



# 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

July 5, 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 mercy** as you prepare to worship.

## THE PRELUDE

Brian Beck

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Brian Beck

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124, 103

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

**People:** *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: *Bless the Lord, O my soul,*

**People:** *And all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

Pastor: *Who redeems your life from the pit,*

**People:** *Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.*

Pastor: *The Lord is merciful and gracious,*

**People:** *Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

No. 101

\*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

Exodus 19:1-13

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 130:7-8

*O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

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 BAPTISM OF A COVENANT CHILD

Louisa Holcombe Donovan

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:9-10

Pastor: *This is the Word of God*

People: ***Thanks be to God!***

THE PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

*“In These Times”*

Dr. Randy Thompson

\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

*“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”*

No. 353

\*THE BENEDICTION

LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

July 5, 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, 103

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**People: Who made heaven and earth.**  
Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**People: And forget not all his benefits.**  
Pastor: Who forgives all your iniquity,  
**People: Who heals all your diseases.**  
Pastor: The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
**People: And his kingdom rules over all.**

\*THE EVENING HYMN “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” No. 302

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

THE OFFERING

THE EVENING PRAYER

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 18

Pastor: This is the Word of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

THE SERMON “The Prophet” Dr. Randy Thompson

\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” No. 605

\*THE BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

AM Service

*“In These Times”*  
1 Peter 2:9-10

Dr. Randy Thompson

- I. In these times, get a grip on your \_\_\_\_\_ .
- II. In these times, remember your \_\_\_\_\_ .
- III. In these times, be fed by your \_\_\_\_\_ .

PM Service

*“The Prophet”*  
Deuteronomy 18 (The Backstory #17)

Dr. Randy Thompson

- I. Everybody needs \_\_\_\_\_ .
- II. So God gives it to us with \_\_\_\_\_ .
- III. And the ultimate is \_\_\_\_\_ .

## PRAYER GUIDE

July 1, 2020

“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

**Wayne & Ann Curles in Burma:** “We are very concerned about our Burmese friends. The health care system and lack of hospitals in Burma will insure that only the government leaders and wealthy people will be able to actually get the needed health care if they contract the virus. We are facing a very dire situation. No one knows what the future will hold for us, but we know that nothing shall separate us from the love of God: not trouble or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword. (Rom. 8:35) Please continue to pray for us.”

**Church in our Presbytery:** Pray for Grace Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Albertville and their pastors, Jackie Gaston and Caleb Ehmke.

**One Supported Ministry:** Pray for RUF at the Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri. Pray for their campus staff worker, Kristen Thompson.

**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 Berean Sunday school community led by Scott Edburg. Pray this group will continue to keep connected during this crisis.

**Helping Hands:** Pray for that God would protect us, particularly our vulnerable families, from sickness. 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 role of music in our lives as Christians. Since our congregational singing is lessened and our choir is inactive during the pandemic, we need to be able to sing to grow in the Christian faith. Pray for songs to come to your heart and the courage to spend time every week singing to the Lord.

**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. Pray that we might grow in grace during this uncertain time.

**WIC:** Pray for Keller Thompson, Historian of the WIC.

**Youth:** Pray for our covenant children. Pray for Corey Lanier as he leads our youth ministry, especially as they meet outdoors on Wednesday evening. Pray for the little children to continue to learn their lessons from home. Pray for our five year olds, Rhett Bishop, Mollie Cooper, Michael Hovater, Madysen Parker, Neil Partlow, Everett Sneed, Evelyn Tate, Soren Waldrep, and Bunny Waggoner.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION AND TROOPS

- Pray for the racial tensions and violence in our nation. Pray for law enforcement, that they may be protected from harm and that they will deal with others with justice and respect. Pray for peace and understanding to be known in our nation and a stop to the violence. Pray for 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 OUR SPIRITUAL WELL BEING AND GROWTH

For the next few weeks we are going to focus our prayers on the seven-fold petition we introduced last week. I would like to challenge you to prayer for these seven things during the week, maybe even one each day: *Joy*: so often we get joy from our friends and community connections; ask God to fill in the gaps this dark providence has given us. *Influence*: pray that Christians can have more positive influence in our families, communities, and nation, particularly through the power of the gospel preached and shared. *Patience*: ask the Lord to help you cope with this new world we are living in and the people in it who can rub us the wrong way. *Hope*: pray for this fundamental grace of the Christian life in this dark time, that God will hear our prayers and that either here or in heaven, he will bring us through. *Unity*: pray we do not become critical or condescending because of our disagreement with one another about attending church, personal protection, gathering in groups, or all the politics surrounding this time. *Growth*: pray that we are able to find ways to grow in grace, even when our personal attendance at the meetings of the church is less than before. Pray you may be more diligent in your private graces than ever. *Safety*: pray that we may be protected from illness, violence, and fear.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY AND HEALTH NEEDS

Our Church

**Jan Stubblefield:** The doctors in Birmingham have met with Jan and are recommending serious surgery on her tongue, the tumors in her mouth, and the reconstruction of her jaw (fearing the cancer may be in the bone). As you may know, she had already gone through the reconstruction surgery three years ago and is understandably hesitant to do it again without absolute certainty in the diagnosis. She has another scan coming up next week to try to confirm the involvement of the jaw. She may have surgery by late July. Pray for her and Mark, that God may heal, that they may have wisdom in what treatment to choose, and that God would house her about with His comforting presence.

**Francesca Finch:** Thank the Lord, baby Tully Grace, 7 lb, 7 oz, was born on Monday. Tully and her mother are doing well.

**For all of us as the restrictions are slowly eased** – to be safe from illness.

Juanita Bailey	Jimmy Barnett	The Bynums
Janie Craigge	Bob Head	The Hollands
The Jollys	Amos Malone	Elizabeth Patton
Keller Thompson	Grazia Milstead	Dinie Stone

Friends & Family

**Jordan Farris** (Al and Karen Willis’ grandson) is still recovering his strength from his surgery and some of the duct complications. Soon he will begin the special radioactive pill treatment.

**David Lawler** is still recovering from his stroke in rehab in Huntsville very slowly. He needs more therapy and time to develop his left side, particularly his walking. Pray his wife Stephanie and the children.

Peggy Bishop	Will Blevins	Katie Bendall
Howard Bryan	Ariel Brown	Larry Carmichael
Tommy Christopher	Kruz & Paizlee Davenport	Deborah Dowdell
Marita Ellis	Bobbie Elser	Justin Thompson family
Jim Evans	Wayne Hester	Brent Fritz
David Gray	Cole Kelley	Tina Lansdell
Frank Lacina	Scott McWilliams	Aiden Noyola
Robert Potts	Joe Pride	Vance Richardson
Jean Roberson	John Robertson	Jane Selby
Robert Shults	Ed Schmit	Debbie Thompson
Jimmy Thompson	Ed Underwood	Christy Underwood
John Walls	Joyce White	Maggie Williams
Vivian Wilson		

*Today we are baptizing into the covenant, Louisa Holcombe Donovan  
daughter of Sam & Ann Merideth Donovan.  
Be in prayer for this family as they seek to rear their children*

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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	<u><i>Emeritus Elders</i></u>
	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,	<u><i>Emeritus Deacons</i></u>
	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>
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Debra Kilpatrick, <i>Treasurer</i>	Keller Thompson, <i>Historian</i>	

NATIONAL & LOCAL MINISTRIES

Campus Outreach UNA	<b>Reformed University Ministries at:</b>
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 &amp; Kelsey Crum</i>
Gideons International	Mississippi State University, <i>Elliot Everitt</i>
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>
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