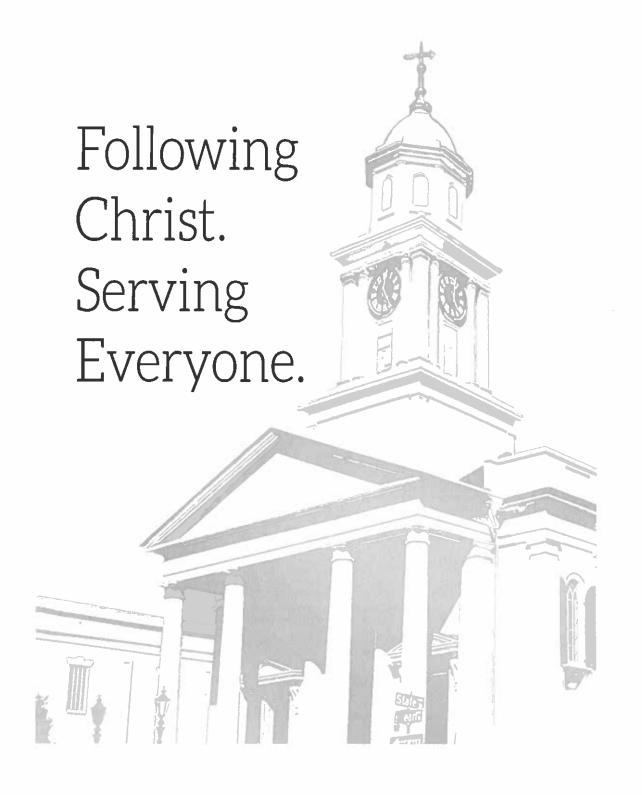


First Presbyterian Church of Natchez



Welcome!

We are delighted you have joined us in worship at First Presbyterian Church Natchez. So that we might get to know you a little better, please take a moment to fill out a connect card by scanning the QR code below.



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MORNING WORSHIP Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Joan W. Gandy, Minister The Rev. Chase Caldwell, Associate Minister Mr. Vincent Bache III, Director of Music and Organist

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We offer our lives in the life of Christ's church as we join together in ministry, remembering the call of every day from Sunday to Sunday.

THE GATHERING

Westminster Chimes

The chiming of the hour signals to us that it is time to worship. Now let us direct our hearts to the One who calls us here!

Prelude

Prelude on Down Ampney

Herbert Sumsion

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Joan Gandy

Call to Worship

Isaiah 45:18, 19b

Thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, who formed the earth, who made it and established it.

He did not create it a chaos but formed it to be inhabited!

"I the Lord speak the truth."

"I declare what is right!"

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

^{*}Processional Hymn 282: Come Down, O Love Divine

282 Come Down, O Love Divine



This lauda spirituale, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

Minute for Mission: Pentecost Offering (Please also see the insert in today's bulletin.)

Amelie Harris

Confession of Sin

The congregation joins in the Call to Confession and Unison Prayer of Confession. After silent prayer, all sing the *Kyrie* (*Lord*, *Have Mercy*)

Call to Confession

Rev. Chase Caldwell

Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives.

Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits.

Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy.

Turn back our wandering heart as we come to you in confession.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples.

You created bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.

We do not listen for your word of grace.

We do not speak the good news of your love.

We do not live as a people made one in Christ.

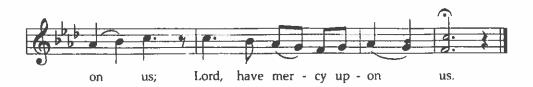
Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Time for Silent Confession

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us (Choir and congregation sing.)

Kyrie





Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ; and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

*Response Hymn 581

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

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.

* Greeting and the Peace
The peace of Christ be with all of you today.
And also with you.

THE WORD

Story and Prayers for Young Disciples

Afterwards, children may return to their seats or go to children's class.

Prayer for Illumination Marc Doyle, Reader

A Reading from Acts: Acts 2:1-21 Pew Bible Page 144

A Reading from Psalms: Psalm 104:24-34 Pew Bible Page 683

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:14-17 Pew Bible Page 191

*Hymn 279, verses 1 & 2: Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

St. Agnes

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove 279



In contrast with many hymns to the Holy Spirit, this one is notable for being in the plural, a valuable reminder that the Holy Spirit has been bestowed on the whole Church, not just on a few individuals. The tune was composed for "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (no. 629).

Gospel Reading: John 14:8-17

Pew Bible Page 133

Sermon

"Just a Little Kindling"

Rev. Gandy

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Apostles' Creed

Traditional

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 THANKSGIVING

Call for the Offering

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

Psalm 24:1



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Offertory Anthem Come to Us, Creative Spirit

Text: David Mawbray (b. 1938) Music: Richard Proulx

Come to us, creative Spirit, in our Father's house; every human talent hallow, hidden skills arouse, that within your early temple, wise and simple, may rejoice.

Poet, painter, music maker, all your treasures bring; craftsman, actor, graceful dancer, make your offering; Join your hands in celebration: let creation shout and sing!

Word from God eternal springing, fill our minds, we pray; and in all artistic vision give integrity: may the flame within us burning kindle yearning day by day.

In all places and forever glory be expressed to the Son, with God the Father and the Spirit blessed: in our worship and our living keep us striving for the best.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit One.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Offering

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Friends, this is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites all to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

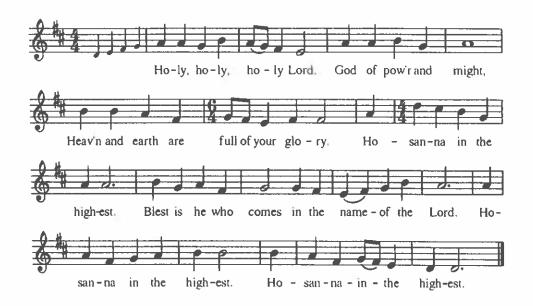
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The minister continues in prayer.)

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All sing Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Vincent Bache III, 2018



(Minister continues in prayer.)

...Great is the mystery of faith.



(Minister continues in prayer.)

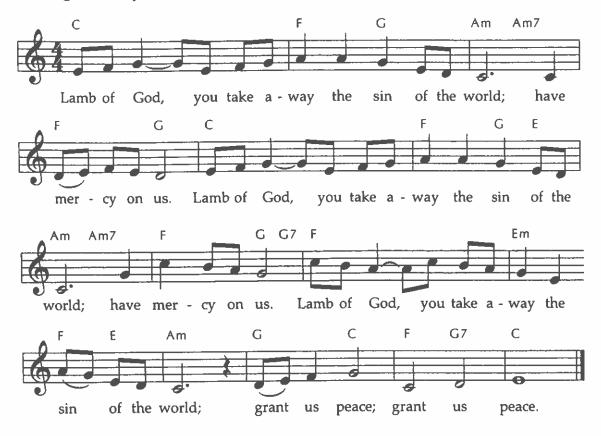
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The gifts of God for the people of God

All sing: Lamb of God



Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Meal (unison)

Creator Spirit of God, you make our bread the communion of Christ's body to heal and reconcile and to make us the body of Christ. You make our wine the communion of Christ's saving blood to redeem the world. You are truth. You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden. Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day. You warm and comfort us. You give us courage and fire and strength beyond our everyday resources. Be with us Holy God, in all we say or think, in all we do, this and every day. Amen.

THE SENDING

*Hymn 295: Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

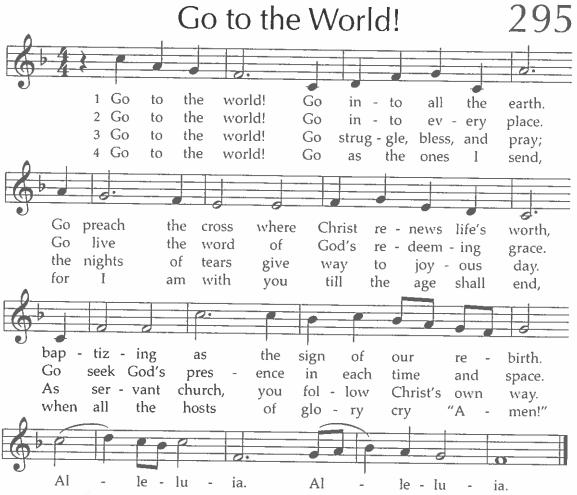
*Benediction

*Postlude

Hornpipe, from The Water Music

G. F. Handel

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lambert and Steve Lambert, parents and brother of Debbie Germany, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Germany by Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Germany.



Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias **Music Notes:** The Prelude this morning is a meditation on the hymn tune of our Processional Hymn today, *Down Ampney*, here arranged for organ solo by English composer Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995). The Anthem at the Offertory is *Come to Us, Creative Spirit* by American composer Richard Proulx (1937-2010). The Postlude is the *Hornpipe* from *The Water Music* by George F. Handel (1685-1759), featuring our new trumpets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session: The Session will meet Monday, June 9, at 5 p.m. in the church library.

Lake Gathering: On Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., everyone is invited to a time of fun and fellowship at the Lake St. John house of Randy and Helen Smith (directions to be posted later). Bring a favorite picnic dish to share with others as we gather for games, boating, other lake activities (including simply enjoying being inside looking out at the lake!). All ages are invited to this summer party.

Wednesday Game Night: The usual Wednesday night crowd invites others to join them on June 25 for a game night. Bring your own game or enjoy some of the games that will be available starting at 6 p.m. Come then or come and enjoy supper first at 5:15 in Fellowship Hall and beyond.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting: FPC is once again gearing up for VBS, which will be held July 7-10, from 9 a.m.-12 noon. If you are interested in serving as a part of VBS this summer, please plan to attend a volunteer meeting on Thursday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the church library.

Coming in July: VBS! Mark your calendars now for our annual Vacation Bible School to be held in Fellowship Hall, July 7-10, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Children from ages 5 to 12 are invited to attend. Volunteers will include some older children and youth as well as many adult workers. Please say "yes" when you are called to assist in this wonderful tradition of Bible study and fun for our children and their friends.

June Book Club: First Presbyterian Church Third Thursday Book Club meets at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, in the Parlor. The book this month is *James* by Percival Everett.

Children's Sunday School: Elementary Sunday School Class for ages 4 to 9 meets in the youth and children's room across from the gym in the education building at 9:15 a.m. with Christine Borum.

Sunday School: Adult classes on Sunday morning meet with Sammy Gore in the Westminster Room 9:15-10; with Chuck Borum in the parlor 9:15-10; or with Rev. Chase Caldwell upstairs in Stratton Chapel 9-9:45.

Pastor's Bible Study: The Pastor's Bible study will meet Tuesday, June 3, at 11 a.m. in the parlor in Stratton Chapel. Scriptures for study are Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

Youth Group: First Presbyterian Youth Group meets Wednesdays at 4:15 in the youth room.

Prayer Chain: Anyone interested in participating in the prayer chain, please call the church office and leave your name and phone number.

Grief Support Group at FPC: First Presbyterian Grief Support Group will meet again Wednesday, July 9.

Wonderful Wednesday: Come for supper at 5:15 and stay for Bible study, held in the library beginning at 6 p.m.

Medicine Bottle Ministry: Keep the empty bottles coming! Thank you again for your excellent response to your mission committee's request for used pill bottles with labels removed. A gracious volunteer has offered to remove labels. Drop the bottles in the baskets with labels still on, if you prefer.

