



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

December 4, 2016

Nine Thirty A. M.

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 **holiness** as you prepare to worship.*

THE PRELUDE

Brian Beck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Church Choir

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124, 29

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

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: *Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,*

People: *Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

Pastor: *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;*

People: *Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

No. 196

*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 NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 10

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 34:21-22

Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

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

Church Choir

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 HOPE IN CHRIST

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

No. 194

THE PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND OUR CHILDREN

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:18-21

Pastor: *This is the Word of God.*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

"A Better Mediator"

Dr. Randy Thompson

*THE SONG OF RESPONSE

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

No. 193

*THE BENEDICTION

*Congregation Standing

LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

December 4, 2016

Six P. M.

Tuscumbia, Alabama

(Please turn off all electronic devices.)

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

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124, 92

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

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: *It is good to give thanks to the LORD*

People: *To sing praises to Your name, O Most High;*

Pastor: *To declare Your steadfast love in the morning,*

People: *And Your faithfulness by night.*

THE EVENING HYMN

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

No. 467

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 SONGS OF FAITH

THE EVENING PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Joshua 2

Pastor: *This is the Word of God.*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

"There is Always a Rahab"

Dr. Thompson

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Amazing Grace!"

No. 460

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

SERMON NOTES

Morning Worship Service: *"A Better Mediator"* by Dr. Thompson
Exodus 20:18-21 (Obedience for Today #14)

- I. The law can be a _____ thing.

- II. But there is a _____ .

- III. So now we can _____ in His law.

Evening Worship Service: *"There is Always a Rahab"* by Dr. Thompson
Joshua 2 (Joshua #2)

- I. Even now, there is always the _____ .

- II. Even now, they can make a _____ .

- III. Even now, remember the _____ of _____ .

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OF INTEREST TODAY

GREETER for today is Cathy Thompson.

NURSERY WORKERS this morning are Julie Finch, Amy Benson and Ruth Ann Jochum.

SECOND PERSON for Senior High Sunday School this morning is Keb Crosslin.

INTEREST IN COMING DAYS AND WEEKS

MEALS ON WHEELS FOR DECEMBER... Circle I, Mon., Wed., & Friday. Circle II, Tues. & Thurs.

CIRCLE II will meet **Monday, December 5, at 1:00 p.m.** at the home of Linda Johnson.

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL will be lasagna, salad & rolls provided by Chef Alan. Team members are Elizabeth & Jap Patton, Corky & Terry Snipes, Christy Clements & Mary Cait Finch. This will be our last Wednesday evening meal until January, 2017.

THE NEW SECOND ADULT JR/SR. HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL Schedule for 2017 is in the annex on the piano. Please remember to pick one up.

THE QUACK & SNACK LUNCHEON is on **Thursday, Dec. 8,** at Casa Mexicana in Sheffield at **11:30 a.m.**

GREETERS for next week are Sammy & Christy Clements.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK are Debby Cowley, Ruth Ann Jochum & Amy Jon Finch

SECOND PERSON for Senior High Sunday School for next week is Hal Hughston, Jr.

WE WISH TO EXPRESS our deepest appreciation to Elizabeth & Jap Patton, Susanne Wadsworth and all others who helped deliver, arrange and contribute to the beautiful Thanksgiving cornucopia arrangement that we look forward to at this time of year. This is quite an undertaking and we thank you all.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to two of our church families. Sue Bodkin, a longtime member, passed away Thursday. Her family, Scottie & Niles Floyd, are members of Redeemer; and Amos Malone's beloved sister, Faye Kennedy, passed away Thursday. Please hold these families close in prayer.



*First Presbyterian Choir & Briarwood Presbyterian Choir
Present their Christmas Choir Event
Under the direction of Clay Campbell
And featuring Daniel Cason, Pianist
Sunday, December Eleventh
Six O'clock
Reception Following*

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE for K-4-6th will begin practicing during Sunday school class beginning this morning and continuing on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Parents, please make sure your children are at practice Wednesday nights and during Sunday school classes.

