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A Service for the Worship of God | Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 10:45am

Twenty-fifth 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 ..... *March in D* ..... J. S. Bach

INTROIT ..... *Make a Joyful Noise* ..... Rosemary Hadler

The Children's Choirs – Dan Gibbs, conductor

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands,
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come into his presence with singing,
And know that the Lord is God.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
And bless his name.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands,
And bless his name!

† CALL TO WORSHIP

All that we have comes from the generosity of God.
We come to worship the Giver of every good gift.

God entrusts us with much and calls us to faithful living.
We come to offer ourselves in gratitude and service.

Christ summons us not to fearful hiding, but to courageous faithfulness.
We come to seek wisdom, trust, and joy in the work God gives us.

Let us worship God,
who entrusts, equips, and calls us into faithful stewardship.

† HYMN, No. 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Accompanied by The Jordan Street Ringers

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God,
you have entrusted us
with gifts, opportunities, and responsibilities,
yet we confess
that we often live more from fear
than from faith.
We hide what you have given.
We cling to safety
instead of trusting your call.
We underestimate the gifts of others
and neglect the work set before us.
We forget that all we have
belongs first to you.
Forgive us.
Free us from paralyzing fear.
Teach us courageous stewardship,
joyful service,
and faithful trust in your abundant grace;
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 Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Pew Bible, page 824 | Large Print, page 1070

Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND READING Matthew 25:14-30

Pew Bible, page 27 | 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. 707 ..... *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* ..... HALL

† 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 AND COMMITMENT CARDS

Today, you are invited to bring your regular offering and 2027 commitment card forward, placing your offering in the plates and your commitment card in the baskets on the communion table. If you have already submitted your pledge, you may use a card from the pew rack and check the box indicating that you have already made your pledge. Ushers will be stationed at the base of the chancel stairs to receive offerings and commitment cards from those who prefer not to climb the stairs. If you have difficulty coming forward or prefer to remain seated, simply raise your hand, and an usher will come to you to receive your offering or commitment card. Whether you come forward, remain seated, or give electronically, all are equally welcome to participate in this act of gratitude and dedication.

OFFERTORY ..... *My Song Shall Be Alway of the Loving-Kindness* ..... Godfrey Sampson

The Sanctuary Choir

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
With my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth,
From one generation to another.

† 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. 697 ..... *Take My Life* ..... HENDON

Accompanied by The Jordan Street Ringers

† 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 - oooo,***
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 in the light of God.***

† POSTLUDE *Allegro* G. F. Handel

† *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren by Barbara and Jay Meyers.

Liturgist: Simone Hennessee
Ushers: Robin Jones, Al Ogden, Cabot Clarke, Mary Anne Selber
Worship Center: Anna Gnann, Barbara Meyers

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, Ken Copeland, Jan Melton, Jerry Sayres, Robert Raymond, Gray Teekell, Garland Guth, Karen Snow, Jeri and Jimmy Latham, Jo Linn Burt, Dudley Glenn

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 15, 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 15
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
2:30 p.m. – University/North Louisiana Jewish Federation Film Event – Robinson Film Center
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. – Youth Group - Gym
6:00 p.m. – Young Adults – Media Room

MONDAY, November 16
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, November 17
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
5:00 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting – PW Suite
5:30 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, November 18
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
6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting – Gym
6:00 p.m. – Deacon Meeting – Session Room

THURSDAY, November 19
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
5:15 p.m. – Steps of Gratitude: A New Walking Ministry – Legacy Green
6:15 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

FRIDAY, November 20
10:00 a.m. – Tower Art
12:00 p.m. – AA
12:00 p.m. – Senior Game Day - Gym

SUNDAY, November 22
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
Hanging Of The Greens after Worship - Sanctuary

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

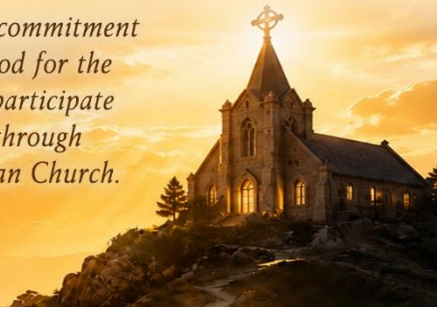
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

GRATITUDE BECOMES COMMITMENT

Today we dedicate our commitments with grateful hearts. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Together, our gifts become ministry, hope, and the light of Christ for others.

REFLECTION:

As you offer your commitment today, thank God for the opportunity to participate in His work through First Presbyterian Church.



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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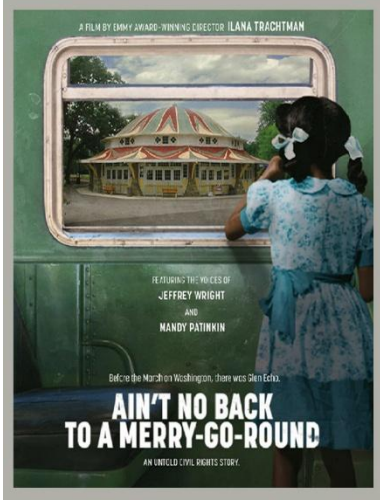
A Community Initiative Convened by:



North Louisiana Jewish Federation
University of First Presbyterian

and supported by:
THE RUTH HERRING NOEL ENDOWED CHAIR, LSUS

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 Thursday, November 19th



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

SUNDAY, NOV. 22
after worship

HANGING of the GREENS

Families with children are invited to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons!
Lunch and drinks provided.
All Ages Welcome!

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT