



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

April 14, 2024

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 sovereignty** as you prepare to worship.*

(Read Isaiah 40: 9-17 to meditate on this attribute.)

THE PRELUDE

Church Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Church Choir

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 124, 111

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

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: *Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,*

People: In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Pastor: *Full of splendor and majesty is his work,*

People: And his righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: *He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;*

People: The LORD is gracious and merciful.

*THE PSALM OF PRAISE

"Rejoice, All People, Homage Give"

No. 73

*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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*Congregation Standing

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism #3, 4

Q. *What is the word of God?*

A. *The holy Bible, made up of the Old and New Testaments, is the word of God. It is the only authority for faith and obedience.*

Q. *What evidence is there that the Bible is the word of God?*

A. *The Bible clearly shows that it is the word of God by its majesty and purity, by the agreement of all its parts, by its unified aim to give all glory to God, and by its illuminating power to convince and convert sinners and to comfort and build up believers unto salvation. However, only the Spirit of God, testifying by and with the Bible in our hearts, can completely persuade us that it is truly the word of God.*

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 SONG OF THANKSGIVING TO CHRIST "Jesus Paid It All" No. 308

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Pastor: *This is the Word of God*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD "Anniversary Hopes" Dr. Randy Thompson

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No. 345

*THE BENEDICTION

LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

April 14, 2024

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, 113

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

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: *Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,*

People: *Praise the name of the LORD!*

Pastor: *Blessed be the name of the LORD*

People: *From this time forth and forevermore!*

Pastor: *From the rising of the sun to its setting,*

People: *The name of the LORD is to be praised!*

*THE EVENING PSALM

"O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art"

No. 349

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY

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

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

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE EVENING SONGS

THE EVENING PRAYER

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 3

Pastor: *This is the Word of God.*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

THE SERMON

"Joshua and the Branch"

Dr. Randy Thompson

*THE SONG OF RESPONSE

"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

No. 465

*THE BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

AM Service

“Anniversary Hopes”
2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Dr. Randy Thompson

I. May we always grasp _____.

II. May we always treasure _____.

III. May we always embrace _____.

PM Service

“Joshua and the Branch”
Zechariah 3 (The Backstory #91)

Dr. Randy Thompson

I. Our greatest need is radical _____.

II. Our greatest call is radical _____.

III. And it all comes by radical _____.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

SUN 4/14	Nursery am.	Lindsey Kilpatrick, Cathy Thompson
	Nursery pm.....	Rusty Trapp
	Greeter.....	Jimmy & Gail Hughston
	Security.....	Team 3
	Youth SS 2nd adult.....	Greg Hovater

THE FLOWERS today are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Ruthe Baldwin* by Roger and Martha Baldwin, Roger Baldwin, Jr. (wife Layla and daughter Isabel), and Edwin Baldwin.

“FIRST THINGS” CLASS: The First Things Class will meet today. Dr. Thompson holds the class upstairs in the education wing. This class is for learning more about First Presbyterian. All are welcome!

DIACONATE will meet **tonight** at 7:00pm.

MEN'S MINISTRY DINNER will be this Tuesday (April 16) at 6:00pm at Champy's. Please sign up in the Annex.

SENIORS: High School seniors will be honored during the morning service on Sunday, April 28.

PARENTS: If any parents are interested in enrolling their children in a Communicants Class in preparation of full membership in the church, please contact Randy (fpc1824@gmail.com) or Jennifer at the office (tuscumbiapres@gmail.com).

ATTENTION LADIES: We will have a very brief meeting in the sanctuary following the morning service on May 5. The purpose is to hold a vote to accept the clarified and corrected version of the WIC by-laws which were discussed earlier this year.

On Sat., April 20 at 10:30am, we kick off our 200th Anniversary Celebration with a time for sharing memories and praising God for his faithfulness to our church for these many years. We want everyone to participate and to prepare beforehand what you might share. Ideas may include:

- *how the Lord led you to become a member of FPC;*
- *a specific way you have been blessed as a member of FPC;*
- *a specific remembrance of some event or someone at FPC (could be a funny story, remembrance of members who are no longer living, a specific pastor, youth pastor);*
- *a particular vision or focus of the church years past that you have been thankful for;*
- *a vision for FPC moving forward;*
- *in short, whatever the Lord would place on your heart to share.*

We believe this will be a special and meaningful time for all of us, whether you have been a member for one year or 60+ years. It is our hope that many will prayerfully consider what you might share and be ready and willing to do so. We look forward to the blessing each of us will receive from this time of sharing.

- Jimmy Hughston



VBS will be June 3-7!

Child and Volunteer registration is now open!
You can register by filling out a form on the Annex table, or at tuscumbiapres.com.
 Registration will close on April 28th.

200th Anniversary activities:

Saturday, April 20

10:30am: Catered Brunch—on the grounds under a tent in the church’s parking lot.

