

GATHERING

PRELUDE *“Steal Away”* African American Spiritual

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT “Here in This Place” Marty Haugen

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember, O people, the needs of the poor
and suffering of the downtrodden,
and hold to account all who are in high positions,
for God our Savior
desires everyone to know
the truth that they are loved.
God will raise the poor from the dust
and make them sit with princes.
So let us offer supplications,
prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings for everyone,
for the Lord is high above all nations,
yet nothing is below God’s notice.
There is one God;
and Christ Jesus one mediator
between God and humankind,
who gave himself a ransom for all.
Praise the Lord!

HYMN # 299 *“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”*
HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace.
We seek the comfort of silence,
and ignore the cries of the oppressed.
We are inwardly focused, missing your call
to serve the world in justice and love.
Forgive us, O God.
Equip us to fulfill your will for a world
in which all know dignity and all are treated with equity,
as your beloved children.

(Silent Confession)

KYRIE #551

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

God our Judge is also our Savior.
The good news is sure:
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 1 Samual 23: 1-13
Pew Bible page 268

ANTHEM *“In Heaven’s Eyes”* Phil McHugh
Tabetha Taylor, Soprano

EPISTLE READING Titus 3: 1-11
Pew Bible Page 215

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5: 21-24
Pew Bible Page 4

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God.

SERMON “The Preeminence of Christ in the Christian Life”
Reverend Joel Miller

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 #792 *“There is a Balm in Gilead”* GILEAD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

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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 #708 *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*
SCHUMANN

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE *“New Songs of Celebration Render”* Louis Bourgeois

+ Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: We welcome back to our pulpit today, Reverend Joel Miller.

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.

Celebration September 28th, noon- honoring Steve Hawkins 30th year anniversary as our organist!! Wow!! Come for reception and lunch following worship!

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, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, Darryl Kornegay, Melissa Scholl, Jack Harrison, Della Huffman, Carla Collins, Hilda Retherford, Linda Creel, Lincoln, Jane Nix, Christine Fisher, Teresa Orr.
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, Tabetha Taylor, Hailey Beard, Logan Adams, John Stephen Powers, Gray Mitchell

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 21st

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship / Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM -Worship with Reverend Joel Miller

Wednesday, September 24th

12:00 noon – noon prayer
5:30 PM – WOW dinner, Bible study, Philippians

Thursday, September 25th

5:30PM – PNC meeting

Sunday, September 28th

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship / Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM – Worship
Reception honoring Steve Hawkins 30th year anniversary as our organist following worship!

SESSION

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
Edie Fiquett	Callie Strickland	Arnie Cutchen
Emily Parrish	Doug Winkleblack	Ginny Hornsby
Al Peak	Teresa Barrett	
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		Steve Hawkins, Organist/Director of Music
		Cathy Childree, Clerk of Session
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		Al Peak, Treasurer



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15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 21st, 2025