

# GATHERING

PRELUDE    *“Chorale Prelude on Wenn wir in Hochstein Noten Sein”*  
J.S. Bach

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

+CALL TO WORSHIP  
Gathered in from many lands,  
**we come from east and west, north and south.**  
Some of us have wandered through deserts.  
**Some are hungry and thirsty.**  
But the Holy One heard our pleas  
**and has delivered us from our distress.**  
So we come with prayers of thanksgiving,  
**for God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

HYMN # 612    *“We Praise You, O God”*    KREMSER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Faithful God,**  
**we confess our faithlessness.**  
**Our hearts are fickle,**  
**and we trick ourselves into serving other gods.**  
**We speak lies, accept lies, live lies,**  
**destroying others and ourselves along the way.**  
**Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to you.**  
**Embolden our trust in your faithfulness**  
**And settle your truth in our hearts.**

*(Silent Confession)*

KYRIE #551  
*Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
God’s steadfast love endures forever.  
Beyond the cross, beyond the grave,  
Beyond our sin,  
God’s steadfast love endures forever.

This is the good news!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**  
**+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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

# THE WORD

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING    Psalms 49: 1-11  
Pew Bible Page 518

HYMN MEDLEY  
#175    *“Seek Ye First”*    LAFFERTY  
#183    *“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”*    AUSTIN  
#443    *“There Is a Redeemer”*    GREEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING    Luke 12: 13-21  
Pew Bible Page 74

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks Be to God.

SERMON “What Truly Matters in Life”    Len Sparks

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
adopted from the confession of 1967  
The life, death resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church’s mission.  
**His human life involves the church**  
**in the common life of all people.**  
**His service to men and women commits the church**  
**to work for every form of human well-being.**

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ  
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.  
His crucifixion discloses to the church  
God’s judgement on the inhumanity that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences  
of the church’s own complicity in injustice.  
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise  
of God’s renewal of human life in society  
and of God’s victory over all wrong.  
The Church follows this pattern  
in the form of its life and in the methods of its action.  
so to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

+HYMN #468    *“In My Life”*    LORD, BE GLORIFIED

## 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](http://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 #545    *“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”*  
LAND OF REST

## +BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE    *“A Mighty Fortress”*    arr. Sikes  
Hopson

*+ 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.

**Summer Music Department Service:** Join us for this special program on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church. This uplifting service will feature inspiring music from our church choir, heartfelt congregational singing, and beautiful solos by our talented staff singers. All are invited and warmly welcomed to share in this time of worship and praise through music.

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

**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. Also needed are personal and household items.

**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 outside the pastor's office.

**Wednesday Noon 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 & Concerns:** David Nix, Teresa Barrett, Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstattd, Eden Coates, Jada Register, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, James Thompson, Darryl Kornegay, Reverend Dr. Ralph Wooten, Melissa Scholl, Jack Harrison, Della Huffman, Carla Collins, Hilda Retherford, Linda Creel, Lincoln. 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, August 3rd**

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship / Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM –Worship with Len Sparks

#### **Wednesday, August 6th**

12:00 noon – noon prayer

5:30 PM – WOW dinner, Bible study afterwards, starting Philipians

#### **Thursday, August 7th**

5:30PM – PNC meeting

#### **Sunday, August 10th**

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship

11:00 AM – Worship

#### **Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

11:00AM – Summer Music Department Service

### **SESSION**

*Class of 2025*

Edie Fiquett

Emily Parrish

Al Peak

*Class of 2026*

Callie Strickland

Doug Winkleblack

Teresa Barrett

*Class of 2027*

Arnie Cutchen

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8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3rd, 2025