

GATHERING

PRELUDE "The Gift of Love" arr. Hal Hopson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT "Hallelujah" arr. Patrick Matsikenyiri
Chancel Choir

+CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, O Lord, let us take refuge,

so we might never be put to shame.

In your righteousness, O Lord, let us find deliverance,

so we might experience your saving power.

In your presence, O God, let us place our trust,

so we might find confidence in you alone.

You are our rock and our refuge, our fortress and shield.

We turn to you again this day. Amen.

+HYMN # 691 "Lord, When I Came Into This Life" LAND OF REST

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs.

We are satisfied to welcome those whom we call our own.

Our boundaries are drawn for our own family,
our own congregation, our own neighborhood.

We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable,
and lay out the welcome mat

for those whom we choose to welcome.

But your kingdom has no boundary.

Before our birth you have known, loved,

and claimed each and every one.

Soften our hearts to those we rage against.

Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table.

Renew us with your abundant mercy and love,

Which know no end.

(Silent Confession)

KYRIE #551

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus Christ satisfies each of our shortcomings.

It is in God we are given the full version of love, peace, and justice.

This good news is for you:

God claims you, Christ welcomes you,

and the Spirit draws up your seat at the welcome table.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.

Thanks be to our God now and forever.

+RESPONSE #581 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 139: 13-18 Pew Bible Page 578

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Pew Bible Page 698

ANTHEM "To You I Lift My Soul"

Dianne Hannibal

Chancel Choir

SERMON "No Excuses"

Len Sparks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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.

+HYMN #722 "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak"

CANONBURY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

There are multiple ways to contribute to the ministries of First Presbyterian Eufaula:

An offering plate is located in the rear of the sanctuary or you may mail your

contribution to First Presbyterian Eufaula at 201 N. Randolph Ave. Eufaula, AL 36027,

drop it by the church office, or give online at www.firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give.

+DOXOLOGY

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

SENDING

+CLOSING HYMN #726 "Will you Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Postlude on Foundation"

arr. Sikes

+ Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: We welcome back to our pulpit today, Len Sparks

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning and ask that you please sign the Friendship pad in your pew. Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the Triune God. In worship we acknowledge God, who is present in the world and in our lives. As we respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, we are transformed and renewed. In worship, we offer ourselves to God and we are equipped for God's service in the world.

Visitors: We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting with us this morning. We invite you to come back and worship with us as often as possible. If you would like more information about our church, please see one of our Elders.

Sanctuary flowers are placed in loving memory of Bobby Dixon by Mary Dixon for their wedding anniversary.

WOW Dinner at 5:15 on Wednesday with Bible Study following.

Giving Fence needs items. If you have anything that you don't need or want and think it is in good shape, please donate it for our Giving Fence.

Can Cross needs food items. Please give what you are able to help those who need food in our community. Please place your items in the Can Cross in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Prayer Service will meet at the front of the sanctuary at noon.

Large print editions of the **Glory to God Hymnal** are available for use and can be obtained from an usher.

Offering: You may now give online if you prefer using your debit/credit card. Go to <https://firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give> on your phone and the website will direct you.

Cares and Concerns: Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstatt, Eden Coates, Celeste Clements, Jada Register, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, Jay Knorr, Reverend Dr. Joe Johnson, Andy Hinton, Clarence Diggs, Reverend Dr. Ralph Wooten, Gloria Melton, Melissa Scholl. Please pray for our church and the Pastor Nominating Committee, specifically during their regular meeting on Thursdays at 4:00. At this time, please stop what you are doing and pray.

Worshippers at Home: Pegge Abraham, Jane Price

Military Members: Nicole Barrett, Lamar Flowers

College Students: Jake Cournoyer, David Dixon, James Dixon, Haley Helbing, Benjamin Powers, Jake Taylor, Tabettha Taylor, Hailey Beard

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 2nd

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship
11:00 AM - Worship, Len Sparks

Wednesday, February 5th

12:00 noon - noon prayer
5:15 PM - WOW Dinner with Bible Study following

Thursday, February 6th

4:30 PM - Wine to Water Planning Team meeting

Wine to Water Event Thursday, April 24th 6:00pm at the Eufaula County Chamber of Commerce

Sunday, February 12th

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship
11:00 AM - Worship

Congregational meeting will be held following Worship on Sunday February 9th to elect Elders for the class of 2027.

SESSION

Class of 2025

Edie Fiquett
Emily Parrish
Al Peak

Class of 2026

Callie Strickland
Doug Winkleblack
Teresa Barrett

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4th Sunday after Epiphany
February 2nd, 2025