



A Service for the Worship of God | October 5, 2025 |
10:45am
Seventeenth 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.....*Brâul and Buciumeana*Béla Bartók

INTROIT.....*The Prayer of St. Patrick*.....William M. Schoenfeld
The Youth Choir

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world and those who live in it.

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?
We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

†HYMN, No. 409.....*God Is Here!*.....ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. 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

A TIME WITH CHILDREN.....Lynace Veit

Children: God be with you as you stay.

Congregation: God be with you as you go.

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.

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

Guide my feet while I run this race;

Guide my feet while I run this race,

Guide my feet while I run this race;

For I don't want to run this race in vain!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING.....Lamentations 1:1-6

Pew Bible, page 717 | Large Print, page 933

Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 17:5-10

Pew Bible, page 75 | Large Print, page 97

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....*How Much is Enough?*.....Rev. James Giddens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†HYMN, No. 313.....*Lord, Make Us More Holy*.....**LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY**

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION.....Outreach Ministry

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *If You Only Had Faith* Caribbean chorus
The Youth and Sanctuary Choirs arr. Jorge Lockwood

If you only had faith,	You would be able to tell this mountain:
Just like a little seed of mustard:	Move away! Move away!
This is what Jesus has said.	And then the mountain will move away.

†DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

(Sung to the tune of Hymn 15, *All Creatures of Our God and King*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

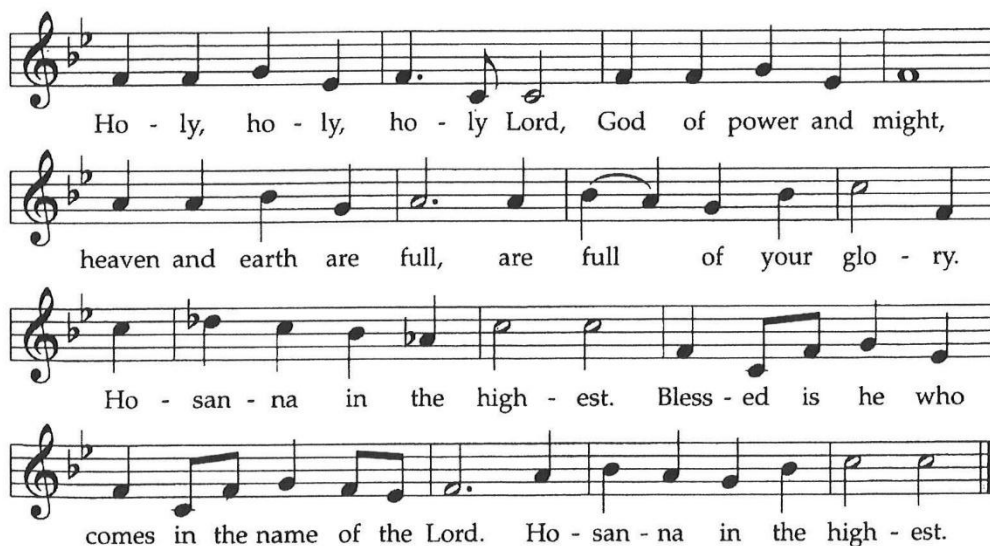
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name:

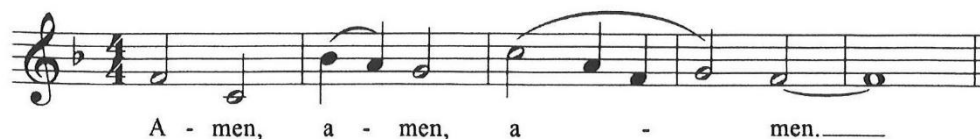


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:



...Even so, come Lord Jesus! Amen.



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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Solo.....*For the Flowers Are Great Blessings*.....Benjamin Britten
Jeremy Do, tenor

For the flowers are great blessings.	And the root parries the adversary.
For the flowers have their angels	For there is a language of flowers.
Even the words of God's Creation.	For flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.
For the flower glorifies God	

Closing Prayer

†**HYMN, No. 36**.....*For the Fruit of All Creation*.....AR HYD Y NOS

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

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

†**POSTLUDE**.....*Tiento*.....Juan Bautista Cabanilles

† *Worshipers standing if able*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bruce Henderson
by his loving family.*

Liturgist: Owen Buhler

Worship Center: Melanie Rogers, Brantley Hodges

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.

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. Child 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.