To include an open-ended time of fellowship, sharing and reminiscing.

Jimmy Hughston will be the emcee. There will be time to visit and view the church archives in the Travelers’ classroom, hallways and Ladies’ classroom. There will be a children’s program for ages K-4th grade and a nursery for children to age 4.

Sunday, April 21

9:30am: Morning Worship Service

Speaker: Dr. Ligon Duncan - Chancellor/CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary

10:30am: Coffee break & refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

11:15am: Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary with Pianist Daniel Cason and the First Presbyterian Choir, followed by a Catered Dinner on the grounds under a tent in the church parking lot. Following lunch there will be an open-ended time to visit and view the church archives.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, STRUGGLING, AND RECOVERING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jimmy Barnett	Margie Beck	Ann Bennett	Kristy Blackburn
Susan Bolton	Sherry Campbell	Janie Craigge	Gary Evans
Mary Cait Finch	Sandy Finch	Bob and Sharyn Head	The Hollands
Jean Hudson	Ginger Jolly	Elaine Kelsoe	Sara Melton
Hanna Ruggles	Chip Simpson	Corky & Terri Snipes	Bill Stackhouse
Dinie Stone	Jan Stubblefield	Doris Talley	Emma Tunnell
Pam Wilson	Betty Yates		

COMMUNION SCHEDULE 2024

MAY 5, JUN 2, JUL 7, AUG 4, SEP 1, OCT 6, NOV 3, DEC 1

NEXT WEEK’S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUN 4/21	Nursery am	Stephanie Isbell, Kim Norris
	Nursery pm.....	<i>no evening service</i>
	Greeter.....	Russ Tate & Reba Griffith
	Security.....	Team 4
	Youth SS 2nd adult.....	

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8am to 3pm (closed from noon to 1 for lunch)

STAFF

Randy E. Thompson, Pastor	Drew Tunnell, Youth & Children Director / Pastoral Intern
Gary Nannt, Pastoral Assistant	Jennifer Richardson, Church and Financial Secretary
Dinie Stone, Director of Music	Thomas Jones, Sexton
Brian Beck, Organist	

SESSION

Class of 2029:	Jimmy Hughston, Jameson Hughston	<u>Emeritus Elders</u>
Class of 2027:	Al Willis, Lee Hudson, Hal Hughston, Jr.	Ron Hudson, Bill Lacey,
Class of 2025:	Tommy Crosslin, Wes Marchman, <i>Stated Clerk</i>	M.B. Myers
	John Waggoner, Bret Waldrep	

DIACONATE

Class of 2028:	Adam Isbell, Russ Tate, Jason Tucker	<u>Emeritus Deacons</u>
Class of 2026:	Beau Cooper	Wyatt Simpson
Class of 2024:	John Crabtree, Andy Thompson, Gordon Ruggles, <i>Chairman</i>	

WIC COUNCIL

Adina Stone, <i>President</i>	Reba Griffith, <i>Missions</i>	Gail Hughston, <i>Circle I Chrm.</i>
Stephanie Isbell, <i>Vice President</i>	Nancy Ruggles, <i>Christian Growth</i>	Susanne Wadsworth, <i>Circle II Chrm.</i>
Barbara Collins, <i>Secretary</i>	Erica Tucker, <i>Nursery Chairman</i>	Bethany Waggoner, <i>Circle III Chrm.</i>
Emma Tunnell, <i>Treasurer</i>	Sarah Cooper & Rebecca Hovater, <i>Historians</i>	

NATIONAL & LOCAL MINISTRIES

All Saints Reformed Church, Utah	Providence Presbytery
Colbert Caring Center	Reformed Theological Seminary
Common Ground Shoals	Scottsboro Church Plant of Providence Presbytery
Consulting Service Foundation, Bebo Elkin	Shoals Sav-A-Life
Covenant Christian School	RUF: Alabama A&M University, <i>Marcus Nobles</i>
French Camp Academy	RUF: Auburn University, <i>Tanner Crum</i>
Gideons International	RUF: University of Alabama, <i>Stewart Swain</i>
Good Shepherd Presbyterian church plant	
Mission to North America	

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

Rev. & Mrs. Richard Bailey, <i>Australia</i>	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sabin, <i>Trans World Radio</i>	MTW Enterprise, <i>Belgium</i>
Rev. & Mrs. Joel Linton, <i>Taiwan</i>	Mr. & Mrs. Craig Gahagen, <i>Peru</i>	Third Millennium Ministries
Rev. & Mrs. Rob Ilderton, <i>England</i>	Rev. & Mrs. Atanasov, <i>Parvomai, Bulgaria</i>	Mr. Danny Lynch, <i>International</i>
Rev. & Mrs. Verne Marshall, <i>Chile</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cohen, <i>Globeworks</i>	