crippled in their weakness strengthen others, then we know that God still goes that road with us.  
 When we pray, though no justice, we just keep praying, when we hope though even hope seems hopelessness,  
 When we love though sometimes hate seems all around us, then we know that God still goes that road with us.  
 When we seek peace and war no more and all are welcome for evermore,  
 then we'll come to the end of this journey, and we'll know in our hearts what heaven knows.  
 His eye is on the sparrow and he's with us on that road.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:16-20

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The Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON — "Room at the Table"

Rev. Barrett C. Milner

# 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 — *O lux beata Trinitas* (O Trinity of Blessed Light)

Amy Summers

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

**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 733 — We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

† 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:

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

POSTLUDE — *God of Grace*

arranged by Paul Manz

# 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 am** for the following ages: 6 weeks - 4 years. The nursery and pre-school rooms are located in the Education Building, first floor.

**UKIRK**, our college campus ministry, meets for dinner & Bible study on Wednesdays throughout the semester, and other events throughout the year. More information is available at [linktr.ee/ukirkofolemiss](http://linktr.ee/ukirkofolemiss) or on our Instagram [@ukirkofolemiss](https://www.instagram.com/ukirkofolemiss). All college students are welcome!

**The FPC prayer chain** is ready if you or someone you know is in need. Please contact Carlisle Wood at [carlislewood@gmail.com](mailto: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 library of the Education Building.

**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://fpcxford.net/giving/>)
- Enrolling in direct deposit of 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](mailto:fsaralvarezfpc@gmail.com), or call the church office.



ONLINE GIVING



PANTRY SIGN UP



WEEKLY FAST FACTS

## TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Proclaiming the Word*

Rev. Barrett C. Milner

*Liturgists*

Alexandria Robertson & Colton Turner (Camp Hopewell Staff)

*Organist*

Creighton R. Holder

*Ushers*

Rebecca Black

Ashley Callery

Ben Pettis

Hank Spragins

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, May 31

9:00 am Sunday School\*  
10:00 am Worship Service\*

## Monday, June 1

5:30 pm Mission Ministry Meeting

## Tuesday, June 2

6:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Bim Bam Burgers  
8:30 am FPC Volunteering @ The Pantry  
5:30 pm Diaconate

## Wednesday, June 3

8:30 am FPC Volunteering @ The Pantry

## Thursday, June 4

8:30 am FPC Volunteering @ The Pantry

## Sunday, June 7

10:00 am Worship Service\*

*\*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* - Irma Buchanan (2026)  
& Ashley Callery (2028)  
*Children & Youth Faith Formation* - Brynne Quick (2026)  
& Corey Mauldin (2027)  
*Clerk of Session* - Catherine Servati (2026)  
*Finance* - Richard DeVoe (2028)  
*Membership & Hospitality* - Matt Nielson (2026)  
& Angela Manley (2028)  
*Mission* - Laura Montgomery (2026)  
& Michael Portner (2028)  
*Personnel* - Al Ling (2027) & Trey Byars (2028)  
*Property* - Hank Spragins (2027) & Anne Doty (2028)

## DIACONATE

*Class of 2026:* Stefanie Goodwiller, Marty Mauldin,  
Brad Mayo, Kathy Neff, Nina Patrick  
  
*Class of 2027:* Heather Harris, Caroline McIntosh,  
Monte Ochs, Dee Walker (clerk)  
  
*Class of 2028:* Rebecca Black, Jessica Holder,  
Elizabeth Miers, Ben Pettis, Lisa Tollison (moderator)

# CHURCH STAFF

The Congregation  
Rev. Barrett C. Milner  
Creighton R. Holder  
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# THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

**The Session** has called a brief congregational meeting at the close of the worship today. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive the slate of names of those individuals selected by our Nominating Committee for service on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to affirm election via congregational vote. All are encouraged to attend.

**Sunday School:** Sunday school programming for all ages will take a pause during the summer. We will resume classes in September.

**Vacation Bible School:** Join us for Vacation Bible School July 21-24. All students PreK4 through rising 5th grade are welcome! The registration link is available on our website and in Fast Facts. We are in need of volunteers to help with VBS. If you would like to help out, please shoot Dave an email!

**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.

- Each June volunteers from FPC staff the **Pantry**. Stronger backs are needed Tuesday mornings to stock the shelves; all are invited to distribute groceries to clients on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. To sign up scan the QR code on the previous page, or call the church office, 662-234-1757.
- **In Good Order.** Need a helping hand? FPC volunteers are available to assist members who may need a little extra help with a yard project or light home repairs. If you would like assistance or know of someone who does, call the church office at 662-234-1757.
- **Memory Makers of Oxford** ([memorymakersoxford.org](http://memorymakersoxford.org)) is a respite day service for those with memory loss. They welcome donations of items on their wish list or volunteers to assist with programming. For more information call 662-234-3332.
- FPC has partnered with our sister church in Jagüey Grande, Cuba, to install a **Living Waters for the World** water purification system this November. The system consists of many parts--from a \$4 PVC valve to the \$1,000 ozonator. No contribution is too small (or large!). If you would like to participate, see Fast Facts for more information. Muchas gracias!

