

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
	Organist
Sound	Eddie Blount
Liturgist	Bernadine Hayes
Side door/offering	Kathy Dolianitis
Saturday Lunch	Linda Copeland
Greeter	Sam Meadema
Communion	Kathy Dolianitis and Randy Brooks

BUDGET UPDATE

April 1 – 30	YTD	
Contributions	\$10,041.69	\$131,744.06
Expenditures	\$31,548.38	\$159,520.58
Difference	(-\$21,506.69)	(-\$27,776.52)

First Presbyterian Church

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Carillon on "Whispering Hope" C. Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made:
a day for praise and prayer;
a day for gratitude and generosity.
This is the time God has given us:
a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.
This is the life to which God calls us:
a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.

INVOCATION

O Beloved One,
All the ends of the earth marvel at your deeds of power; we feel your presence as growth returning to the countryside; we rejoice as we remember your faithfulness and steadfast love revealed in the risen Christ. Surround us with that faithfulness and steadfast love Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called your friends and go forth to befriend your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 4	Property Committee at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 5	Youth Activities at 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 6	Seek and Soak Bible Study and Prayer at 10:30 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 8	Saturday Lunch Ministry

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

"Lord, teach me to pray. Teach me to pray consistently. Teach me to be a leader in prayer in my church. And teach me to keep passionate and believing prayer as the lifeblood of this church"

List of Session members

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

Class of 2024: Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann
Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford*
Class of 2026: Randy Brooks, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones*, Kim Meadows

“Wings of the Dawn”

Based on Psalm 139 | By Linda A. Spencer (1946-2002)

Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I go from your presence?

Refrain: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
Even there your hand will guide me. Your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say surely darkness will hide me, and the night be dark all around me.
Not even dark is dark to you. Night will shine like the day. *(Refrain repeats)*

So, I'll lift up my voice and I'll praise you, Lord.
Father, I praise you, my Lord, yes, I'll praise you, Lord.

You created me within, you knit me in my mother's womb.
I praise you for I am fearfully made. Your works are wonderful. *(Refrain repeats)*

Rise on wings of the dawn.

About the Anthem:

The composer of this anthem, Linda Spencer, was a music teacher in New Orleans, Louisiana and then French Camp, Mississippi for thirty years. While in New Orleans, Ms. Spencer founded an Interschool Christian Fellowship choir at Tulane University. Later she founded Nehemiah Ministries, an internet and radio ministry of encouragement through music, worship, and prayer. She dedicated her whole life to her role as the worship song leader and chorus teacher at French Camp Academy. Her passion was to make her “whole life a worship.” Ms. Spencer's life on earth was cut short by cancer in 2002. Her epitaph reads: “Psalm 139. Linda A. Spencer. Musician. Composer. Encourager.”

HYMN

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

GTG#308

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

When we pray to God, do we do so with pride in what wonderful people we are, or with that humble hope which recognizes how we have not lived as God's children, and how we need God's forgiveness and grace in our lives? Join me as we pray to our God, saying,

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help.

Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. This is the good news we have received!
Graced and blessed, we are able to live our lives for others, taking them by the hand to reach that finish line called the Kingdom. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God's blessings and remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

RESPONSE*“Gloria Patri”*

*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.*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

If our lives, our love, our gifts are not shared with others, the words we offer in prayer and praise are hollow. So receive what we offer, Holy God, and bless them in the work of that kingdom which values the people we ridicule, lifts up those we have stepped over, and brings hope and healing to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY*Meditation on "O How I Love Jesus"*

J. Rasley

DOXOLOGY**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****HEAR THE WORD OF GOD****ANTHEM***“Wings of the Dawn”*

Linda A. Spencer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 56:6-8 and Mark 11:15-19

SERMON*“A House of Prayer”***HYMN***“God of Our Life”***GTG#686****COMMUNION LITURGY****THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

May the Lord our God be with you!

And also with you!

Rejoice, O children of God, and open your hearts to our God.

Our hearts overflow with the hope God has poured into them.

Rejoice, O children of God, and be glad!

We sing to the One who has dealt wondrously with us.

... Pastor Continues ...

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of all.**The gateways of morning and evening shout your joy.****Hosanna in the highest!****Blessed is the One who stands by us, giving us strength.****Hosanna in the highest!****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have offered praise and prayer to our God,

who sends us out to offer peace and hope to others.

We have heard the call of Jesus in the silence and singing,

and we will join him in speaking for the voiceless.

Filled by the Spirit with faith and trust,

we go to serve others, humbly and lovingly.**POSTLUDE***“Hanover”*

C. Callahan

BENEDICTION