

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**“Seeking to know Christ and make Christ known”**

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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 12, 2021**

## *GATHERING*

**WELCOME ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE**

**TOLLING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE** — *“Ave Verum”*

- W.A. Mozart

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** (said silently)

Direct and help us, O Lord,  
In all our deeds,  
That in all our works  
Begun, continued, and ended in you,  
We may glorify your holy name,  
And finally, by your mercy,  
Obtain everlasting life. Amen.

**THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**INTROIT** — *“O Worship the King”*

- Joseph Kraus

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my  
supplications.

**Because God heard me, I will call on God as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid  
hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray,  
save my life!”**

**\* HYMN #15** — *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother sun with golden beam,*

*O sister moon with silver gleam,*

*sing praises! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O sister water, flowing clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear.*

*Sing praises! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!*

*Sing praises! Alleluia!*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we make so many mistakes. We speak, and words of poison come from our mouths. We sow division, break others down and seek to dominate rather than dialogue. Forgive us, God. Tame our tongues of fire. Guide us in our speech, so our words can bless and build up.**

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

## KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.  
Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* **GLORIA #240** — *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*(Refrain, v. 4, Refrain)  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

### *PROCLAIMING THE WORD*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** — Proverbs 1:20-33  
Pew Bible: pg. 584

**ANTHEM** — *“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* - arr. Hal Hopson  
Chancel Choir

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** — Mark 8:27-38  
Pew Bible: pg. 43

**SERMON** — *“Willful Ignorance”* - Rev. John Brock

### *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

\* **STATEMENT OF FAITH** — *from A Brief Statement of Faith*  
**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\* **HYMN #718** — “*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*” BOURBON

*Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.*

*Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.*

*Take up your cross; heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.*

*Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

\* **DOXOLOGY**

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***EUCCHARIST***

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution  
Distribution of the Elements  
Prayer after Communion

***SENDING***

\* **HYMN #61** — “*Your Law, O Lord, is Perfect*”

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN  
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\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** — “*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*”

- African American Spiritual

**DEPART IN PEACE**

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WELCOME to all who worship with us today. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church, please contact Rev. Brock at [johnbrock@gmail.com](mailto:johnbrock@gmail.com) or 256-486-5003.

FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed to the Glory of God and in honor and thanksgiving for the blessing of our mother, Margaret Beasley, by her family.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING next Sunday, September 19, to elect the Nominating Committee that will serve from October 1, 2021 to October 1, 2022.

WEDNESDAY NOON PRAYER SERVICE will meet this Wednesday at the front of the sanctuary. Masks are required.

WOW WEDNESDAY will begin meeting again next week, September 22. We will let you know next week what to read and bring.

CHOIR PRACTICE will be in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm this Wednesday.

OFFERING: If you are worshipping online, please mail your tithes and offerings to the church. You may also give online, if you prefer using your check card. Go to <https://firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give> on your phone and the website will direct you.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL NEEDS: Please contact Rev. Brock at 256-486-5003 or by email [johnbrock@gmail.com](mailto:johnbrock@gmail.com).

CARES AND CONCERNS: (members in bold) Allen Stanton, Kaitlin Hoover Black, Nathan Moon, **Lanette White**, David Keyser, Eric Maddox, Viola Loving, Beck Abraham Wohlers, Vicky Walters, Billy Joe Andrews, Jane Nix, Kay Baker, Bill Dunlap, Susan Richardson, Bobby Sanborn, Duane Mock, **Judy Umstatdd**, Gabe Childree

WORSHIPPERS AT HOME: Pegge Abraham, Emma Foy, Jane Price, Bobby and Lanette White, Bettie Bland, Don Vandenberg

MILITARY MEMBERS: Nicole Barrett, Reed Burggrabe, Lamar Flowers, Brooks Welk

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Jack Brock, Teddy Brock, Erin Forbes, Shelby Hawkins, Taylor Welk

LIVING WATERS COMMUNITIES: Los Higos, Matagorda, Mata de Plantano, Piedra Blanco Abajo, La Quebrada, Paso Bajito, La Pita, Sabaneta School, Piedra Blanca School, Jarabocoa Fire Department

## Calendar

*Wednesday, September 15*

12:00 - Prayer Group - Sanctuary

6:00 - Choir Practice - Sanctuary

*Sunday, September 19*

11:00 - Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook

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### SESSION

*Class of 2021*

*Class of 2022*

*Class of 2023*

Anne Hawks

Arnie Cutchen

Jim Bradley

Al Peak

Zoe Powell

Jenni Clark

Suzann Tibbs

Callie Strickland

Wayne Fiquett

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