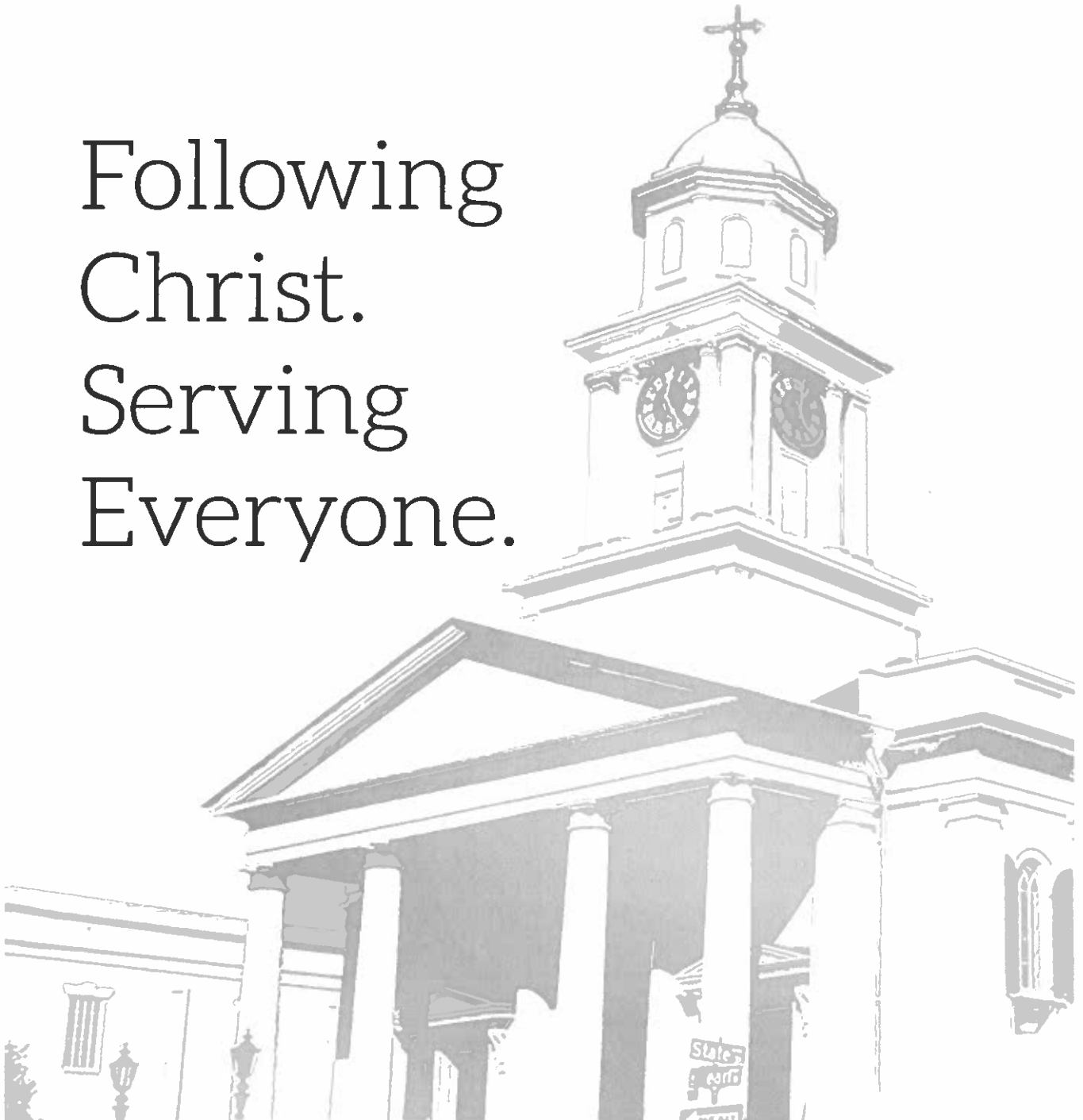




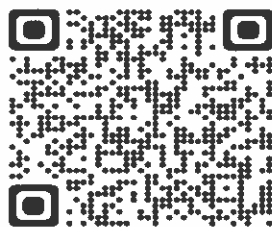
First Presbyterian Church of Natchez

Following
Christ.
Serving
Everyone.



Welcome!

We are delighted you have joined us in worship at First Presbyterian Church Natchez. So that we might get to know you a little better, please take a moment to fill out a connect card by scanning the QR code below.



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MORNING WORSHIP**

February 9, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Joan W. Gandy, Minister

The Rev. Chase Caldwell, Associate Minister

Mr. Vincent Bache III, Director of Music and Organist

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering our lives in the life of Christ's church

Join in the ministries of your church as God calls you!

