



A Service for the Worship of God | August 17, 2025 |
10:45am
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHIMES

PRELUDE.....*Lento molto*.....Dom Paul Benoit

INTROIT.....*O Hear Our Cry, O Lord*.....VINEYARD HAVEN
The Sanctuary Choir

O hear our cry, O Lord;
Now hear us as we pray.
You guide us as a shepherd leads,
So keep us in your way.
O come; Lord, come;
Restore and save us now.

O Lord, our God, return;
Bring peace into each home.
So let your face shine on us all;
Restore us as your own.
O come; Lord, come;
Restore and save us now.

†CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

Stir up your might and come to save us!

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;
It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

†HYMN, No. 687*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*.....ST. ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)

RESPONSE, No. 466*Come and Fill Our Hearts*.....CONFITEMINI DOMINO
(To be sung twice)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy. Alleluia!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†ACT OF PRAISE*Gloria Patri*.....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

Greet one another saying: **"The peace of Christ be with you."**
Respond by saying: **"And also with you."**

THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDRENTeacher/Volunteer Commissioning

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, Room CE 103. Children 4 years old through first grade may exit for Worship Center on the third floor, Room 322.

RESPONSE, No. 832.....*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*.....KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

Refrain: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.	It is not the work of my hands
He's the solid rock of my life.	That has washed away all my sins.
He's the solid rock of my life.	I'm redeemed, and all of my days,
He's the solid rock of my life.	Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. (<i>Refrain</i>)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING.....Isaiah 5:1-7

Pew Bible, page 596 | Large Print, page 776

Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 12:49-56

Pew Bible, page 71 | Large Print, page 92

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....*Why is God So Angry?*.....Rev. James Giddens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

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.

†HYMN, No. 100.....*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*.....STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY.....*O Jesus, I Have Promised*.....LLANFYLLIN

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Myron D. Casner

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.

Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
Now speak, and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
That where you are in glory, your servant shall be too.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend. Amen.

†**DOXOLOGY, No. 608**.....PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

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

†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

†**HYMN, No. 846**.....*Fight the Good Fight*.....DUKE STREET

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

†**RESPONSE**.....*Through the Love of God Our Savior*.....Welsh traditional melody

**Through the love of God our Savior,
All will be well;
Free and changeless is his favor;
All must be well;
Precious is the love that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All, all is well.**

**We expect a bright tomorrow,
All will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All must be well;
While his truth we are applying,
And upon his love relying,
God is every need supplying.
All, all is well.**

†**POSTLUDE**.....*Trumpet in Dialogue*.....Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

† *Worshipers standing if able*

*The flowers today are given in thanksgiving to God for Shelby Guilbert's life
by his family.*

Liturgist: Paul Dickson, Sr.

Worship Center: Anna Gnann, Brantley Hodges

Acolytes: Charlotte and Trey Sugar

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT
Jean Shannon Elder Carroll - August 7, 2025

*We express sincere sympathy to the friends and family of Jean Carroll
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.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children elementary age and younger. Inside each bag a variety of worship aids can be found to help children participate fully in worship, including bookmarks, children's bulletins, crayons, pencils, and more! Worship Bags can be found in the narthex and at the front entrances of the sanctuary. Please return them at the end of the service. Children's Bibles are also available for children's use during worship.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP! Childcare is provided if needed. The Infant and Toddler nursery is found in CE 106 & 108. Children ages 3 years and younger may go to the CE building for Extended Session, Room CE 103. A comfort and cry room is located on the same floor as the sanctuary, behind the gathering area, around the corner and down the hall from the elevators. The cry room is equipped with a speaker, so you will be able to hear the worship service while there.

WE WELCOME Rev. James Giddens as our guest preacher today, although James is hardly a stranger to this church. He grew up at First Presbyterian and was ordained in the church in 1996. He attended McCormick Seminary in Chicago and currently serves the Keatchie Presbyterian Church. James is a full-time VA psychologist at Overton-Brooks where he has served for 11 years. He is also a retired army lieutenant colonel, having served as a chaplain and psychologist. He deployed four times, twice to Iraq and twice to Afghanistan. James has been married to Claudia for 33 years, and they have two sons, Ethan and James.

