



CHILDREN'S SABBATH • SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

A Service for the Worship of God | 10:45am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us worship God.

CHIMES

PRELUDE.....*Morning Prayer*.....Peter Tchaikovsky

INTROIT.....*Sing to the Lord a New Song*.....Marilyn Vandergrift

The Children's Choir – Dr. Dan Gibbs, conductor

*Sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord a new song;
Serve him with gladness, with hymns and with singing,
O sing to the Lord a new song.*

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Higgins Dickson

We come into God's presence singing:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

We come into God's presence singing:

Jesus is Lord.

We praise the Lord together singing:

Worthy is the Lamb.

We praise the Lord together singing:

Glory to God.

† **HYMN, No. 413***Come into God's Presence*.....COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO CONFESSION.....Charlotte Sugar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
you call us not only to speak of faith,
but to live it with honesty and obedience,
yet we confess
that we do not always do your will.
We say yes with our lips
while our hearts remain distant.
We hide behind appearances,
defend ourselves too quickly,
and resist the repentance
that would make us new.
We judge others by what they have been
and forget the power of your grace
to turn lives around.
Forgive us.
Give us truthful hearts,
humble spirits,
and lives that bear the fruit of repentance;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)

RESPONSE.....*God is Forgiveness*.....Taizé chant

*God is forgiveness. Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness. Love and do not fear.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS.....Ivy Edmiston

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous! Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI.....*Glory Be to the Father*.....MEINEKE

*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.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE.....Ivy Edmiston

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN.....Holly Guy

Children: God be with you as you stay.

Congregation: God be with you as you go.

At this time young children may go to Extended Session in the CE Building. There is no Worship Center this morning.

RESPONSE, No. 157.....*I Danced in the Morning*.....LORD OF THE DANCE

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anna-Kate Wolf

FIRST READING

Philippians 2:1-13

Pew Bible, page 186 | Large Print, page 240

Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND READING

Matthew 21:23-32

Pew Bible, page 22 | Large Print, page 28

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON.....Rev. Brent Anderson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

† HYMN, No. 439.....*O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*.....STUTTGART

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed.....Maddie Steele

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.

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Caroline Guy

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.

OFFERTORY.....*Now Let Me Fly*.....Traditional spiritual
A Shaker Celebration.....Z. Randall Stroope
The Youth Choir

<i>Now let me fly way up high,</i>	<i>I got a father in the promised land;</i>
<i>Way in the middle of the air.</i>	<i>Ain't gonna stop till I shake his hand.</i>
<i>Way down yonder in the middle of the field,</i>	<i>Not so partic'lar 'bout shakin' his hand,</i>
<i>Angel workin' on the chariot wheel.</i>	<i>But I just want to go to the promised land.</i>
<i>Not so partic'lar 'bout workin' at the wheel,</i>	<i>Hallelujah, hallelujah!</i>
<i>But I just want to see how the chariot feels.</i>	<i>Hallelujah, come rejoice!</i>
<i>I got a mother in the promised land;</i>	<i>Join in dancing, join in singing!</i>
<i>Ain't gonna stop till I shake her hand.</i>	<i>Beat the drum loudly and join in song!</i>
<i>Not so partic'lar 'bout shakin' her hand,</i>	<i>Celebrate this day! Come without delay.</i>
<i>But I just want to go to the promised land.</i>	<i>Ring the bells, proclaim the news! Hallelujah!</i>

† DOXOLOGY, No. 607.....OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....David Guy

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

† HYMN, No. 644.....*Give Thanks, O Christian People*.....ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE, No. 80.....*You Shall Go Out with Joy*.....THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
The trees of the field will clap their hands;
The trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.*

† POSTLUDE.....*Musette*.....J. S. Bach

† *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Lankford Gill,
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Griffey, Jr., by the Griffey and Ogden families.*

Ushers: Susan Laverigne, David Richardson, Brandy Williams, Michael Williams, Holly Guy, Sammy Guy,
Mary Anne Selber, Mac Buhler

WORSHIP NOTES

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance sheet.

WE WARMLY WELCOME CHILDREN as a vital part of our worshipping community! We understand that every family is different, and we strive to support each one in the way that fits them best. Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary during worship, and we offer worship bags and children's Bibles to help engage them in meaningful ways. In addition, a comfort room is located on the same floor as the sanctuary, equipped with a TV monitor so you can watch the service while caring for your child.

ALMS BAGS AVAILABLE: feel free to pick up Alms Bags by the Sanctuary doors and Welcome desk to give to those in need. Our youth put them together at VBS and finished the job during the youth gathering with pocket crosses and notes.

PRAYER LIST

FOR HEALING, PEACE, AND COMFORT:

Martha Fitch, Joy Young, Zama Dexter, Jean Sayres, Erika Asseff, Stephen Roberts,
Josh Kilpatrick, Susie Nunnally, Ken Copeland, Jan Melton, Jerry Sayres, Robert Raymond,
Frank Dodson, Gray Teekell, Garland Guth, Jay Meyers, Mary Teekell, Karen Snow, Jeri and Jimmy Latham

Please keep the church staff updated on those who are listed.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Mary Blackman and family, Glenn Jackson, family of Jean Carroll, Amy Bowman and family,
Susan Laverigne and family, Brian Carberry and family, Mary Bush and family, Mary Jane Lowder and family,
Bob Neff and family, Pam Naifeh and family, the Jackson family, the Mendenhall family,
the Day and Grantham families, family and friends of Ella Rigdon, family and friends of Nita Cawthon,
Marion Avery and family, John Gladney and family, Eric Gnann and family,
Bree, Evie, and William Giddens and family, friends of Robert Stuart, family of Marian Grimes,
family and friends of Ann Robinson