THE GATHERING

Westminster Chimes

The chiming of the hour signals to us that it is time to worship.

Now let us direct our hearts to the One who calls us here!

Prelude

The Angel's Song

C. V. Stanford

Welcome

Call to Worship

Micah 6:6, 8

With what shall we come before the Holy One and bow ourselves before
God on high?

God has shown us what is good.

What does the Holy One require of us?

To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

*Processional Hymn 1: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - - - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Confession of Sin

The congregation joins in Call to Confession and Unison Prayer of Confession. After silent prayer, all sing the *Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)*

Call to Confession

With boldness let us approach the throne of grace that we may find mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O Lord, and forgive our sin.

Time for Silent Confession

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us
(Choir and congregation sing.)

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Response Hymn 581

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

**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.**

*Greeting and the Peace

The peace of Christ be with all of you today.
And also with you.

THE WORD

Story and Prayers for Young Disciples

Afterwards, children may return to their seats or go to children's class.

Prayer for Illumination

Danna Mooney, reader

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

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Reading from Psalms: Psalm 138

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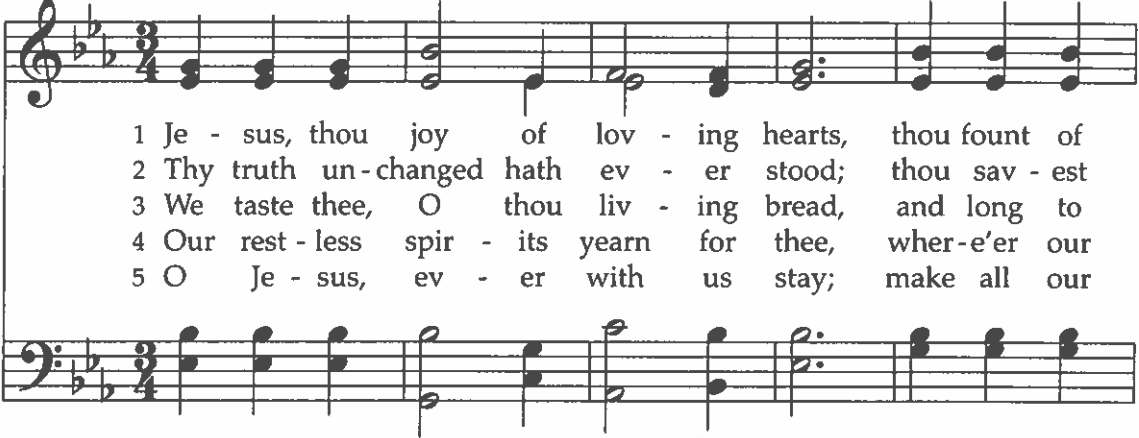
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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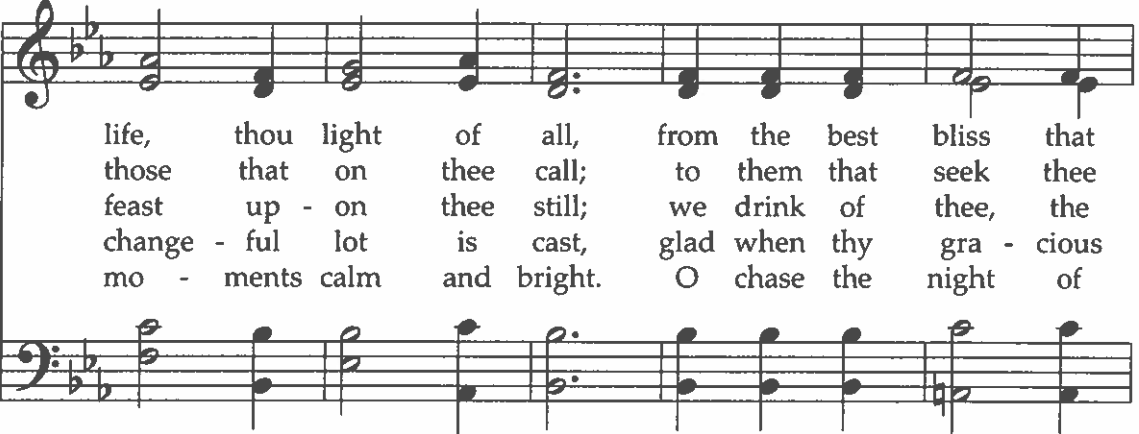
*Gospel Hymn: 494, verses 1 & 2: *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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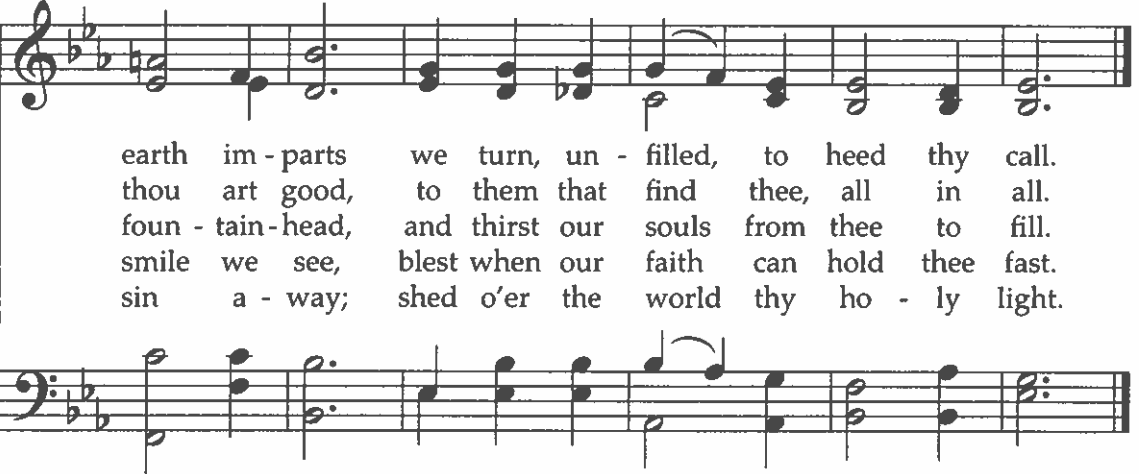
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494



