



First Presbyterian Church *of Tuscumbia, Alabama*

Organized 1824

A Presbyterian Church in America Congregation

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us and invite you to do so regularly. First Presbyterian Church was organized in Tuscumbia, Alabama, in 1824. The sanctuary was built in 1827 and has been used continually since then.

We invite all who trust in Jesus Christ to become members of First Presbyterian Church. You may join the church by profession or reaffirmation of saving faith in Jesus Christ or by transfer of membership from any evangelical church. If you desire to join the church, need spiritual counsel or pastoral services, please speak to our pastor or one of our elders (listed on back). The purpose of First Presbyterian Church in Tuscumbia is to teach and preach the infallible, inerrant Word of God; to share the gift of salvation with our community, our nation, and our world; to nurture our relationships with Christ and each other; and to glorify God in our worship, in our service to others, and in all we do.

LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

September 13, 2020

Nine Thirty AM

Tuscumbia, Alabama

(Please turn off all electronic devices)

When you enter into the doors of the sanctuary, silently prepare to meet the triune God.

*Focus on God's **attribute of omniscience** as you prepare to worship.*

THE PRELUDE

Brian Beck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Brian Beck

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124, 34

Pastor: *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: *I will bless the Lord at all times;*

People: *His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

Pastor: *My soul makes its boast in the Lord;*

People: *Let the humble hear and be glad.*

Pastor: *Oh, magnify the Lord with me,*

People: *And let us exalt his name together!*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 98

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 139

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

THE CONFESSION 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

THE OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:1-5

Pastor: *This is the Word of God*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

"A Sad Realization"

Dr. Randy Thompson

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

No. 499

*THE BENEDICTION

LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

September 13, 2020

Six PM

Tuscumbia, Alabama

(Please turn off all electronic devices)

When you enter into the doors of the sanctuary, silently prepare to meet the triune God.

THE PRELUDE

Brian Beck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124, 96

Pastor: *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: *Oh sing to the Lord a new song;*

People: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth!*

Pastor: *Sing to the Lord, bless his name;*

People: *Tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Pastor: *Declare his glory among the nations,*

People: *His marvelous works among all the peoples!*

*THE EVENING HYMN

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

No. 345

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

THE OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE EVENING PRAYER

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

Judges 6

Pastor: *This is the Word of God.*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

THE SERMON

"An Important Sit-Down"

Dr. Randy Thompson

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

No. 170

*THE BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

AM Service

"A Sad Realization"
Galatians 3:1-5 (Galatians #8)

Dr. Randy Thompson

I. Christian people can be religiously _____ .

II. So we must realize our religion is _____ .

III. And our religion is _____ .

PM Service

"An Important Sit-Down"
Judges 6 (The Backstory #22)

Dr. Randy Thompson

I. Sometimes we need a _____ with _____ .

II. When we do, we need to _____ .

III. And when we do, we need to be _____ .

PRAYER GUIDE

“The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord preserves all who love Him.” Psalm 145: 18-20

PRAYERS FOR THE KINGDOM AND MISSIONS

Helen & Scott Morris with RUF at University of Oklahoma: “Thankfully, OU is allowing campus ministries to meet in person for the time being as long as we follow all necessary Covid-related protocols, so we have kicked off our large group Bible study and small groups. Pray for our witness on campus in uncertain times as we try to find creative ways to meet new students and plug them into Bible studies and other ministry avenues. Also to those who don’t know – we are expecting our first child! Our baby girl is due October 27. We would appreciate your prayers for the baby and for us as new parents.”

Church in our Presbytery: Pray for Decatur Presbyterian Church in Decatur. Pray for their pastors Tommy Lee, Rick Stark, and pastoral intern Nathan White.

One Supported Ministry: Pray for Reformed University Fellowship at the University of Alabama and their campus minister, Stewart Swain.

Other Kingdom Concerns: Ask the Lord to put a missionary, church, or gospel ministry on your heart to pray for during the week.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

Sunday School Communities: Pray for the Men’s Sunday school community led by Hal Hughston, Ron Hudson, and Lee Hudson. Pray this group will continue to keep connected during this crisis.

