



A Service for the Worship of God | October 12, 2025 |
10:45am
Eighteenth 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.....*Aria*.....Flor Peeters

INTROIT.....*Praise the Lord! Lift Every Voice!*.....MADRID

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Soloists: Cambria Metzinger and Gwenyth Sell

Praise the Lord! Lift every voice!
Alleluia, sing, rejoice!
Make a joyful noise to God!
All creation join the song!
See God’s wonders here displayed,
Unexcelled for ages long.
Glorious is God’s sacred name,
Ages old, yet still the same.
Come and see what God has done:
Great the blessings to the just;
Walked the chosen through the sea;

Brought their mighty foes to dust.
Let us lift a thankful voice;
Praise God’s mercies, sing, rejoice!
Bless the Lord, our refuge sure;
Let our song of praise be heard!
By whose justice, we are tried;
By whose grace, our guilt deferred.
When our days on earth are past,
God will guide us home at last.
Praise the Lord! Lift every voice!
Alleluia, sing, rejoice!

†CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 66

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

How awesome are your deeds!

Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
for you, O God, have tested us;

**We went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

†HYMN, No. 54.....*Make a Joyful Noise to God!*.....DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Even though they have marked well the path of faith, we are aware that following in that way is hard for us to do. We drift and waver. We resist and rebel. Remind us that though the saints before us were not perfect, they were forgiven. They were not righteous, just saved by grace. We ask for that forgiveness, and we pray for the faith to trust in that grace, for the sake of Jesus.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)

RESPONSE, No. 576.....*Lord, Have Mercy*.....SINGAPURA

(A soloist will sing this first; congregation and choir will join the second time.)

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.	Lord, have mercy on us.

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

*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. 741.....*Guide My Feet*.....GUIDE MY FEET

**Hold my hand while I run this race; Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race; For I don't want to run this race in vain!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING.....Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Pew Bible, page 687 | Large Print, page 894
Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING.....2 Timothy 2:8-15

Pew Bible, page 200 | Large Print, page 254
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....*Hope in the Midst of It All*.....Rev. Mitch Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†**SUNG AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, No. 481**.....*I Believe in God the Father*.....GENEVAN 42

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION.....Congregational Life Ministry

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.....*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*.....Henry Purcell
The Sanctuary Choir arr. Paul Thomas

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, And our confidence alone. To this temple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; Come, with all your lovingkindness, Hear your people as they pray; And your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.	Grant, we pray, to all your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain; What they gain from you forever With the blessed to retain; And hereafter in your glory Evermore with you to reign. Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son, Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one: One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.
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†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. 536.....*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*.....SURGE ECCLESIA
(The choir will sing verse 1; the congregation will join on verses 2-4.)

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE, No. 80.....*You Shall Go Out with Joy*.....THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy And be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills Will break forth before you; There'll be shouts of joy, And all the trees of the field Will clap, will clap their hands.	And all the trees of the field Will clap their hands; The trees of the field Will clap their hands; The trees of the field Will clap their hands While you go out with joy.
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†POSTLUDE.....*Homage to Benedetto Marcello*.....Gordon Young

† *Worshippers standing if able*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Russell Owen Rigby
by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.*

Liturgist: Paul Dickson, Sr.

Ushers: Anne Jenkins, Laura Williamson, Mark Williamson, Kim Mitchell and Barbara Mitchell

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 worshipping 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. Worship Center, a Montessori-based approach to worship, is available for 4-year-olds -1st graders following the Time with Children. Childcare is offered in the CE building when needed. In addition, a comfort room is located on the same floor as the sanctuary, equipped with a speaker so you can listen to the service while caring for your child.

WE WELCOME Rev. Mitch Miller as our guest preacher this morning. Mitch is the Synod Leader Stated Clerk for Synod of the Sun as of 2024. He has degrees from Millersville University and Union Theological Seminary. He has served positions in West Virginia, Maryland, and Oklahoma prior to answering the call to head up the Synod. He is an experienced small group, workshop, worship, recreation, and retreat leader, and is a certified Spiritual Director.

