

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J. S. Bach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT “The Prayer of St. Patrick” Emma Townsend

+CALL TO WORSHIP

We glorify you, O Lord,
for you have lifted us up.
**O Lord, our God, we cried out to you,
and you healed us.**
Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones,
and praise God’s holy name.
**For God’s anger is but for a moment,
but God’s favor is for a lifetime.**
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
**O God, you have turned our mourning into dancing!
Let us worship God!**

HYMN # 371 “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God,
in Jesus you have shown us love-
love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things.
You call us, even command us,
to show that love in our lives.
Yet we turn away from what you would have us do.
We confess that the ways of love are not our ways.
We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject.
Have mercy on us.
Help us to receive your love so that we can love others.
Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves.

(Silent Confession)

KYRIE #551

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The resurrection of Jesus,
shows us the grace of God
is stronger than death
and the love of God has no boundary.
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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalms 30
Pew Bible Page 505

ANTHEM “Sunshine in My Soul” arr. Sally DeFord
Chancel Choir

NEW TESTEMENT READING Acts 9: 1-20
Pew Bible Page 127

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God.

SERMON “Our past does not define our future”
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 # 450 “Be Thou My Vision” SLAANE

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 #314 “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”
CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “Christ Be Near Me” 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.

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, Jerry Hart, Teresa Barrett, Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstattd, Eden Coates, Jada Register, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, James Thompson, Legary McBride, Darryl Kornegay, Reverend Dr. Joe Johnson, Reverend Dr. Ralph Wooten, Melissa Scholl, Cathy Childree, Frankie Ammons, Jack & Sherry Harrison, Scott Black, Della Huffman, Carla Collins, Hilda Retherford, Sid Chapman, Linda Creel, Charlie Speake, the family of Chase McClendon.

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, May 4th

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

Wednesday, May 7th

12:00 noon – noon prayer
5:15 PM – WOW Dinner with Bible Study afterwards

Thursday, May 8th

5:30 PM – PNC meeting

Sunday, May 11th

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

SESSION

Class of 2025

Edie Fiquett
Emily Parrish
Al Peak

Class of 2026

Callie Strickland
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3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4th, 2025