FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SHREVEPORT

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A Service for the Worship of God | October 19, 2025 | 10:45am

Nineteenth 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……*For the Beauty of the Earth*……Wayne L. Wold

INTROIT……*Let Us Build a House*……TWO OAKS

The Sanctuary Choir

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome in this place.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome if you are worshiping here for the first time.
Welcome if you have worshipped here many times.
And welcome if you have been worshipping here for as long as you can remember.

Welcome to young and to old and to all races and ethnicities.
Welcome to singles and to couples and to families of all shapes and sizes.
Welcome to believers and to doubters and a special welcome to doubting believers.

Welcome if your heart is happy, and welcome if it is weighed down with sadness.
Welcome if your entire being is bursting with gratitude, and welcome if it feels as though something is trying to suck the life right out of you.
Welcome if you've got it all together, and welcome if you are in danger of falling apart at any moment.

Whoever you are and whatever brought you here today, know that this is God's house.
Come and worship just the way you are because everyone is welcome here.

†HYMN, No. 14……*For the Beauty of the Earth*……DIX
Accompanied by The Jordan Street Ringers

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God,

You ask us to bring what we have—our time, our gifts, our hearts—
but too often we hold back.
We worry it won't be enough.
We convince ourselves that someone else will step up,
or that what we can offer isn't worth sharing.

We confess that we sort people into categories—
too quick to divide instead of invite,
too quick to judge instead of join.

Forgive us, Lord,
for the times we've forgotten that every small gift matters in your hands.
Help us to trust more freely, give more joyfully, and love more widely—
just as you have loved us.

In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

(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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Corbin Frierson Young, son of Katherine Frierson Young and Maxfield Keller Young, Jr.
Child of the Church: Mignonne Hernandez
Elder: Chris Frierson
Presentation

†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.

Prayer
Baptism
Welcome

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.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE, No. 547……*Go, My Children, with My* Blessing……..AR HYD Y NOS

Accompanied by The Jordan Street Ringers

"Go, my children, with my blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
You are my own.

In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
You are my own."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING…….1 Kings 17:8-16

Pew Bible, page 309 | Large Print, page 401

Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING…..John 6:1-14

Pew Bible, page 91| Large Print, page 118

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON…….....***S'more Than Enough***……Mr. Joel Gill

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN, No. 697……*Take My Life*……...HENDON

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION……..Youth 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……*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*.....Eric Thiman

Jusin Ramm-Damron, bass-baritone Text: Bernard of Clairvaux

Jesus, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind.
O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art,
How good to those who seek!
But what to those who find?
Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but his loved ones know.
Jesu, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

†DOXOLOGY…….....TALLIS' CANON

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 675, *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*)

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.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN, No. 69……..*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*……..…..HERE I AM (Schutte)

†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.

†POSTLUDE……..……*Allegro*….....William Boyce

† *Worshipers standing if able*

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Corbin Frierson Young by his grandparents Paula and Chris Frierson.

Liturgist: Brandy Williams
Ushers: Kim Mitchell, Barbara Mitchell, Mary Teekell, Gene Hodgson, Kelly Hodgson

Congratulations to

Dakota and Garrett Dunn on welcoming
Atheliah Rose to the world on
Sunday, October 12, 2025.

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 worshiping 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 Mr. Joel Gill, Executive Director of Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock, AR. A proud Arkansas native and graduate of Austin College, Joel joined the Ferncliff team in 2011 as Program Director and was named Executive Director in 2017. Joel served for seven years on the board of the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association, including a term as President, and is recognized as a leader in the outdoor ministry world. Joel's unique leadership style is rooted in service, innovation, and community. His approach combines a heart for ministry with a head for strategy, always focused on Ferncliff's mission of welcoming people into a life of caring for creation, others, and themselves. He sees Ferncliff not just as a workplace, but as a sacred space where a faith, creativity, and community intersect.

WE EXPRESS SINCERE SYMPATHY to Susan Lavergne and family in the death of her mother Margaret Keener and we rejoice with them in the assurance of resurrection.

WE EXPRESS SINCERE SYMPATHY to Brian Carberry and family in the death of his mother, Evelyn Estel Greggs Carberry and we rejoice with them 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, 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,
Susan Lavergne and family, Brian Carberry 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 19, 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 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 Gathering – Children's Ministry – Adrienne and John Frierson, Jr.'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 Halloween Party

MONDAY, October 20
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, October 21
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
11:00 a.m. – FPDS Advisory Board Meeting – CE Building
12:00 p.m. – Welcome Ministry Meeting – Conference Room
5:15 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, October 22
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
1:00 p.m. – Caregivers Meeting – PW Suite
6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting – Session Room
6:00 p.m. – Deacon Meeting - Chapel

THURSDAY, October 23
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
12:00 p.m. – Book Club - Gym
6:15 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

FRIDAY, October 24
10:00 a.m. – Tower Art
12:00 p.m. – AA

SUNDAY, October 26
9:15 a.m. – Children's Choir – CE Building
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Children's Sabbath 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 – 4th Floor Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

"The Youth Ministries at FPC Shreveport provides comprehensive support for middle and high school students through Sunday school, youth group meetings, trips, mission opportunities, and additional programs. This ministry is dedicated to fostering the spiritual growth and well-being of our youth, maintaining their engagement with both their faith and the congregation during a pivotal stage of development. Contributions have enabled the continuation of important initiatives such as Youth Sunday, outreach efforts, vacation Bible school, Mo-Ranch and Montreat retreats and conferences, as well as bell choir, youth choir, and youth group events."

-Brett McCulloch | Youth Ministry Moderator

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