# **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Savior of the Nations Come" Medley arr. G. Young

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Lloyd Larson

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Wake up; wake up! The day of God is near.

We do not know the hour,

so we will live like the time is here and now.

God is here, now!

Let us go to the house of our Living God.

We journey with all peoples of all creeds.

Let us go and bask in Holy Wisdom's warmth

so that we can learn her ways and choose her paths.

To enter the house of God, we must wake up

to the nightmare of hate and violence;

all oppression must cease.

We will beat our weapons into tools for love.

We will take the walls we raise against the stranger and build a house where all can live in peace.

LITURGY: HOPE

Marta Hoover

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

Isaiah 2: 2-4

Choral Response "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

Stanza 1

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HYMN # 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are steeped in a world of violence.

War is one of the first things we learn,

And we let it work its way into our lives.

Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams,

And we become accustomed to cruelty.

Forgive us. Rest our weapons from our hands.

And show us how beautiful life can be

When you forge them into instruments of peace.

(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

Beloved, know this:

the God of Presence.

the God of Transformation.

the God of Peace.

hears our prayers

and gives us power to love.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

#### +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** Psalm 63: 1-5

Pew Bible page 527

**ANTHEM** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Traditional

Chancel Choir

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Romans 8: 26,27

Pew Bible Page 158

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

**SERMON** "Hope is in...."

Reverend Shebbie Shields

## 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 #106** *"Prepare the Way, O Zion"*BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE OFFERTORY Cents-Ability

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 <a href="https://www.firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give">www.firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give</a>.

#### +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 #100** *"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"* STAR OF THE COUNTRY DOWN

+BENEDICTION

**+POSTLUDE** "Postlude on the French Folk Melody *Besancon"*Martin Shaw

+ Congregation Standing

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME:** We welcome back to our pulpit today, Reverend Shebbie Shields.

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.

**Choir practice** – December 10th at 4:30PM Choir practice.

**Church Christmas Party** December 10th at 6:00PM at the Winkleblack's. Please bring an horderve to share. Beer and wine provided. **AMMS and EHS Choral Performance** December 11th at 6:30PM in sanctuary.

Christmas Choral Program December 14th at 11:00AM.

Christmas Eve Service with communion December 24th at 5:00PM.

**WOW** Dinner at 5:15 on Wednesday, and decorate sanctuary after supper.

**Giving Fence** needs items, including coat hangers and blankets. 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 Prayer Service will meet at the front of the sanctuary at 11:45.

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 <a href="https://firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give">https://firstpresbyterianeufaula.org/give</a> on your phone and the website will direct you.

Cares & Concerns: David Nix, Teresa Barrett, Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstattd, Eden Coates, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, Darryl Kornegay, Melissa Scholl, Della Huffman, Carla Collins, Linda Creel, Lincoln, Jane Nix, Christine Fisher, Teresa Orr, Margaret Beasley, Bill Elkins, Don Wood. Andrew Peak, address 5058 River Road, Jakin, GA 39861. 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.

Worshipers at Home: Pegge Abraham, Jane Price

Military Members: Nicole Barrett

**College Students:** Jake Cournoyer, David Dixon, James Dixon, Haley Helbing, Benjamin Powers, Jake Taylor, Tabetha Taylor, Hailey Beard, Logan Adams, John Stephen Powers, Gray Mitchell, Kathryn Mitchell

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 30th

9:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship 11:00 AM –Worship with Reverend Shebbie Shields

Wednesday, December 3rd

11:45 PM – Prayer Service 5:30 PM – WOW dinner, decorate sanctuary after supper.

Thursday, December 4th 5:30PM – PNC meeting

Sunday, December 7th

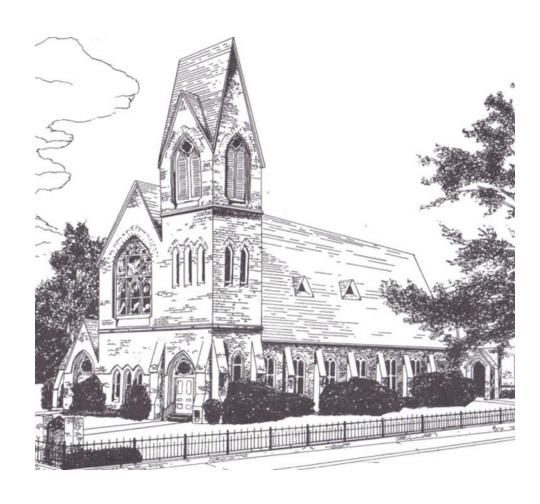
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### **SESSION**

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Edie Fiquett	Callie Strickland	Arnie Cutchen
Emily Parrish	Doug Winkleblack	Ginny Hornsby
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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Hope November 30th, 2025