



**A Service for the Worship of God | August 31, 2025 |**  
**10:45am**  
*Twelfth 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**.....*Christ, You Are My Life*.....Johann Pachelbel

**INTROIT**.....*From the Rising of the Sun*.....Robert J. Powell  
The Women of the Sanctuary Choir

From the rising of the sun unto its going down  
The name of the Lord  
Shall be great among all people;

And in every place  
Incense shall be offered up  
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.**

**†HYMN, No. 41**.....*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*.....LYONS

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## 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.)*

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 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

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| <b>Refrain:</b> 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.....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.**

†HYMN.....*Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire*.....ST. AGNES



1. Prayer is the soul's sin-cere de-sire, Un-ut-tered or ex-pressed;  
2. Prayer is the bur-den of a sigh, The fall-ing of a tear,  
3. Prayer is the con-trite sin-ner's voice, Re-turn-ing from his ways,  
4. Prayer is the Chris-tian's vi-tal breath, The Chris-tian's na-tive air,  
5. O Thou, by whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
The mo-tion of a hid-den fire That trem-bles in the breast.  
The up-ward glanc-ing of an eye, When none but God is near.  
While an-gels in their songs re-joice And cry, "Be-hold, he prays!"  
His watch-word at the gates of death; He en-ters heaven with prayer.  
The path of prayer Thy-self hast trod: Lord, teach us how to pray!

## 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**.....*Prayer*.....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**.....*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*.....MARION

†**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**.....*Little Prelude in C*.....J. S. Bach

† *Worshippers standing if able*

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*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.....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 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  
Website: <https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and First Presbyterian Facebook Page

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Moritz home



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

A graphic for a Men's Prayer Breakfast. It features a black background with a white coffee cup on the left. The letters 'F' and 'E' are positioned above and below the cup, respectively, with lines connecting them to form a clock-like shape. The text is in bold, orange and yellow fonts.

**MEN'S PRAYER  
BREAKFAST**


Join us for a Men's Breakfast  
on the first Friday of the month  
7:00-8:00am in the gym.

**FRIDAY,  
SEPT 5TH**

**PLEASE RSVP BY SEPT 3RD**


**THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:1-17**

**Breakfast | Fellowship | Bible Study**

A poster for a musical evening. It features a large, detailed image of a violin on the left. The text is in a mix of blue and black fonts, with some words in a script font. The background is white with blue musical notes.

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  
fpeshreveport.org

A poster for Club 345. It has a bright yellow background. The text is in a mix of blue, orange, and black fonts. There are three photos of children: one holding a paper airplane, one sitting at a table, and one standing in a group.

**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

A poster for First Sundays at First. It has a purple background. The text is in a mix of white and purple fonts. There is a photo of five children smiling. The text is in a mix of white and purple fonts.

**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.



**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  
and Film Studies at  
Centenary College  
will provide a  
brief introduction



**COST \$10** includes ticket, popcorn & drink.  
**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 MiddleSchool Youth**

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



**Questions?**  
Contact Dakota at:  
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