Acolyte Formation: Young people ages 9 to 16 are invited to become acolytes, assisting with worship services on Sunday. Please let Rev. Gandy know if a young person in your family would like to participate.

Monday Prayer: Community prayer in the Prayer Room, located adjacent to the sanctuary, is held Mondays at 11:30 a.m. This prayer time is informal and offers opportunity to pray with others for people and things that are on each heart.

TLC Food: Prepare a meal that is enough for two servings. Put it in a freezer container. Place a label on top of the container that says "TLC" and gives the date prepared; name of the dish (It can just say "beef stew" or "baked chicken") and your name as cook; write directions on the label for heating or cooking the dish. Please choose dishes that are simple with simple ingredients, not too salty or sweet. Place your dishes in the freezer in the hall outside the kitchen door in the education building for distribution to someone in our congregation when needed. And thank you! Call the church office with any questions.

Pickleball at FPC: The FPC Fellowship Hall Pickleball Court is available to use Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The court must be reserved at least 24 hours in advance for 1 hour. To make a reservation, visit or call the church office at 601-442-2581. All users must check-in with the church office prior to play.

New Members Welcomed: If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, you will be warmly welcomed. The first step is to let the minister know of your interest. You may see her before or after worship; or call the church at 601-442-2581 to speak with her.

AA Meetings: Open Gates AA Meeting meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12 noon in the downstairs meeting room in Stratton Chapel. These are open discussion meetings.

Photo Gallery: Please consider donating a couple of hours to the museum as a docent. The exhibit is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. You may call Rosemary Hall or the church office to sign up.

Pastoral Visits: If you have special needs and wish to share them with the minister, please plan a visit so that you can talk about what's going on in your life. Contact the minister at 601-442-2581.

FPCYOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

2025

JUNE

SAT 07

WATER WE DOING PARTY 10AM-2PM

Big water slide, water games, snowcones, and revelry at Jon and Jennifer Borum's backyard.

LAKE DAY 11AM-2:30 PM

Church wide party at Randy and Helen's Lake House with boats, tubes, and more.

SAT 14



BIRDING AT MELROSE 9-11 AM

Field trip to the grounds of Melrose, where Superintendent Kathleen Bond will lead us on an avian adventure.

WED 25

FAMILY GAME NIGHT 5:30-7:00 PM

GUYS AND DOLLS JR. 2PM

For those who aren't in the show, we'll go cheer on our fellow students at the Natchez Little Theater.

SUN 29

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2 p.m. Guys and Dolls at Natchez Little Theater-Youth

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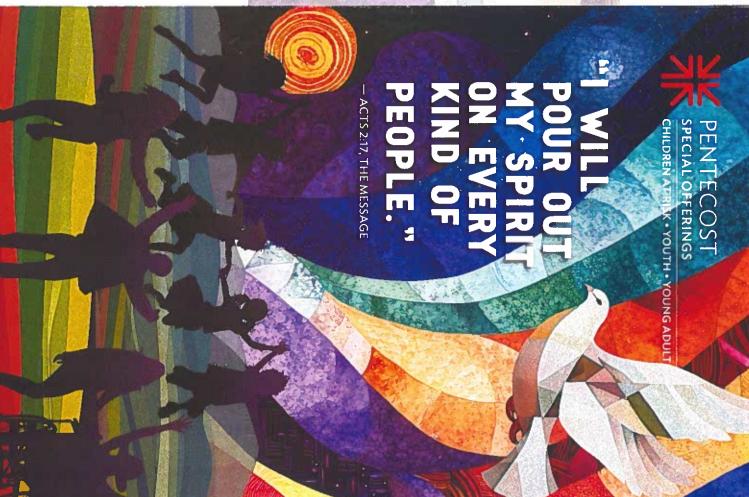




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- Grack Blackstock, Presbyterian Youth Triennium Worship Ministry Team Member, Denver, Colorado

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