1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
 2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
 3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
 4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our



life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
 those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
 feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
 change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
 mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of



earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
 thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
 foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

This 19th-century American translation of stanzas from a longer Latin poem is so well shaped that it sounds like an original meditation on Christian experience centered on the Lord's Supper. The North American tune name seems not to have originated with the English composer.

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Dwelling in His Daily Grace”

Rev. Gandy

Affirmation of Our Faith

*Apostles' Creed

Traditional

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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

(debts/debtors)

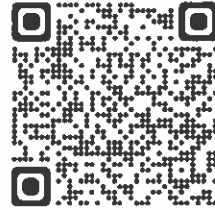
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

Call for the Offering

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.*

Psalm 24:1



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Offertory

O Rise and Sing

Text: St. Patrick

Music: James Biery

O rise and sing to God today! and call on our Creator's might:
The will of God to be our guide, the eye of God to be our sight.
The word of God to be our song, the hand of God to be our stay,
The shield of God to be our strength, the path of God to be our way. Amen.

*Response Hymn 606

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SENDING

*Hymn 4, verses 1, 2, & 4:

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

*Benediction

*Postlude

Toccatà in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Curtis P. Adams by Tanna Davis.

Music Notes: The Prelude this morning is a meditative setting for organ of a tune by Orlando Gibbons, *The Angel's Song* by British composer Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924). The Anthem at the Offertory is *O Rise and Sing* by American choir trainer and composer James Biery. The Postlude is short *Toccatà in C Major* by German Baroque composer Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706).

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor's Bible Study: The Pastor's Bible study will meet Tuesday, February 11, at 11 a.m. Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; and Luke 6:17-26 are the scriptures for study.

Congregational Development Committee: This committee will meet Monday, February 10, at 11 a.m., in the church library.

Session Meeting: The Session will meet Monday, February 10, at 5 p.m. in the church library.

Youth Winter Arts Academy: Youth Group meets at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday. This meeting will be the second of the four-week art programs planned for the month of February. Our youth will enjoy classes on a variety of art mediums taught by a talented group of artists from the congregation. The classes are open to all students ages 8-16. For information about specific classes and times, please see the attached flyer.

Grief Support Group at FPC: First Presbyterian Grief Support Group will meet Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the church library.

Pick Up for PW Casseroles: If you ordered a casserole, you may pick it up after church on Sunday, February 16, or from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, Monday, February 17.

Wonderful Wednesday: Wonderful Wednesday will meet at 5:15 p.m. for supper and Bible study afterwards.

Sanctuary Choir: The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse at 6 p.m.

Organ Update: We have done it! Donations have exceeded what we needed for updating and restoring our beautiful organ. Any funds not used on the new project will be put into the fund for regular organ maintenance. Work to install the many new features will begin in the near future. In early spring our Director of Music and Organist Vincent Bache III will present a concert for you when all the work has been completed! Thank you!

Hearing the Service: If you have some trouble hearing during the Sunday worship service, will you please let Joan or Chase know of your difficulty? We are looking into some solutions to assist people who do not feel they are taking part fully because of hearing loss.