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, Phillip Ponder, Rocky Laha,
Vernon Chance, Claudia Engi

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
Amy Bowman.....Outreach Ministry
Robin Jones.....Clerk of Session

DEACON, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN & STOER MODERATORS:

Mary Bush-Board of Deacons; Ann Morell-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 OCTOBER 12, 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, October 12

Seekers Sunday School Only

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

Called Session Meeting after Worship Service - Chapel

No Youth Activities

MONDAY, October 13

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

10:30 a.m. – Circle 7 – PW Suite

12:00 p.m. – Circle 5 – PW Suite

12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, October 14

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

10:00 a.m. – Congregational Life Meeting – Conference Room

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

5:30 p.m. – Outreach Ministry Meeting – PW Suite

WEDNESDAY, October 15

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

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

THURSDAY, October 16

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

9:00 a.m. – Adult Day Trip – Melrose Plantation

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

FRIDAY, October 17

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - FPDS CPR Training – Session Room

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. – AA

SUNDAY, October 19

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir – 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

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Fall Family Gathering – Adrienne & John Frierson’s Home

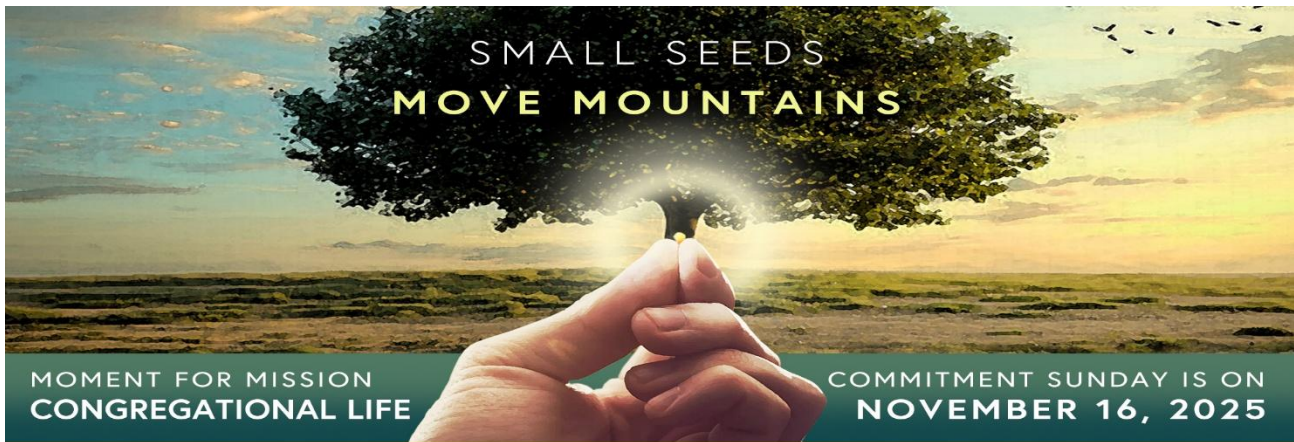
5:00 p.m. – Club 345 - Gym

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – 4th Floor Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



MOMENT FOR MISSION
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS ON
NOVEMBER 16, 2025

“The Congregational Life Ministry arranges, organizes, and provides monthly breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, and receptions as needed throughout the year. Your support (small seeds) contributes directly to the hospitality enjoyed by the congregation at these events. If you attend ANY events at the church, you have benefited from their work!”

-Karen Yoder Day | Congregational Life Ministry Moderator

ADULT DAY TRIP

OCT 16th @ 9:00am

Melrose Plantation in Natchitoches
Lunch Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant
COST \$10/PERSON • RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

RSVP by Oct 13th
318-222-0604
Meet at the church!

We will take the church van but some may need to caravan in their own vehicles.

First Presbyterian Children's Ministry

FALL FAMILY GATHERING

HOSTED BY:
Adrienne & John Frierson

SUNDAY,
OCT 19TH
2:00-5:00PM
11037 Harts Island Rd

Families with children 5th grade and under are invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship. Come enjoy the chance to meet and reconnect with other families of the church. RSVP to Adrienne Frierson.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP as we focus our attention on ministry to and with children - those in our congregation, the Day School, and our community. Children will help lead worship and this will be a wonderful time to celebrate their gifts and recommit ourselves to their faith development and nurture.

