



A Service for the Worship of God | Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 10:45am
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost / Reformation Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE..... *Toccata in D Minor*..... J. S. Bach

INTROIT..... *Love God with All Your Soul and Strength*..... Richard Farrant
The Sanctuary Choir

*Love God with all your soul and strength,
With all your heart and mind;*

*Love your neighbor as yourself,
Be faithful, just, and kind.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.

We come to worship the God who is worthy of our whole life.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

We come to be shaped by the love that fulfills the law.

Christ is both David's son and David's Lord.

We come to honor the One whose wisdom and authority lead us in truth.

Let us worship God,

who calls us to love and leads us in life.

† HYMN, No. 620..... *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*..... LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
you have called us
to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves,
yet we confess
that our love is not yet whole.
Our hearts are divided.
Our attention is scattered.
Our compassion is often thin.
We love what is easy
more than what is faithful.
We neglect neighbors in need,
withhold mercy,
and resist the claim your love makes upon our lives.
Forgive us.
Gather our hearts back to you.
Renew our love for one another.
And shape us by the wisdom and lordship of Christ,
that we may live in truth, mercy, and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)

RESPONSE, No. 377.....*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*.....HOUSTON

<i>I want to walk as a child of the light.</i>	<i>In him there is no darkness at all.</i>
<i>I want to follow Jesus.</i>	<i>The night and the day are both alike.</i>
<i>God set the stars to give light to the world.</i>	<i>The Lamb is the light of the city of God.</i>
<i>The star of my life is Jesus.</i>	<i>Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.</i>

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

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.

Children may exit at this time. Parents of children ages 3 years and younger may take their children to the CE Building for Extended Session. Children 4 years old through first grade may exit for Worship Center on the third floor, Room 322.

RESPONSE.....*This Little Light of Mine*.....LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Pew Bible, page 102 | Large Print, page 132

Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:34-46

Pew Bible, page 24 | Large Print, page 30

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

SERMON.....Ginny Faeth
Youth Director

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

† HYMN, No. 62.....*Love the Lord Your God*.....GREAT COMMANDMENT

To be sung three times: 1) Choir; 2-3) Choir and Congregation

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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.

OFFERTORY.....*Love Ye the Lord*.....George F. Handel
David Mejía, tenor

Love ye the Lord, for his great mercy,

And will deliver your souls, and give you peace.

And loving kindness to all his saints.

Love ye the Lord, and he will deliver you

Love ye the Lord, for he is gracious,

From all fear, and give you rest to your souls.

† 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

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

† HYMN, No. 63.....*The Lord is God*.....AZMON

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE, No. 673.....*Jesus, Light of Joy*.....LAUDA ANIMA

Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let your splendid glory shine:

Source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign.

Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.

† POSTLUDE.....*Reformation Chorale Prelude: A Mighty Fortress*.....Johann G. Walther

The session has called for a **Congregational Meeting immediately following worship for the purpose of electing church officers. The slate of officers is listed under **Worship Notes**.

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert C. Martin, Jr., Sabra Brown Martin, Deborah Martin Cole, Pastor Otto C. Schuetze, Helen Watkins Schuetze, and Pastor Lowell E. Schuetze by Paul and Maggie Schuetze.

Liturgist: Hannah Lawrence

Ushers: Mark Williamson, Laura Williamson, Denise Burnham, Lindy Jackson, Kris Jackson

Worship Center: Melanie Rogers, Barbara Meyers

Acolytes: Caroline Guy, David Guy

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 worshiping 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.

THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR CLASS OF 2029

Ruling Elders: John Frierson, Rob Ajluni, Betty Henderson, Linda Blanchard, Neil Erwin, Hadley Jackson – Youth Elder

Deacons: Ivy Frierson, Pam Dethloff, Liz Buhler, Beverly Dickson, Lauren Gnann, Emma McCulloch, Minou Fritze, Shannon Butler Green

Trustees: Archer Frierson, Calvin Head, Robin Jones

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, 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 Lavergne 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 OCTOBER 25, 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, October 25

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

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

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

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

6:00 p.m. – Young Adults – Media Room

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group - Gym

MONDAY, October 26

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, October 27

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

1:00 p.m. – Church Administration Meeting – Conference Room

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

WEDNESDAY, October 28

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - FPDS

12:00 p.m. – Midday Service – Sanctuary & Live Streamed on Website:

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

1:00 p.m. – Caregivers Meeting – PW Suite

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

THURSDAY, October 29

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

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

FRIDAY, October 30

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. – AA

SATURDAY, October 31

9:00 a.m. – Church Work Day

SUNDAY, November 1

9:15 a.m. – Children's Choir – 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

Reception After Worship to Welcome Judy Matetzschk-Campbell – Dining Room

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

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 Education Committee
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



Church Work Day!

SATURDAY, OCT 31
START TIME @ 9:00AM...

**All Ages are Welcome
to help with projects!**

HOW TO HELP:
Wear comfortable clothes! Bring garden tools (rakes, shovels, gloves) and painting supplies (drop cloths, sand paper, brushes).
WE ALWAYS NEED MORE LADDERS AND WHEELBARROWS!

Please call the church if you are participating!
318.222.0604
ALL AGES WELCOME!

WELCOME RECEPTION

for
JUDY MATETZSCHK-CAMPBELL
DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

*Meet Judy at a reception
on Sunday, November 1st
following worship in
the Dining Hall!*

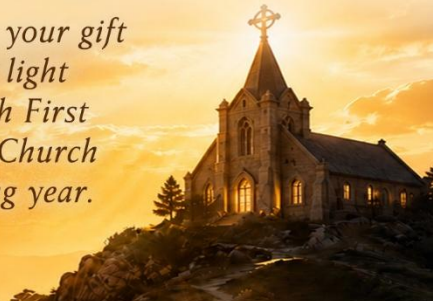


LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

TOGETHER OUR LIGHT
SHINES BRIGHTER

Today we consider our commitments as an act of worship and gratitude. Every pledge is more than a financial promise—it is a declaration of trust in God's faithfulness and an investment in the mission Christ has entrusted to our congregation

CHALLENGE:
*Ask God to use your gift
to help His light
shine through First
Presbyterian Church
in the coming year.*



ADULT DAY TRIP

THURSDAY, NOV 5th
DEPART AT @ 10:00am

**Tour of the Shreveport Water
Works Museum & Lunch
following the tour at Glass Hat Cafe**

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

Cost is \$10 • RSVP to Church Office or email Tanna:
318-222-0604 or tmcateer@fpcshreveport.com
Some members may have to follow in their vehicles.