WE EXPRESS SINCERE SYMPATHY to Glenn Jackson on the death of his longstanding companion and friend, Richard Chaney of Shreveport, who died on Friday, August 1, 2025, and we rejoice with him in the assurance of resurrection.

PRAYER LIST - FOR HEALING, PEACE, AND COMFORT:

Martha Fitch, Mary Ann Shaw, Joy Young, Zama Dexter, Jean and Jerry Sayres,
Jean Mendenhall, Leigh Taylor, Erika Asseff, Stephen Roberts, Josh Kilpatrick, Susie Nunnally,
Ken Copeland, Lorna Rodman, Michael Avery, Charlotte Sonnenfeld,
Phillip Ponder, Gordon Blanchard, Rocky Laha

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

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Mary Blackman and family, Cheryl Marshall and family, Patti Shelton and family,
family and friends of Bettye Leslie, Cindy and Les Morgan and family, Bill Sniffen and family,
family of Marilyn Gallagher, Mary Anne Selber, Anne Jenkins and family, Peggy Guilbert and family,
Marilyn Madison and family, Glenn Jackson, family of Jean Carroll

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

CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP:

Lynace Pabst Veit.....Director of Children and Family Ministries
Dr. Hollice S. Watson.....Organist/Choir Director
Dakota Dunn.....Youth Director
Ginger Garfield.....Church Administrator
Kathy Booth.....Director of First Presbyterian Day School
Susan W. Abney.....Communications Director
Jan Melton.....Church Librarian
Tanna McAteer.....Church Secretary
Lona L. Lockard.....Staff Secretary
Jeff A. McKenzie.....Sexton/Maintenance Coordinator
Sheri Rowell.....Kitchen Coordinator
Jacob Dickson..... Pastoral Care Coordinator

SESSION MINISTRY MODERATORS:

Calvin Head.....Administration
Gene Hodgson.....Church Facilities
Simone Hennessee.....Stewardship
Karen Day.....Congregational Life
Anne Jenkins.....Welcome Ministry
Piper Moritz.....Adult Ministries
Brett McCulloch.....Youth Ministry
April Carberry.....Children's Ministries
Brandy Williams.....Worship Ministry
John Frierson, Jr.....Outreach Ministry
Robin Jones.....Clerk of Session

DEACON, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN & STOER MODERATORS:

Mary Bush-Board of Deacons; Lorraine Guice-Presbyterian Women; Liz LaBorde-Stoer Committee

IN OUR OUTREACH CENTER:

Volunteers for Youth Justice/CASA - Kelli Todd, Director
Youth Outreach Services – Jewell House

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SECURITY OFFICERS:

Corp. Srederick Matthews 230-3628
Ofc. Troy Jackson 453-3908

WEEKLY LINK – WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025
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, August 17

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

9:30 a.m. – Start-Up Sunday - All Sunday Classes Resume

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

Potluck Lunch after worship

4:00 p.m. - UFPC Movie – *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* - Robinson Film Center

MONDAY, August 18

12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, August 19

WEDNESDAY, August 20

5:30 p.m. – Church Facilities Meeting – Conference Room

THURSDAY, August 21

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

FRIDAY, August 22

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. – AA

SATURDAY, August 23

10:00 a.m. – Ordination for Lynace Veit - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, August 24

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
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5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells Rehearsal – Bell Room

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

START UP SUNDAY is AUG 17TH!

