



#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

#### PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

# **CHIMES** PRELUDE......Johann Pachelbel The Women of the Sanctuary Choir From the rising of the sun unto its going down And in every place The name of the Lord Incense shall be offered up Shall be great among all people; Unto the name of the Lord. **†CALL TO WORSHIP** From the rising of the sun to its setting, The name of the Lord is to be praised. Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths, For you are the God of our salvation, And our hope is in you all the day long.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our creator, you created humanity to be in a special relationship with you. By your grace and love we exist, and by your desire we are to care for all living things. Since our days in the Garden of Eden, we fail to live as you intend. We try to hide from you, you call out to us, and we are silent. Often our prayers to you are too often a list of demands or wants, instead of children having a conversation with a loving parent. Forgive our one-sided approach of only praying when we want you to act, and not listening to your voice coming to us. In your mercy, send us your Spirit to open our hearts and minds to hear your word to us, that we may live a life of prayer and communion with you, as did Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. 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

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.....Betty Henderson

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 this morning.

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......Psalm 25

Pew Bible, page 475 | Large Print, page 618 Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING.....**1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Pew Bible, page 193 | Large Print, page 250

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON......Rev. Dan Hignight

#### 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.



#### 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

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OFFERTORYPrayer.	Lloyd Pfautsch			
The Sanctuary Choir				
Have mercy upon us; Have mercy upon our efforts That we before Thee in love and in faith, Righteousness and humility, May follow Thee, with self-denial, Steadfastness, and courage, And meet Thee in the silence.	Give us a pure heart that we may see Thee, A humble heart that we may hear Thee, A heart of love that we may serve Thee, A heart of faith that we may live Thee. Thou Whom I do not know but Whose I am. Thou Whom I do not comprehend But Who has dedicated me to my fate. Thou.			
†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.				
†PRAYER OF DEDICATION  †HYMN, No. 804				
†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION				
†RESPONSEThrough the Love of	God Our SaviorWelsh 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.			
†POSTLUDELittle Prelude	e in CJ. S. Bach			

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in commemoration of the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Simmons by Mr. and Mrs. Macy Garfield.

Liturgist: Brett McCulloch

#### **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. Dan Hignight to our worship today. Dan is a member of Pines Presbytery.

Due to this transitional season in the life of our church, Midday Prayer will not return this Fall. We continue to lift up in prayer all those on the prayer list.

#### 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, Amy Bowman 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

#### **CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP:**

Rev. Lynace Pabst Veit	Pastor for Children and Family Ministries
Dr. Hollice S. Watson	Organist/Choir Director
Dakota Dunn	
Ginger Garfield	Church Administrator
Kathy Booth	Director of First Presbyterian Day School
Susan W. Abney	Communications Director
Jan Melton	Church Librarian
Tanna McAteer	
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	
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 31, 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 31

# **No 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

MONDAY, September 1 Church Office Closed FPDS Closed

# **TUESDAY**, September 2

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - FPDS

5:15 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

## WEDNESDAY, September 3

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - FPDS

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

# THURSDAY, September 4

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - FPDS

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

5:15 p.m. – Highland Blessing Dinner

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

# FRIDAY, September 5

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast - Gym

10:00 a.m. - Tower Art

12:00 p.m. - AA

## SUNDAY, September 7

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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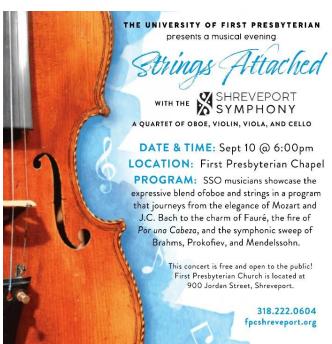
5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. - Youth Bells - Bell Room

6:00 p.m. - Youth Group - Moritz home

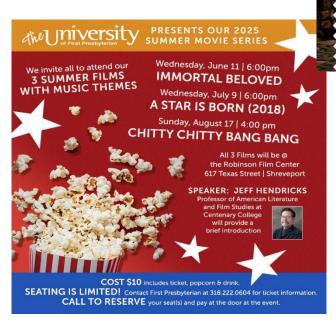
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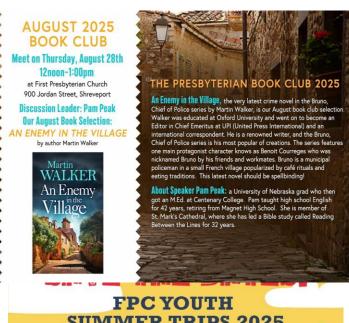












# **SUMMER TRIPS 2025**

July 6-10, 2025

Mo Junior High Jubilee for MiddleSchool Youth

July 19-26, 2025

**Montreat Conference** for Senior High Youth



## Questions?

Contact Dakota at: DDunn@fpcshreveport.com