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING:

Ryan Markham, U.S. Navy; Jennifer Markham, U.S. Navy; Reed Markham, U.S. Army;
Evan Akers, U.S. Army; Josh Freidel, U.S. Navy; Evan Richey, U.S. Navy

WEEKLY LINK – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 27

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – Children’s Sabbath Worship Service –Sanctuary & Live Streamed on the Website:

<https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and Facebook Page

Evangelism Reception after Worship – Dining Room

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Gym

MONDAY, September 28

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, September 29

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

5:30 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

5:30 p.m. – Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY, September 30

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - FPDS

12:00 p.m. – Midday Service – Sanctuary & Live Streamed on <https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and Facebook Page

6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting – Session Room

THURSDAY, October 1

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

5:15 p.m. – Youth Committee – Conference Room

6:15 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

FRIDAY, October 2

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Gym

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. – AA

SUNDAY, October 4

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir Rehearsal – CE Building

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service – In-Person – Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website:

<https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and First Presbyterian Facebook Page

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Gym

6:00 p.m. – Young Adults – Media Room

CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Brent Anderson	Transitional Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Dr. Hollice S. Watson	Organist/Choir Director
Ginger Garfield	Church Administrator
Kathy Booth	Director of First Presbyterian Day School
Susan W. Abney	Communications Director
Ginny Faeth	Youth Director
Warner Grantham	Youth Assistant
Tanna McAteer	Church Secretary
Lona L. Lockard	Staff Secretary
Jeff A. McKenzie	Sexton/Maintenance Coordinator
Sheri Rowell	Kitchen Coordinator
Jacob Dickson	Commissioned Pastor for Care and Connection
Gayle Voltz	Financial Assistant

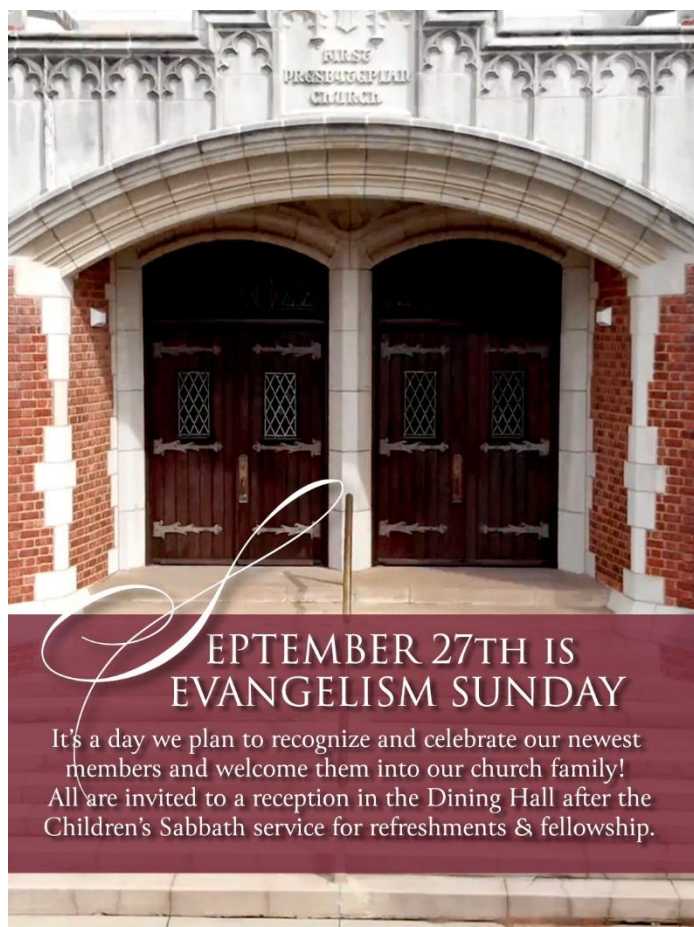
SESSION COMMITTEE MODERATORS:

Calvin Head	Administration
Gene Hodgson	Church Facilities
Simone Hennessee	Stewardship
Marion Avery	Congregational Life
Deb Baragona	Welcome Committee
Piper Moritz	Adult Ministries
Charlotte Sonnenfeld	Youth Committee
Brantley Hodges	Children's Committee
Paul Dickson, Sr.	Worship Committee
Linda Blanchard	Outreach Committee
David Oliver	Finance Committee
Liz Laborde	Strategic Funding Committee
Anne Jenkins	Clerk of Session

DEACON & PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MODERATORS:

Theresa Dyer	Board of Deacons
Mary Bush	Presbyterian Women

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



LET'S GATHER TOGETHER!
*Gather together for rest... Gather together for renewal...
Gather together as Christ's One Body.*

Ferncliff Church Retreat
Oct 16-18 | Little Rock, Arkansas
Cost \$75/person (\$300 family cap)
Children 5 and under are free!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED
to **Sunday, Sept 27th!**
Payment due at deadline date


**SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER**

Or register online at: fpcshreveport.org
click on homepage slider image for Ferncliff Retreat



**LET YOUR
LIGHT SHINE**

**HOSPITALITY
THAT GLOWS**

Hospitality begins with presence. Someone in your life may simply need an invitation, a conversation, or a reminder that they are not alone. Ask God to show you who needs His welcoming light this week.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it."

HEBREWS 13:2

REFLECTION:
*Who is God inviting me
to welcome today?*



MEAL PACKAGING EVENT



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability

We invite everyone at FPC – families, adults, children and youth – to come together after worship for a light lunch and a Meal-Packaging Event

**Oct 11th
in the gym**

As a volunteer, you'll work side-by-side with FPC friends to package meals. Volunteers of all ages & abilities welcome!