Medicine Bottle Ministry: Thank you again for your excellent response to your mission committee's request for used pill bottles with labels removed. This past week, we sent another large box of these containers on its way to third world countries so that people may have a more secure way of taking their medicine home. A gracious volunteer has offered to remove labels. Drop the bottles in the baskets with labels still on, if you prefer.

Sunday School: Adult classes on Sunday morning meet with Sammy Gore in the Westminster Room 9:15-10; with Chuck Borum in the parlor 9:15-10; or with Rev. Chase Caldwell upstairs in Stratton Chapel 9-9:45.

Acolyte Formation: Acolytes meet with Rev. Gandy on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. Young people ages 9 to 16 are invited to attend.

Monday Prayer: Community prayer in the Prayer Room, located adjacent to the sanctuary, is held Mondays at 11:30 a.m. This prayer time is informal and offers opportunity to pray with others for people and things that are on each heart.

Pickleball at FPC: The FPC Fellowship Hall Pickleball Court is available to use Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The court must be reserved at least 24 hours in advance for 1 hour. To make a reservation, visit or call the church office at 601-442-2581. All users must check-in with the church office prior to play.

New Members Welcomed: If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, you will be warmly welcomed. The first step is to let the minister know of your interest. You may see her before or after worship; or call the church at 601-442-2581 to speak with her.

Photo Gallery Docents: Natchez in Historic Photographs is a favorite destination! Viking Cruise Line has included the photo gallery in their "Best of Natchez" tours, which are happening on Tuesdays. Are you available to serve as a docent, welcoming and giving a few words of

explanation about the church and photographs? Please consider donating a couple of hours any day of the week, but especially on Tuesdays. The exhibit is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Rosemary Hall or the church office to sign up.

AA Meetings: Open Gates AA Meeting meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12 noon in the downstairs meeting room in Stratton Chapel. These are open discussion meetings.

Pastoral Visits: If you have special needs and wish to share them with the minister, please plan a visit so that you can talk about what's going on in your life. Contact the minister at 601-442-2581.

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Sunday Schedule
9:15 Sunday School
Coffee Time
9:45 Choir
Rehearsal
10:30 Worship
11 Brazil Trip meeting

8:30 Exercise Class
10 Staff meeting
11:30 Prayer Group
Noon AA
5 Deacons
7 Boy Scouts
Troop 157

11 Bible Study

8:30 Exercise class
10 Food Boxes
Noon AA
4 Grief Support Group
4:15 Youth
5:15 Supper
6 Bible Study; 6 Choir

Noon AA

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Sunday Schedule
9:15 Sunday School
Coffee Time
9:45 Choir
Rehearsal
10:30 Worship

8:30 Exercise Class
10 Staff meeting
11:30 Prayer Group
Noon AA
5 Session
7 Boy Scouts Troop 157

11 Bible Study

8:30 Exercise class
10 Rebekah Circle
10 Food Boxes
Noon AA
4 Grief Support Group
4:15 Youth
5:15 Supper; Bible Study;
6 Choir

Noon AA

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11:30 PW
casserole
pick up

8:30 Exercise Class
10-noon PW Casserole
pick up
10 Staff meeting
11:30 Prayer Group
Noon AA
7 Boy Scouts

11 Bible Study
Presbytery
meeting in Bay
St. Louis

8:30 Exercise class
Noon AA
4 Grief Support Group
5 Youth
5:15 Supper
6 Bible Study; Choir

Noon AA

10-12 noon
Refuge
Training
meeting

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Sunday Schedule
9:15 Sunday School
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11 Bible Study

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10 Food Boxes
Noon AA
4 Grief Support Group
5 Youth
5:15 Supper
6 Bible Study; Choir

5 Book Club

Noon AA

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Joan W. Gandy, Pastor
The Rev. Chase Caldwell, Associate Pastor
Mr. Vincent Bache III, Director of Music and Organist
Aretha Davis, Playschool Director
Pam McNeil, Office Administrator
Mary Ann Peoples, Financial Secretary
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ELDERS

Class of 2025: Chuck Borum, Sandra Burkes, Marc Doyle, Jay Fitch, Sammy Gore

Class of 2026: Mary Lessley, Helen Smith, Anne Vidal Suen

Class of 2027: Bobby Meason, George Bates, Danna Mooney, and Ralph Loe

Clerk of Session: Rosemary Hall

Assistant Clerk of Session: Danna Mooney

Treasurer: Stratton Bull

DEACONS

Class of 2025: Edie Christian, Rusty Jenkins, and Randy Smith

Class of 2026: Leigh Anderson, Ken Price

Class of 2027: Kristen Graham, Hubert Smith, and Sharon Williams

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