



# 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

August 2, 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 truth** as you prepare to worship.

# THE PRELUDE

Brian Beck

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Brian Beck

## \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124, 33

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

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

Pastor: *Sing to him a new song;*

**People:** *Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.*

Pastor: *For the word of the Lord is upright,*

**People:** *And all his work is done in faithfulness.*

Pastor: *He loves righteousness and justice;*

**People:** *The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.*

\*THE PSALM OF PRAISE

*"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"*

No. 7

\*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

Jeremiah 23:1-22

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Psalm 130:7-8
<i>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.</i>	
THE CONFESSION OF FAITH	The Apostles Creed
<i>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</i>	
THE OFFERING	
THE DOXOLOGY	
<i>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.</i>	
THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
THE PASTORAL PRAYER	
THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE	Galatians 1:6-10
Pastor: <i>This is the Word of God</i>	
People: <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	
THE PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD	<i>“Distorted”</i> Dr. Randy Thompson
*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“The Church’s One Foundation”</i> No. 347
*THE BENEDICTION	

LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

August 2, 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, 34

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**People:** Who made heaven and earth.  
Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
**People:** And let us exalt his name together!  
Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
**People:** Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!  
Pastor: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,  
**People:** For those who fear him have no lack!

\*THE EVENING HYMN “God, That Madest Earth and Heaven” No. 405

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

THE OFFERING

THE EVENING PRAYER

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Joshua 2

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

THE SERMON “Rahab” Dr. Randy Thompson

\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord” No. 465

\*THE BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

AM Service

***“Distorted”***  
*Galatians 1:6-10 (Galatians #2)*

Dr. Randy Thompson

- I. God’s good news to humanity can be \_\_\_\_\_ .
- II. And it is \_\_\_\_\_ who do the distorting.
- III. So we need to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ .

PM Service

***“Rahab”***  
*Joshua 2 (The Backstory #19)*

Dr. Randy Thompson

- I. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Rahabs.
- II. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Rahabs.
- III. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Rahabs.

## PRAYER GUIDE

July 29, 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

**RUF at Mississippi State University:** “As the Covid-19 pandemic spread, we continued meeting as RUF offered four virtual community groups that were led by students. There were also game nights, hymn sings. RUF staff continued to provide one-on-one ministry to students via Zoom and FaceTime. Elliott Everitt, former campus minister at MSU received a call from a church and will not be with us in the Fall. The new campus minister will arrive on campus in the Spring semester. Interns Grant and Anne Michal Carter will have an expanded role at MSU until then. Continue to pray for the ministry at MSU. There is much work to be done and many opportunities to do it.”

**Church in our Presbytery:** Pray for Valley Presbyterian Church in Madison, a growing church in the middle of a growing area. Pray for their pastors, Will Plott, Barney Heyward, and James Hollis.

**One Supported Ministry:** Pray for Consulting Service Foundation led by Bebo Elkin. Pray for Bebo and Wayne Herring as they mentor young seminarians, help hurting churches, and link empty pulpits and pastors together.

**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 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 our music in your life to continue. Pray for opportunities to lift up your voice to the Lord outside of our worship services. Learn to “make melody in your heart” 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 the ladies in Circle II, and their chair, Susanne Wadsworth.

**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 one year olds, Campbell Brooker, John Owen Edburg, Amelia Fletcher, Maggie Partlow, Mark Tucker, and Hazel Waggoner.

### 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 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

**Mike Bishop**: will have surgery on his head this week or the next. He will have an MRI before the surgery to see if the cancer has possibly spread.  
**Alton and Judith Bynum**: will be moving to Massachusetts to live with their son on Friday. Pray for their health and a successful move. We will miss them so much!  
**Virginia Minetree (Sr.)**: has been diagnosed with “wet” macular degeneration, meaning there is some bleeding in the back of her eye. The doctor in Denver prescribed a treatment that she may be starting soon. She is in Colorado with family preparing some property for sale. Her daughter Virginia will re-join her soon.  
**Jan Stubblefield**: “On Wednesday, August 5, she will have surgery at UAB in Birmingham, Alabama, to remove cancerous spots on her gums and tongue. We ask you to pray for her surgeons, Dr. Morlandt and Dr. Ying, who will perform an 8-10 hour operation. Please pray that they will obtain clear margins and find *no cancer in the jawbone*. This would dramatically change the course of surgery as well as her recovery, side effects, and quality of life. She is expected to stay in the hospital for a minimum of 7 days.” *From her CaringBridge website; use this site for updates.*

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

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

Friends & Family

**For our neighbors in our community with the Covid-19 virus.**

Katie Bendall	Peggy Bishop	Jane Bross
Ariel Brown	Howard Bryan	Larry Carmichael
Kruz & Paizlee Davenport	Deborah Dowdell	Marita Ellis
Bobbie Elser	Jim Evans	Jordan Farris
Brent Fritz	Rachel Hale	Wayne Hester
Cole Kelly	Frank Lacinia	Robin Lakey
Tina Lansdell	David Lawler	Scott McWilliams
Aiden Noyola	Robert Potts	Joe Pride
Jean Roberson	John Robertson	Patty Robinson
Jane Selby	Debbie Thompson	Jimmy Thompson
Justin Thompson family	Christy Underwood	Ed Underwood
John Walls	Joyce White	Maggie Williams
Vivian Wilson		

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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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>
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	<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
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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Evangelical Congregational Church, <i>Parvomai, Bulgaria</i>	Rev. & Mrs. Steve Rarig, <i>Australia</i>	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sabin, <i>Guam</i>
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