

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

Minister of Word and Sacrament	David Baker
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	C. B. Strange
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Brenna Takata
Greeter	Barry Cutright
Side door/Offering	David Swann

BUDGET UPDATE

	October 1 - 31	YTD
Contributions	\$12,535.38	\$316,266.87
Expenditures	\$31,914.26	\$462,960.56
Difference	(-\$19,378.88)	(-\$146,693.69)

List of Session members

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford*

Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones*, Kim Wimer, Ava Barrett

Class of 2027: Barbara Wilkins, Joan Reynolds, Pat Pinckney, Kent Shelton

***Denotes Steering Committee Members**

Trustees: Bob Newnam(27), Ray Beale(26), Gary Wimer(25)

First Presbyterian Church

January 19, 2025

11 a.m.



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Words and Music by Helen H. Lemmel (1863-1961) | Arranged by Cliff Duren

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free.

Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and
grace.

His Word shall not fail you, He promised. Believe Him and all will be well.
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell.
(*Chorus repeats.*)

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and
grace.

About the Anthem:

Composer Helen Howarth Lemmel was born the daughter of a Wesleyan minister in England in 1863. She loved music from her earliest days; her parents gave her voice lessons with the best teachers they could find. The family moved to America when Helen was twelve years old. In young adulthood, she spent four years studying vocal music in Germany. She met and married a wealthy European man. Sadly, Helen’s husband abandoned her when she went blind. She suffered this great heartache in middle age before receiving the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to write this hymn. She said the chorus just came to her. She made no conscious effort to write or embellish it.

In her later years, Helen befriended a young pastor Doug Goins and his parents, Paul and Kathryn Goins. They described her as a joyful and enthusiastic person, full of life despite her ailments, “Though she was living on government assistance in a sparse bedroom, whenever we’d ask how she was doing, she would reply, ‘I’m doing well in the things that count.’” Helen Lemmel wrote nearly five hundred hymns during her life, with the help of friends to write or record them. She passed away two weeks before her 98th birthday.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on 1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. 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 those around us with a handshake, hug, or reconciling words, sharing God’s blessings and then 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

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

