FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Music at First

Oxford, Mississippi



2026·2027 SEASON

Performances & Services

Welcome

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new season of music at First Presbyterian Church, Oxford! A new year brings new sounds, new collaborations, and new opportunities to gather around the joy of music. Through *Music at First*, we invite our community to experience compelling performances in a beautiful sacred space, surrounded by instruments and acoustics that make each concert something special. Come as you are; there is a place for you here.

This season brings an exciting variety of music, artists, and experiences for listeners of every age and background. We seek to create meaningful musical encounters that honor creativity, celebrate the gifts of our performers, and strengthen our life together as a community. Your generosity allows us to keep these concerts free and open to all. Along with joining us throughout the season, we invite you to support the continuing work of *Music at First*. To make a gift, please contact the church office or visit our church website.

I cannot wait to welcome you this season!

Creighton Holder, Director of Music

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



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Overview

Unless otherwise indicated, all events will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Oxford

OCTOBER 11, 2026 | SUNDAY at 6:00 PM
COMMUNITY HYMN FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 25, 2026 | SUNDAY at 10:00 AM
KIRKIN' O' the TARTANS

OCTOBER 30, 2026 | FRIDAY at 7:00 PM
SILENT FILM with ORGAN

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | SUNDAY at 10:00 AM
ALL SAINTS' SERVICE

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 | SUNDAY at 6:00 PM
MUSIC at FIRST CONCERT SERIES

NOVEMBER 14, 2026 | SATURDAY at 10:00 AM
CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 2, 2026 | WEDNESDAY at 12:00 PM
GRACE NOTES ADVENT SERIES *Free luncheon to follow this concert*

DECEMBER 9, 2026 | WEDNESDAY at 12:00 PM
GRACE NOTES ADVENT SERIES *Free luncheon to follow this concert*

DECEMBER 9, 2026 | WEDNESDAY at 5:45 PM
CAROLING on the SQUARE

DECEMBER 16, 2026 | WEDNESDAY at 12:00 PM
GRACE NOTES ADVENT SERIES *Free luncheon to follow this concert*

DECEMBER 20, 2026 | SUNDAY at 6:00 PM
SERVICE of LESSONS and CAROLS

DECEMBER 24, 2026 | THURSDAY *Service times to be determined*
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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FEBRUARY 6, 2027 | SATURDAY at 10:00 AM
PEDALS, PIPES, and PIZZA

FEBRUARY 10, 2027 | WEDNESDAY at 6:00 PM
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

MARCH 3, 2027 | WEDNESDAY at 12:00 PM
MARCH 17, 2027 | WEDNESDAY at 12:00 PM
MARCH 24, 2027 | WEDNESDAY at 12:00 PM
LENTEN MUSIC REFLECTIONS

MARCH 25, 2027 | THURSDAY at 7:00 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY and SERVICE of TENEBRAE

MARCH 26, 2027 | FRIDAY at 12:00 PM
MUSIC on the SEVEN LAST WORDS of CHRIST

MARCH 28, 2027 | SUNDAY *Service times to be determined*
EASTER SERVICES

APRIL 2, 2027 | FRIDAY at 7:00 PM
MUSIC at FIRST CONCERT SERIES

APRIL 25, 2027 | SUNDAY at 1:00 PM
MUSIC at FIRST PIANO STUDIO RECITAL

MAY 4, 2027 | TUESDAY at 7:00 PM
MUSIC at FIRST CONCERT SERIES

MAY 16, 2027 | SUNDAY at 10:00 AM
PENTECOST SERVICE

MAY 20, 2027 | THURSDAY at 6:00 PM
MUSIC at FIRST CONCERT SERIES

All concerts and events are free of charge, and the public is warmly invited.
Organ performances are co-sponsored by the American Guild of Organists local chapter.

American Guild of
ORGANISTS
Oxford-University of
Mississippi Chapter

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Performances & Services



OCTOBER 11, 2026 | SUNDAY at 6:00 PM
Community Hymn Festival



OCTOBER 25, 2026 | SUNDAY at 10:00 AM
Kirkin' O' the Tartans Service

OCTOBER 30, 2026
FRIDAY at 7:00 PM
Silent Film *with* Organ

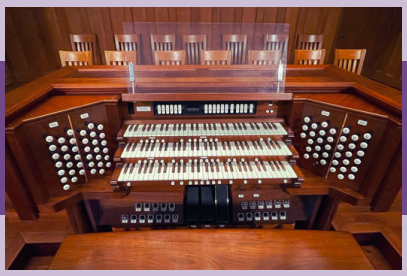




NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | SUNDAY at 10:00 AM
All Saints' Service
featuring the music of Jessica French



NOVEMBER 8, 2026 | SUNDAY at 6:00 PM
Mississippi Choral Artists
Ontarius Woodland, conductor



NOVEMBER 14, 2026
SATURDAY at 10:00 AM
Church Music Workshop
Presentations for Choral Conductors & Organists

FEBRUARY 6, 2027
SATURDAY at 10:00 AM
Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza
2nd Grade Youth and above

Kids from across our community will have the chance to learn all about the King of Instruments: the Pipe Organ! Explore local organs around Oxford, examine their inner workings, and play them!

Lunch will be provided





APRIL 2, 2027 | FRIDAY at 7:00 PM
Gautier High School Choirs
Sylvalia Brown, conductor



APRIL 25, 2027 | SUNDAY at 1:00 PM
Music at First Piano Studio Recital
Students of Creighton Holder & Saviour Sallah



MAY 4, 2027 | TUESDAY at 7:00 PM
The McCain Duo *with* Creighton Holder, organ
Featuring the music of Florence Price



MAY 20, 2027 | THURSDAY at 7:00 PM
Julie McClarey, piano

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First Presbyterian Church, Oxford MS

GRACE NOTES
Advent Series

WEDNESDAYS at 12:00 PM
Free luncheon to follow



DECEMBER 2, 2026
New Oxford Ensemble



DECEMBER 9, 2026
Cecil Price Walden, piano



DECEMBER 16, 2026
Oxford High School Concert Choir
Thomas Ardrey, conductor

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Christmas Services



Service of Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 20, 2026 | SUNDAY at 6:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir & Guest Strings

Works by Gwyneth Walker, Sally Ann Morris, Elaine Hagenberg, Ruth Elaine Schram, Rosephanye Powell, Karen Marrolli, Melanie DeMore, Jessica Nelson, Katherine Webb, Heather Sorenson, and Brenda Portman

Childcare provided

Lenten Reflections

WEDNESDAYS at 12:00 PM



MARCH 3, 2027
Adrienne Park, piano



MARCH 17, 2027
John Schuesselin, trumpet



MARCH 24, 2027
Austin Smith, oboe



Musical Reflections

on the SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

GOOD FRIDAY | March 26 | 12:00 pm

Join us during Lent for self-guided
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Created by members of First Presbyterian Church

Located in the art gallery hall, this setting will offer space for solitude and meditation as we journey to the cross.

Available all business and worship hours.



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Easter Services



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