



A Service for the Worship of God | September 21, 2025 |
10:45am

Fifteenth 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.....*Of Foreign Lands and People*.....Robert Schumann

INTROIT.....*Come, Let Us Sing*.....Jody W. Lindh

The Children's Choir – 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!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord with gladness.

Let us lift our voices in praise.

To the refuge of the humble and lowly,

To the God of justice and righteousness.

†HYMN, No. 634.....*To God Be the Glory*.....TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, our Parent. Forgive us for the many times that we fail to see and to feel. We pray for the unheard voices of our brothers and sisters within the church and beyond. We pray for those who cannot pray and for those who do not believe. We pray also for our own unbelief. Forgive us for the many times that we forget to live out what we pray. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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. 462.....I Love to Tell the Story.....HANKEY

I love to tell the story

It satisfies my longings

Of unseen things above,

As nothing else could do.

Of Jesus and his glory,

I love to tell the story;

Of Jesus and his love.

‘Twill be my theme in glory

I love to tell the story,

To tell the old, old story

Because I know ‘tis true;

Of Jesus and his love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Pew Bible, page 687 | Large Print, page 894

Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING.....1 Timothy 2:1-7

Pew Bible, page 196 | Large Print, page 254

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....*Reading Paul with the Scillitan Martyrs*.....

Rev. Dr. Donghyun Jeong

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 No. 729.....*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*.....I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION.....Welcome 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.....*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*.....ADORO TE DEVOTE

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal,
Thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek,
For Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear,
Thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would
And cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be
Give him who gave me thee.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield,
Be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

†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. 726.....*Will You Come and Follow Me*.....KELVINGROVE

†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.....*Little Fugue in F Major*.....J. S. Bach

† *Worshipers standing if able*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Imogene Murphy
by Tom Murphy.*

Liturgist: Carole Mullen

Worship Center: Kristen Ogden, Brantley Hodges

Ushers: Carole Mullen, Danny Mullen, David Richardson, Susan Lavergne

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. Dr. Donghyun Jeong to First Presbyterian Church for Theological Education Sunday! Dr. Jeong, an Assistant Professor of New Testament at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, has joined us for speaking to our Sunday School classes as well as preaching today. A native of Seoul, South Korea, Dr. Jeong joined the faculty of Austin in 2022 after having taught at Emory University's Candler School of Theology and in Mercer University's Department of Religion. He holds degrees from Yonsei University, Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, Yale Divinity School, and Emory University. Dr. Jeong is a published author as well as having contributed to prestigious academic journals and made presentations to scholarly conferences. He is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and for ten years served churches in the U.S. and Korea, as well as being a student missionary to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Today's liturgy is adapted from Cláudio Carvalhaes, *Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the End of the World* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2020), pages 44 and 78.

WE EXTEND SINCERE SYMPATHY to Amy Bowman and family in the death of her sister, Melinda Ford of Tupelo, MS, who died in August 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, Charlotte Sonnenfeld,
Phillip Ponder, Gordon Blanchard, 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
John Frierson, Jr.....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 SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir – CE Building

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School (Adult Classes will meet in the Chapel with Dr. Jeong)

10:45 a.m. – Theological Education Sunday Worship Service with Guest Preacher Dr. Donghyun Jeong – In-Person - Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website: <https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and First Presbyterian Facebook Page

After Worship: Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event and Lunch

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. – 8:00 p.m. – Youth Group – 4th Floor Youth Room

MONDAY, September 22

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

12:00 p.m. – AA

TUESDAY, September 23

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

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

WEDNESDAY, September 24

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

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

6:00 p.m. – Deacon Meeting - Chapel

6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting – Session Room

THURSDAY, September 25

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

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

FRIDAY, September 26

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. – AA

SUNDAY, September 28

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir Rehearsal – CE Building

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – Chapel

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



SMALL SEEDS
MOVE MOUNTAINS

MOMENT FOR MISSION
WELCOME MINISTRY

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS ON
NOVEMBER 16, 2025

“The Welcome Ministry’s mission is to facilitate effective communication and provide support to both new members and the broader congregation. This includes welcoming individuals, sharing essential information, and encouraging members to invite friends to worship services and church activities. The ministry is responsible for integrating new members into the community and supporting their involvement in church life. Past initiatives have included organizing new member gatherings, producing a promotional video, distributing welcome bags for visitors, and providing worship bags for children. Last year, 7 new members joined the congregation. With your seeds of support we will continue to grow the congregation.”

-Anne Jenkins | Welcome Ministry Moderator



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability

We invite everyone at FPC - families, adults, children and youth - to come together for a light lunch and a Meal-Packaging Event

Sept 21st in the gym after worship!

As a volunteer, you'll work side-by-side with friends and family to package meals. Volunteers of all ages & abilities welcome! Contributions will be accepted for cost of lunch.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Plan to join us at the Men's Prayer Breakfast on the first Friday of the month 7:00-8:00am in the gym.

FRIDAY, OCT 3RD
PLEASE RSVP BY OCT 1ST

THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:18-39

Breakfast | Fellowship | Bible Study

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
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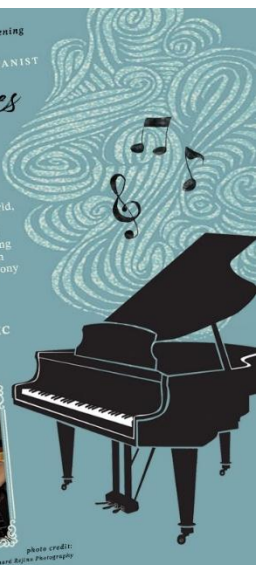



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