CHURCH CALENDAR OF THIS WEEK'S UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Sunday, 9:00 a.m., Men's Prayer, Men's Classroom
9:00 a.m., Women's Prayer, Carrie Belle Johnson Classroom
9:30 a.m., Morning Worship, Sanctuary
10:45 a.m., Sunday School
6:00 p.m., Evening Worship, Sanctuary
Monday, 1:00 p.m., Circle II, home of Linda Johnson
Wednesday, 5:15 p.m., Wednesday Evening Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:05 p.m., Prayer Meeting, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m., WNF, Youth House
6:00 p.m., Children's Christmas Program Practice
Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Quack & Snack, Casa Mexicana

PRAYER CORNER

- This week be in prayer especially for the sick & recovering: Margie Beck, Janie Craig, Mary Jane Dean, Joyce Kimbrough, Pauline Thompson, Susan McCamy, Rosemary Preuit, Bethany and Kate Giles
- for ministries: Colbert Caring Center
- for missionaries: Mr. Danny Lynch, Wash., D.C.
- for church members/friends: Aaron, Jennifer, A.J., & Anna Collins Karr
- for the protection/safety of our American troops; for courage/strength for their families
- For email prayer requests: tuscumbiapres@yahoo.com

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STAFF

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| Randy E. Thompson, Pastor | Gregory O'Brien, Assistant Pastor |
| Dinie Stone, Director of Music | Brian Beck, Organist |
| Mary Cait Finch, Dir. of Children's Ministries | Bret Waldrep, Dir. of Teen Ministries |
| Karen Willis, Secretary | Thomas Jones, Sexton, 256-394-6169 |

SESSION

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| Class of 2021: Jimmy Hughston | <i>Emeritus Elders</i> |
| Class of 2019: Doug Ruggles, Al Willis, Hal Hughston, Jr., <i>Stated Clerk</i> | <i>Bill Lacey</i> |
| Class of 2017: Jay Benson, Tommy Crosslin, Buddy Whitlock | <i>James A. Patton</i> |

DIACONATE

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| Class of 2020: Mickey Elkins, Chris Glover, Hal Hughston, III | <i>Emeritus Deacons</i> |
| Class of 2018: Darwin Burney | <i>Amos L. Malone</i> |
| Class of 2016: Joe Finch, <i>Treas.</i> , Gordon Ruggles, <i>Chrm.</i> | <i>Jimmy Barnett</i> |
| | <i>Wyatt Simpson</i> |

WIC COUNCIL

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| Debby Cowley, <i>President</i> | Dotty Malone, <i>Mission Liaison</i> | Denise Elkins, <i>Circle I Chrm.</i> |
| Adina Stone, <i>Vice President</i> | Nancy Ruggles, <i>Christian Growth</i> | Dinie Stone, <i>Circle II Chrm.</i> |
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| Debra Kilpatrick, <i>Treasurer</i> | Sarah Ryan, <i>Nursery Co-Chairman</i> | |
| Karen Willis, <i>Historian</i> | | |

NATIONAL & LOCAL MINISTRIES

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| Alabama Church Planting Network | Providence Presbytery | Reformed University Ministries @ |
| Colbert Caring Center | Reformed Theological Seminary | Alabama, <i>Stewart Swain</i> |
| Consulting Serv. Foundation | Restoration Ranch | Alabama A&M |
| Covenant Christian School | Shoals Sav-A-Life | Auburn, <i>Wes Simmons</i> |
| Fame Ranch | Campus Outreach - UNA | UAH, <i>Reid Jones</i> |
| Mission to North America | French Camp Academy | Mississippi State, <i>Brian Sorgenfrei</i> |
| | | Texas Christian, <i>Charles Marchman</i> |
| | | Texas, <i>John Trapp</i> |
| | | Washington U., <i>Kirsten Thompson</i> |

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

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| Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Curles, <i>Burma</i> | Rev. & Mrs. Dale Cutlip, <i>Int'l Ministry</i> | Mr. & Mrs. Craig Gahagen, <i>Peru</i> |
| Rev. & Mrs. Nathaniel Gutierrez, <i>Peru</i> | Rev. & Mrs. Rob Ilderton, <i>England</i> | Rev. & Mrs. Joel Linton, <i>Taiwan</i> |
| Ms. Katherine Long, <i>Bulgaria</i> | Mr. Danny Lynch, <i>Wash., D.C.</i> | Rev. & Mrs. Verne Marshall, <i>Chile</i> |
| Mrs. Alfred McCroskey, Jr., <i>Russia</i> | Rev. & Mrs. Steve Rarig, <i>Australia</i> | Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sabin, <i>Guam</i> |
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