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. James Giddens as our guest preacher today, although James is hardly a stranger to this church. He grew up at First Presbyterian and was ordained in the church in 1996. He attended McCormick Seminary in Chicago and currently serves the Keatchie Presbyterian Church. James is a full-time VA psychologist at Overton-Brooks where he has served for 11 years. He is also a retired army lieutenant colonel, having served as a chaplain and psychologist. He deployed four times, twice to Iraq and twice to Afghanistan. James has been married to Claudia for 33 years, and they have two sons, Ethan and James.

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

WEEKLY LINK – WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 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 5

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

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 6

FPDS Fall Break

10:00 – PW Council Meeting – PW Suite

12:00 p.m. – AA

6:00 p.m. – Circle 9 – Carole Mullen’s Home

TUESDAY, October 7

FPDS Fall Break

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

WEDNESDAY, October 8

FPDS Fall Break

1:00 p.m. – Caregivers Meeting – PW Suite

1:30 p.m. – Card Ministry – Room 244

6:00 p.m. – UFPC – Dr. Astrid Morales Torres – Pianist - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, October 9

FPDS Fall Break

5:15 p.m. – Highland Blessing Dinner

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

FRIDAY, October 10

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. – AA

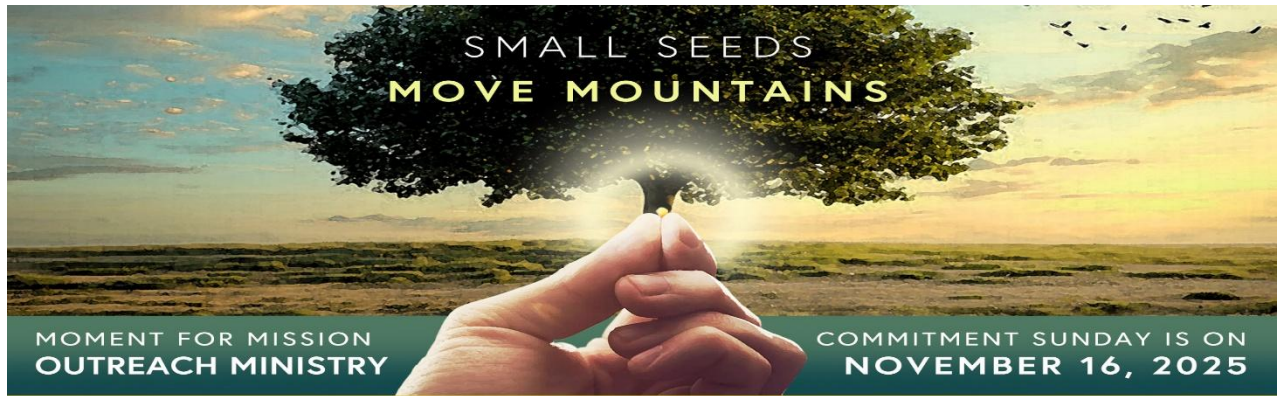
SUNDAY, October 12

No Sunday School or Children’s Choir Rehearsal

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

No Sunday Afternoon/Evening Youth Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



“The Outreach Ministry mission is to further the mission of Christ by allocating both human and financial resources to address the needs of our members as well as those within our broader community, with a particular focus on the Highland neighborhood. Serving both local and wider communities is a core value of our church. Over the past year, Outreach supported 13 local nonprofit organizations and allocated funding through the Stoer Committee for various projects, including the acquisition of "The Bridge" building and the renovation of the Highland Center for the ARC program, among others.”

—John Frierson, Jr. | Outreach Ministry Moderator

the University
of First Presbyterian
presents a musical evening
WITH INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MEXICAN PIANIST
Dr. Astrid Morales Torres
WEDNESDAY, OCT 8 | 6:00PM
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
PROGRAM: Astrid Morales Torres's extraordinary performances have been appreciated by audiences around the world, including the U.S., Europe, Mexico and Latin America. In her intensive career as a soloist, she is an advocate of Latin American music and active performer of Mexican music. She will be performing several works from her primary field as well as related works from Copland, Bolcom and Gershwin that she has performed with symphony orchestras across the U.S. and Mexico. We invite you to read about her extensive credentials and talent on her website: ASTRIDMORALESSTORRES.COM
PERFORMANCE IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
900 JORDAN STREET | SHREVEPORT
318.222.0604 | FPCSHREVEPORT.ORG

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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.

For the month of **OCTOBER**
we have a donation drive set up for:
**READING GLASSES
& TOOTHBRUSHES**

Local LSU Med students and residents will be taking the items on their upcoming mission trip to Kenya.
DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE CHURCH

