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A Service for the Worship of God | Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 10:45am

Twenty-fourth 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 *Wake, Awake! The Night is Flying!* Marcel Dupré

INTROIT *Wait for the Lord* Taizé chant

The Sanctuary Choir

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Keep awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
We come to worship the God who calls us to faithful readiness.

The bridegroom may seem delayed,
yet God's promise does not fail.

Wisdom prepares with patient hope.
We come to seek the grace to wait faithfully.

Let us worship God,
who keeps us watchful in hope and steadfast in love.

† HYMN, No. 362 *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* LLANGLOFFAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Watchful God,
you call us to live in wisdom, hope, and readiness,
yet we confess
that we are often careless with the life of faith.
We drift into distraction.
We neglect the practices that keep our hearts alive to you.
We grow impatient in waiting
and weary in hope.
We live as though your promise
were distant or uncertain,
instead of trusting
that your kingdom is surely coming.
Forgive us.
Awaken us again to your presence.
Fill our lamps with the oil of faith, hope, and love.
And teach us to wait for Christ
with patience, wisdom, 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 want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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 ..... Betty Henderson

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 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Pew Bible, page 205 | Large Print, page 267
Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND READING Matthew 25:1-13
Pew Bible, page 26 | Large Print, page 34
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. 350 ..... *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* ..... KEEP YOUR LAMPS

† 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* Traditional American
The Sanctuary Choir arr. Max V. Exner

Give me oil in my lamp,
Keep it burnin', burnin', burnin'.
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
(Hallelujah!) Burnin' till the break of day.
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna to the King!
There's no oil in my lamp,
For its burnin', burnin', burnin'.
There's no oil in my lamp of clay.
Burnin' till the break of day.
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna to the King!
We have oil in our lamps,
Keep them burnin', burnin', burnin'.
We have oil that will light our way.
(Hallelujah!) Burnin' till the break of day.
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna to the King!

† 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. 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE, No. 853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God* SIYAHAMBA

We are marching in the light of God;
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching - oooo,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching - oooo,
We are marching in the light of God.

† POSTLUDE *Wake, Awake! The Night is Flying* Johann Gottfried Walther

† *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of D. Thomason.

Liturgist: James Moritz
Ushers: Robin Jones, Cabot Clarke, Dick Bush, Mary Anne Selber, Simone Hennessee, Susan Lavergne
Worship Center: Anna Gnann, Brantley Hodges

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT
Sandra "Susie" Nunnally – October 29, 2026

We express sincere sympathy to the family and friends in the death of Susie Nunnally on October 29, 2026, and we rejoice with them in the assurance of resurrection.

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.

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, 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, family and friends of Susie Nunnally, family and friends of Frank Dodson

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 NOVEMBER 8, 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, November 8
9:15 a.m. – Children's Choir – CE Building
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service – Sanctuary & Live Streamed on the Website:
https:/www.fpcshreveport.org and Facebook Page
Fall Festival After Worship in the Gym and Legacy Green
5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room
5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room
6:00 p.m. – Young Adults – Media Room

MONDAY, November 9
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
10:30 a.m. – Circle 7 – PW Suite
12:00 p.m. – AA
12:00 p.m. – Circle 5 – PW Suite

TUESDAY, November 10
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
5:30 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, November 11
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

THURSDAY, November 12
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
5:15 p.m. – Highland Blessing Dinner
6:15 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

FRIDAY, November 13
10:00 a.m. – Tower Art
11:00 a.m. – Memorial Service for Susie Nunnally - Chapel
12:00 p.m. – AA
12:00 p.m. – Senior Game Day – PW Suite

SUNDAY, November 15
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
5:00 p.m. – Club 345 - Gym
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

CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Brent Anderson	Transitional Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Judy M. Campbell	Director of Congregational Ministries
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

First Presbyterian Church

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, Nov 8th

after worship in the Gym & Legacy Green!

YARD GAMES * CAKEWALK
CRAFTS * FOOD AND FUN FOR ALL

Wear casual clothing to worship to be comfortable at the festival!
Bring a blanket if you want to picnic.

Cake donations can be dropped off before worship in the gym.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

A GRATEFUL HEART SHINES BRIGHTLY

A grateful heart recognizes God's blessings and responds with joy. As we prepare for Commitment Sunday, take time each day to thank God for His faithfulness and prayerfully consider how your commitment can help Christ's light continue to shine through our church.

GRATITUDE CHALLENGE:

Each day this week, write down three blessings for which you are thankful and offer a prayer of thanks.

A Single-Show Matinee Event You Don't Want to Miss!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 · 2:30 PM
Robinson Film Center
617 Texas Street

Five Black students rode a segregated carousel in 1960, igniting one of the earliest organized interracial civil rights protests in U.S. history. *AIN'T NO BACK TO A MERRY-GO-ROUND* is the untold story of the Jews they marched with, Nazis they provoked, Congressmen they inspired, and Civil Rights leaders they became. 89 minutes

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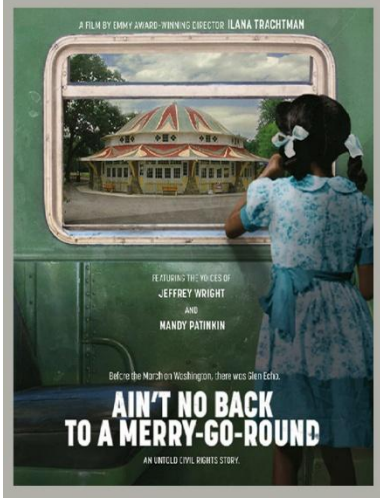

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LEARN MORE AND BUY TICKETS AT:
RobinsonFilmCenter.org

Steps of Gratitude

A New Walking Ministry

Let's walk, talk, and get to know each other while we count our blessings!

WALKING DAYS/TIMES:
1:00pm Tuesdays and 5:15pm Thursdays starting on Tuesday, November 17th



You have voted and we have chosen two weekly walks for our walking ministry. Bundle up, meet on the Legacy Green (except in rain & ice) and we can count our blessings together!

Please email Judy to let her know when to expect you:
JCampbell@fpcshreveport.com