**Sanctuary Floral Arrangements** dates are available June 7, 14, and 28, and July 5, 12, 19, and 26. 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](mailto:kohillfpc@gmail.com). Contributions to the flower fund are greatly appreciated. If you want a particular date to provide flowers on a Sunday morning, please reserve that date in advance.

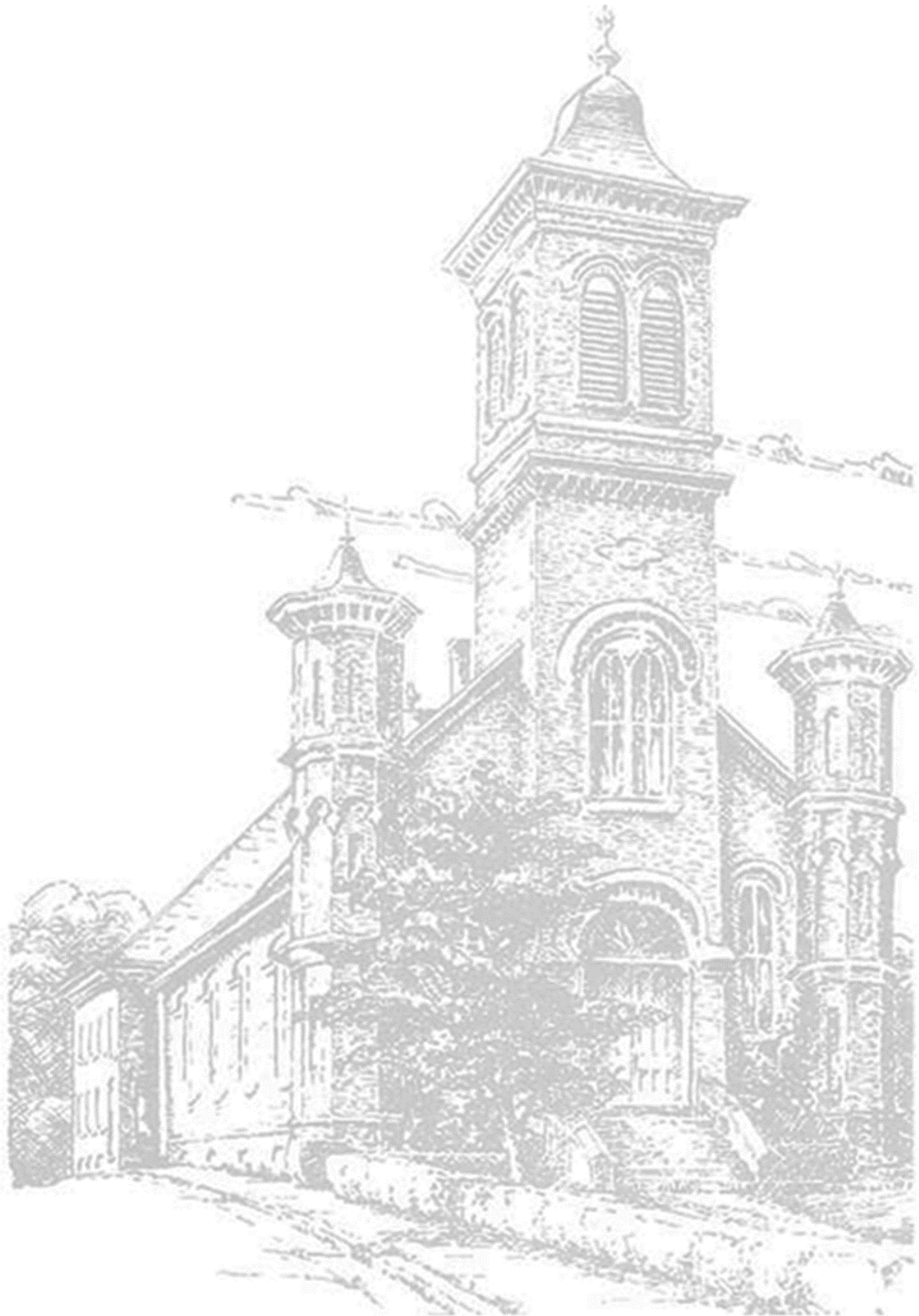
## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**FPC Members:** The Family of Richard Atkinson; David Flautt; The Family of Chad Russell (Jeannice Russell's son); Jane Henderson; The Family of Jim Gilbert; Larry Hadenfeld; The Family of Sarah Smith; The Family of Syd Shaw; Lee Borden; The Family of Max Williams; Vaughn Grisham; William Rogers; Carey Hanson; Lilly Biedenharn; Kay Tyler; Duke Goza; Keith Hayward; Tommy Smith; Becky Murphey; Ann Dickins; Scottye Boone; Leon McCullouch

**Family and Friends:** Beth Mitchell; Hannah Borden Miller; Ed Parker; bOur sister Presbyterian Church in Jagüey Grande, Cuba.; Clifford Cobb; The Family of Carolyn McClinton; Ray Balach; Ray Poole; The Family of Dan West (Emily Freeny); Fel Macias; Jhon Johnson; The Family of Ariadne Welch; Amy Kennedy; The Family of Craig Hayden; The Family of Pat Howard; The Family of Lynda Grimes Ferris; Marshall Roberson; Lynessa Erler; The Family of Helen Dupree Brandon; Richard Bremer; Helen Luckett; Minor Atkinson; Melissa Cribbs; 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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