



#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

## PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

## **CHIMES**

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

## †CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble; They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.

Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always set our minds on things above, as your word instructs us. We have allowed earthly desires and distractions to consume our thoughts and actions, rather than seeking after you and your kingdom. Forgive us for the times we have held onto anger, resentment, and unforgiveness, and help us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. Amen.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)

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

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
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 CHILDREN.....Lynace Veit

Children: God be with you as you stay.

Congregation: God be with you as you go.

Young children may exit at this time for Extended Session, Room 103 in the Christian Education Building.

There is no Worship Center in the summer.

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. (*Refrain*)

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**......Hosea 11:1-11 (paraphrased)

Pew Bible, page 794 | Large Print, page 1032

Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING.....Colossians 3:1-11

Pew Bible, page 190 | Large Print, page 246

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....Lynace Veit

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†HYMN, No. 432......How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord.....REPTON

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY......O for a Heart to Praise My God......RICHMOND

The Summer Choirs

O for a heart to praise my God,

A heart from sin set free, A heart that always feels thy blood

A neart that always feels thy bloc

So freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,

My great Redeemer's throne,

Where only Christ is heard to speak,

Where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,

Believing, true, and clean,

Which neither life nor death can part

From Christ who dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed

And full of love divine,

Perfect and right and pure and good,

A copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;

Come quickly from above;

Write thy new name upon my heart,

Thy new, best name of Love.

†DOXOLOGY, No. 606.....OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **†SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:



*Great is the mystery of faith:* 



...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.



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.

Words of Institution Communion of the People Prayer after Communion

†HYMN, No. 729Lord, I Want to Be	e a ChristianI WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	
† <b>RESPONSE</b>	-
Through the love of God our Savior,	We expect a bright tomorrow,
All will be well;	All will be well;
Free and changeless is his favor;	Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All must be well;	All must be well;
Precious is the love that healed us,	While his truth we are applying,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,	And upon his love relying,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;	God is every need supplying.
All, all is well.	All, all is well.
†POSTLUDENow Thank We A	ll Our GodGeorg Friedrich Kaufmann
† Worshipers stan	ding if able

The flowers today are given in loving memory of all our grandparents by the Hodgson family.

Liturgist: Caroline Guy

## CHURCH TRIUMPHANT Shelby S. Guilbert – July 25, 2025

We express sincere sympathy to Peggy Guilbert and her family in the death of her husband, 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** the Summer Choirs to the loft today to bring a nice close to a month of summer singing! Thanks to all who gathered up their courage and warmed up their voices to join in for some summer fun. The Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsals this Thursday evening, August 7, and will be back in the loft on Sunday, August 10. All are invited to try that on for size - and with the help of our wonderful SOX singers!

**WE EXPRESS SINCERE SYMPATHY** to Mary Anne Selber, Anne Jenkins, and family on the death of their son- and brother-in-law, Greg Knipp of Dallas, TX, who died on Saturday, July 26, 2025, and we rejoice with them in the assurance of resurrection.

#### PRAYER LIST - FOR HEALING, PEACE, AND COMFORT:

Martha Fitch, Mary Ann Shaw, Joy Young, Jean Carroll, Zama Dexter, Jean and Jerry Sayres, Jean Mendenhall, Leigh Taylor, Erika Asseff, Stephen Roberts, Josh Kilpatrick, Susie Nunnally, Ken Copeland, Lorna Rodman, Michael Avery, Chuck Asseff, 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

#### 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; James Giddens, U.S. Army

## WEEKLY LINK - WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 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 3

9:30 a.m. - Adult Sunday School - Twin Blends - Gym

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

## MONDAY, August 4

12:00 p.m. - AA

5:15 p.m. – Worship Ministry Meeting – Conference Room

## **TUESDAY**, August 5

5:15 p.m. - Children's Ministry Meeting - CE Building

## WEDNESDAY, August 6

## THURSDAY, August 7

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

## FRIDAY, August 8

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art 12:00 p.m. – AA

## **SUNDAY**, August 10

9:30 a.m. - Adult Sunday School - The Bridge - Gym

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









Twin Blends Photography will be sharing historical THEN and NOW photos of the area around our church.

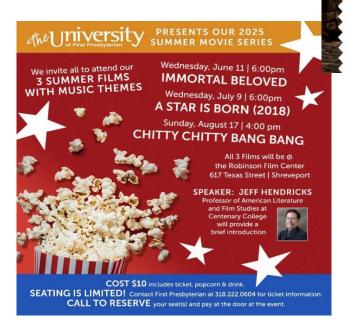
## Adult Sunday School August 10 | 9:30am | Gym



Toni Goodwin, Director of the Bridge Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center will be speaking.







## **AUGUST 2025 BOOK CLUB** Meet on Thursday, August 28th 12noon-1:00pm THE PRESBYTERIAN BOOK CLUB 2025 at First Presbyterian Church 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 renovemed writer, and the Bruno, Chief of Police series is his most popular of creations. The series features one main protagonist character knows 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! 900 Jordan Street. Shreveport Discussion Leader: Pam Peak **Our August Book Selection:** AN ENEMY IN THE VILLAGE by author Martin Walker Martin WALKER An Enemy 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 Village Between the Lines for 32 years.

# FPC YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS 2025

July 6-10, 2025

Mo Junior High Jubilee for MiddleSchool Youth

July 19-26, 2025

Montreat Conference for Senior High Youth



Questions?
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