Helping Hands: Pray for those whose jobs and/or income are being affected by the virus precautions. *Call Deacon Gordon Ruggles if you would like to know how you can be involved.*

Men’s: Ask God to build men’s relationships throughout the next few months by phone.

Missions: Pray for our missionaries all over the world, that God would protect them and help them cope with worldwide pandemic.

Music Ministry: Pray for the congregational singing in worship. As difficult as it is with masks on and not having the full congregation present, ask God for zeal and joy as we lift up our voices to God.

Outreach: Pray for opportunities to share the faith with someone else this week, possibly because of the uncertainty caused by the Covid19 crisis. Pray people will watch our services online that would not tune in normally. Pray they might be brought to faith or new growth in Christ.

Spiritual Life: Pray for the general prayer life of our church. Pray for the preaching and teaching of God’s word on the Lord’s Day. Pray for the spiritual development, wisdom, and maturity of our elders and deacons.

WIC: Pray for Keller Thompson, WIC Historian.

Youth: Pray for our covenant children. Corey Lanier has taken the job as Student Supply Preacher of First Presbyterian Church in Russellville, so he will only be able to help with youth on Wednesday nights and for only a limited time. Pray for him as he continues to meet with the youth. Pray that we can recruit parents to help fill in the gaps for now. Pray for the little children to continue to learn their lessons from home. Pray for our eighth grader, Cooper Thompson. Pray for all of our children and teachers as they return to school, that they be safe and that they help care for one another in the midst of this strange time.

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION AND TROOPS

- Pray for the racial tensions and violence in our nation. Pray especially now for law enforcement, that they may be protected amid this senseless violence and they would have wisdom in dealing with the public. Pray for the role of the gospel in it all.
- Pray for our nation, especially the President, the Senate, and the House of Representatives.
- Pray for our governor, Kay Ivey, and the Alabama Department of Public Health and the State Health Officer, Dr. Scott Harris. Pray for an end to pandemic and recovery for all those who are infected.
- Pray for *revival* in the United States in 2020.
- Pray that God will awaken the U.S. church to the international persecution of Christians.
- Pray for our military. Pray for Benjamin Butler, Special Forces/Middle East (nephew of Beth Keller).

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY AND HEALTH NEEDS

Our Church

Mike Bishop: Mike is doing well and back to work while he awaits a consult with a cancer specialist in regard to further treatment, if any, he will have to have.

Nick McGregor: is recovering from Covid19. Pray for strength and for Caroline, a nurse at Keller, that she would be protected from the virus and be able to work in her desperately needed calling.

Jan Stubblefield: Jan says, "I was able to successfully swallow thickened liquid, huge step!! Next, I will be scheduled to do a barium x-ray swallow study. That will give us more information. But yesterday's appointment with my doctor was all very good news!!!" If anyone is available to sit with Jan while Mark runs an errand or two in the late morning hours, let the office or Mark Stubblefield know.

For all of us to be safe from illness. Pray also for our healthcare workers who are caring for us.

Juanita Bailey	Jimmy Barnett	The Coopers
Janie Craigge	Bob Head	The Hollands
The Jollys	Tim & Rebecca Lanier	Amos Malone
Terry Malone	Virginia Minetree	Carol Nantt
Elizabeth Patton	Keller Thompson	Grazia Milstead
Dinie Stone	Sarah Melton	

Friends & Family

For our neighbors in our community with the Covid-19 virus. Also keep the following friends and family in prayer:

Peggy Bishop	Will Blevins	Ariel Brown
Larry Carmichael	Kruz & Paizlee Davenport	Marita Ellis
Bobbie Elser	Jim Evans	Jordan Ferris
Brent Fritz	Rachel Hale	Wayne Hester
Cole Kelly	Frank Lacinia	Robin Lakey
Tina Lansdell	David Lawler	Scott McWilliams
Aiden Noyola	Thomas & Rachel Pendergrast	Robert Potts
Jean Roberson	John Robertson	Patty Robinson
Jane Selby	Debbie Thompson	Jimmy Thompson
Justin Thompson	Christy Underwood	Ed Underwood
John Walls	Joyce White	Maggie Williams
Vivian Wilson		

DEACON NOMINATION 2020

The Deacon Nomination Forms are on the annex table.