It's time for us to start a new **SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!**
Meet at 9:30am in your classroom and after worship
we will gather in the gym for a **POTLUCK LUNCH.**

BRING A DISH TO SHARE BY LAST NAME:
A-G Desserts, H-Q Salads or Sides, R-Z Main Dish
FPC will provide Raising Cane's Chicken

DROP OFF FOOD IN THE KITCHEN BEFORE WORSHIP

the University of First Presbyterian PRESENTS OUR 2025 SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

We invite all to attend our **3 SUMMER FILMS WITH MUSIC THEMES!**

Wednesday, June 11 | 6:00pm
IMMORTAL BELOVED

Wednesday, July 9 | 6:00pm
A STAR IS BORN (2018)

Sunday, August 17 | 4:00 pm
CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

All 3 Films will be @ the Robinson Film Center
617 Texas Street | Shreveport

SPEAKER: JEFF HENDRICKS
Professor of American Literature & Film Studies at Centenary College
will lead a brief introduction

COST \$10 includes ticket, popcorn & drink
SEATING IS LIMITED! Contact First Presbyterian at 318.222.0604 for ticket information.



SERVICE of ORDINATION for LYNACE PABST VEIT

Saturday, August 23
at 10:00am
in the Sanctuary
Reception following



THE UNIVERSITY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
presents a musical evening

Strings Attached

WITH THE **SHREVEPORT SYMPHONY**
A QUARTET OF OBOE, VIOLIN, VIOLA, AND CELLO

DATE & TIME: Sept 10 @ 6:00pm
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Chapel
PROGRAM: SSO musicians showcase the expressive blend of oboe and strings in a program that journeys from the elegance of Mozart and J.C. Bach to the charm of Fauré, the fire of *Por una Cabeza*, and the symphonic sweep of Brahms, Prokofiev, and Mendelssohn.

This concert is free and open to the public!
First Presbyterian Church is located at
900 Jordan Street, Shreveport.

318.222.0604
fpshreveport.org

First Sundays at First

Children and youth are an important part of the church community here at First Presbyterian and we appreciate their leadership in worship!

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY of each month, we welcome children and youth to participate in worship as greeters, ushers, and to bring the bread & cup forward for communion. No sign up needed! Simply show up and meet with any of the ushers. We are also looking for children and youth to serve as liturgists each month. If interested, contact Lynace or Dakota, respectively.



club 345

Club 345 is a fellowship group for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We meet monthly on Sundays 5:00-6:00pm in the Gym for a shared dinner & fun!

Save Our Fall 2025 Dates:
Sept 14 • Oct 19
Oct 25 & 26 • Nov 16

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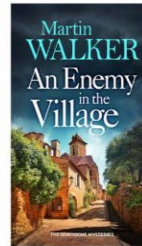


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SEATING IS LIMITED! Contact First Presbyterian at 318.222.0604 for ticket information.
CALL TO RESERVE your seat(s) and pay at the door at the event.

**AUGUST 2025
BOOK CLUB**

**Meet on Thursday, August 28th
12noon-1:00pm**
at First Presbyterian Church
900 Jordan Street, Shreveport

Discussion Leader: Pam Peak
Our August Book Selection:
AN ENEMY IN THE VILLAGE
by author Martin Walker



THE PRESBYTERIAN BOOK CLUB 2025

An Enemy in the Village, the very latest crime novel in the Bruno, Chief of Police series by Martin Walker, is our August book club selection. Walker was educated at Oxford University and went on to become an Editor in Chief Emeritus at UPI (United Press International) and an international correspondent. He is a renowned writer, and the Bruno, Chief of Police series is his most popular of creations. The series features one main protagonist character known as Benoit Courreges who was nicknamed Bruno by his friends and workmates. Bruno is a municipal policeman in a small French village popularized by café rituals and eating traditions. This latest novel should be spellbinding!

About Speaker Pam Peak: a University of Nebraska grad who then got an M.Ed. at Centenary College. Pam taught high school English for 42 years, retiring from Magnet High School. She is member of St. Mark's Cathedral, where she has led a Bible study called Reading Between the Lines for 32 years.

FPC YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS 2025

July 6-10, 2025
Mo Junior High Jubilee
for Middle School Youth

July 19-26, 2025
Montreat Conference
for Senior High Youth



Questions?
Contact Dakota at:
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