FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SHREVEPORT

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A Service for the Worship of God | October 26, 2025 | 10:45am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

PRELUDE……*Medley of Worship Center Songs*……Arranged
(This is the Day/This Little Light/Jesus Loves Me)

INTROIT……*Come into God's Presence*……Mark Patterson
The Children's Choir – Lynace Veit, conductor
(After the choir sings this echo song once, the congregation will be the choir's echo the second time.)

Come into God's presence. **Come into God's presence.**
Singing songs of joy! **Singing songs of joy!**
Come into God's presence. **Come into God's presence.**
This is the house of the Lord. **This is the house of the Lord.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a very special place.
It is very special because God is here.
This is a special place to be with God…
…to talk to God, to listen to God, and to hear the stories of God.
In this place we have all the time we need.
So we don't need to hurry. We can take our time to get ready.
Are you ready to worship God?
We are ready to worship God!

†HYMN, No. 19……*God of Great and God of Small*……GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God,
In the beginning, You said, "Let there be light,"
and You filled the world with goodness.
You sent Your son Jesus to be the light of the world
and to show us how to live.
But sometimes, we choose darkness instead.
We say things we don't mean, we forget to be kind
and we don't always do what is right. Please forgive us.
Shine Your light in our hearts, so we can see the right path,
and follow Jesus every day. Amen.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)

KYRIE, 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."**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

At this time young children may go to Extended Session in the CE Building.
There is no Worship Center today.

RESPONSE, No. 741……*Guide My Feet*……..……..GUIDE MY FEET

I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race; For I don't want to run this race in vain!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION……..…..*Be Still and Know*……..……..ANONYMOUS
(Children will sing the first time; the congregation will join the second time.)

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

FIRST STORY……..……..CREATION (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

SECOND STORY……..……..THE LIGHT (John 8:12)

WONDERING TOGETHER

RESPOND 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, No. 377……*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*……..……..……..HOUSTON

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION……..Children's Ministry
Interim/Transition Team

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……*Come, Let Us Sing*……Jody W. Lindh

The Children's and Youth Choirs – Lynace Veit, conductor

Come, let us sing to the Lord,
Make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.
Come, let us sing to the Lord,
Make a joyful noise with songs of praise!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord everyone!

Sing to the Lord, bless the name!
Tell what God has done!
Sing to the Lord, lift up your voice!
Praises all around!
Sing to the Lord with all your heart!
Make a joyful sound!

†DOXOLOGY, No. 606……OLD HUNDREDTH

Accompanied by the Youth Bell Choir

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN, No. 749……*Come! Live in the Light!*……WE ARE CALLED

(The choir will sing verse 1; the congregation will join on verses 2-3.)

†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……*Go Now in Peace*……Natalie Sleeth

Siyahamba: We Are Marching in the Light of God

Zulu/Xhosa freedom song, arranged

† *Worshipers standing if able*

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert C. Martin, Jr., Sabra Brown Martin, Deborah Martin Cole, Reverend Otto C. Schuetze, Helen Watkins Schuetze, and Lowell Earnest Schuetze by Maggie and Paul Schuetze.

Worship Leaders: Charlotte Sugar, Caroline Guy, Theo Veit, Trey Sugar, Luca Cipoletti, Children's Choir
Ushers: Children of the church, Anne Jenkins, Laura and Mark Williamson, Kim and Barbara Mitchell
Acolyte: Mac Buhler

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.

CONFESSIONAL BANNERS visually represent key theological statements from the Book of Confessions, a foundational document of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Each banner symbolizes a specific confession, capturing its historical context and theological themes through color, imagery, and design. This morning's banner for the Apostles' Creed features *an anchor cross* - a reminder of security in Christ, *a fish* - an early symbol of the Christian faith, *a chalice* - representing the Lord's Supper, and *an upside-down cross* – a reminder of Peter the apostle who, in legend, is said to have been crucified upside down because he thought himself unworthy of a death like Jesus. Each week we will highlight a different banner and theological statement.

WE EXPRESS SINCERE SYMPATHY to our church secretary, Tanna McAteer, and family upon the death of her father, Tom McAteer, on October 16, 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, 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, Tanna McAteer 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 26, 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 26
9:15 a.m. – Children's Choir – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Children's Sabbath 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

MONDAY, October 27
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, October 28
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
5:15 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, October 29
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

THURSDAY, October 30
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
6:15 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

FRIDAY, October 31
10:00 a.m. – Tower Art
12:00 p.m. – AA

SATURDAY, November 1
9:00 a.m. – Church Workday – Church Grounds

SUNDAY, November 2
9:15 a.m. – Children's Choir – CE Building
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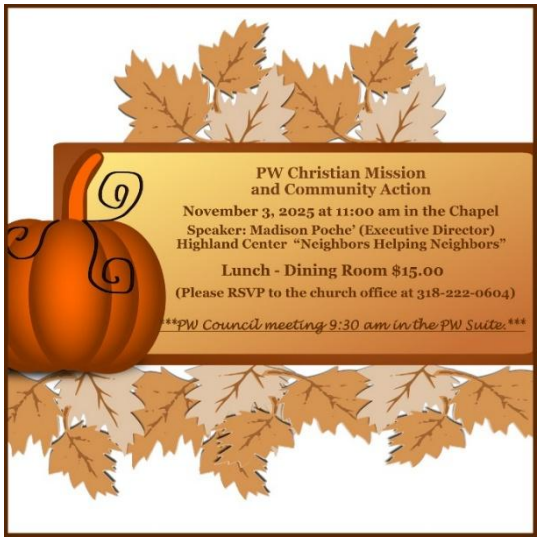
ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

"Children's Ministry is responsible for the spiritual formation of children and their families through worship, learning, building community, and offering family resources. We recognize that the smallest acts of faith and love in a child's life can grow into something powerful and life-changing. Just as the mustard seed grows into a large tree that gives shelter, when children are rooted in God's love and fed by God's word they grow in the Spirit of God to live out the good news of Jesus Christ in the world. Investing in children's spiritual growth may seem small, but the impact it has on God's kingdom is beyond measure."

-Lynace Veit | Pastor for Children and Family Ministries