Please be in prayer about the men you feel led to select.

Nominations must be returned by the end of September.

The Lord's Supper will be served in next Sunday's morning service.

Please be in preparation for this sacred time by prayer and meditation.

The Presbyterian Church in America invites all those who profess true religion and are communicants in good standing in any evangelical church to participate in the ordinance.

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STAFF

Randy E. Thompson, Pastor	Corey Lanier, Youth Director
Scott Edburg, Assistant Pastor	Marcia Alexander, Secretary
Dinie Stone, Director of Music	Thomas Jones, Sexton
Brian Beck, Organist	

SESSION

Class of 2025: Tommy Crosslin, Wes Marchman	<i>Emeritus Elders</i>
John Waggoner, Bret Waldrep	Ron Hudson, Bill Lacey
Class of 2023: Rusty Trapp	Terry Malone, M.B. Myers
Class of 2021: Jimmy Hughston, <i>Stated Clerk</i>	

DIACONATE

Class of 2024: Aaron Finch, Gordon Ruggles,	<i>Emeritus Deacons</i>
Andy Thompson, John Crabtree	Amos L. Malone
Class of 2022: Joe Finch, <i>Treas.</i> , Sammy Clements,	Wyatt Simpson
Aaron Karr, Bobby Kilpatrick, Jonathan Parker	
Class of 2020: Chris Glover, Hal Hughston, III	

WIC COUNCIL

Carol Nantt, <i>President</i>	Reba Griffith, <i>Mission Liaison</i>	Gail Hughston, <i>Circle I Chrm.</i>
Christy Clements, <i>Vice President</i>	Susanne Wadsworth, <i>Christian Growth</i>	Susanne Wadsworth, <i>Circle II Chrm.</i>
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Debra Kilpatrick, <i>Treasurer</i>	Keller Thompson, <i>Historian</i>	

NATIONAL & LOCAL MINISTRIES

Campus Outreach UNA	Reformed University Ministries at:
Colbert Caring Center	University of Alabama, <i>Stewart Swain</i>
Common Ground Shoals	University of Alabama, Birmingham, <i>Emily Holman</i>
Consulting Service Foundation, Bebo Elkin	University of Alabama, Huntsville, <i>Vinnie Athey</i>
Covenant Christian School	Alabama A&M University
French Camp Academy	Auburn University, <i>Tanner & Kelsey Crum</i>
Gideons International	Mississippi State University
Mission to North America	University of Oklahoma, <i>Scott Morris</i>
Providence Presbytery	University of Texas, <i>John Trapp</i>
Reformed Theological Seminary	Washington University in St. Louis, <i>Kristen Thompson</i>
Scottsboro Church Plant of Providence Presbytery	
Shoals Sav-A-Life	

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Curles, <i>Burma</i>	Rev. & Mrs. Dale Cutlip, <i>Int'l Ministry</i>	Mr. & Mrs. Craig Gahagen, <i>Peru</i>
Ms. Katherine Long Dix, <i>Bulgaria</i>	Rev. & Mrs. Rob Ilderton, <i>England</i>	Rev. & Mrs. Joel Linton, <i>Taiwan</i>
Mrs. Alfred McCroskey, Jr., <i>Russia</i>	Mr. Danny Lynch, <i>Africa</i>	Rev. & Mrs. Verne Marshall, <i>Chile</i>
Evangelical Congregational Church, <i>Parvomai, Bulgaria</i>	Rev. & Mrs. Steve Rarig, <i>Australia</i>	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sabin, <i>Guam</i>
	Third Millennium Ministries	MTW Enterprise, <i>Central Asia</i>