

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Lamb of God” arr. Sikes

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT “The Prayer of St. Patrick” Emma Townsend

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise God on high!
Praise God, sun and moon.
Praise God, all you shining stars!
Praise God from the earth,
you sea monsters and ocean depths!
Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
praise the Lord!
Kings and all peoples of the earth,
princes and all rulers of the earth,
praise the Lord!
Old and young together;
all people praise the Lord!
Let us worship God!

HYMN # 14 “For the Beauty of the Earth” DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, you command us to love one another,
Yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.
You command us to care for all of creation,
Yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness.
You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus,
Yet we too often walk our own way.
Forgive us, O God.
Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth.
Lead us to reconciliation
and a vision for your beloved community,
as we share your love with your people everywhere.

(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
Believe the good news;
Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Amen.

+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

ANTHEM “How Beautiful” Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 4: 23-35
Pew Bible Page 122

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God.

SERMON Message in a Bottle Reverend Dr. Jerry Little

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen an unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God, begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
And became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+HYMN # 529 “Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether” UNION SEMINARY

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

THE EUCHARIST

The sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to The Lord's Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Let us Pray: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Bread and Cup
Prayer after Communion
Reverend Dr. Jerry Little

SENDING

+CLOSING HYMN #634 “*To God Be the Glory*”
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “Postlude on All Creatures of Our God and King”
arr. Sikes
+ Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: We welcome back to our pulpit today, Reverend Dr. Jerry Little.

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, Teresa Barrett, Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstatt, Eden Coates, Jada Register, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, James Thompson, Legary McBride, Darryl Kornegay, Reverend Dr. Joe Johnson, Reverend Dr. Ralph Wooten, Melissa Scholl, Frankie Ammons, Jack & Sherry Harrison, Scott Black, Della Huffman, Carla Collins, Hilda Retherford, Linda Creel, Charlie Speake, the family of Mary Dixon, the family of Jerry Hart and the family of Sid Chapman.
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 18th

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship
11:00 AM –Worship with Reverend Dr. Jerry Little

Wednesday, May 21st

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

Thursday, May 22nd

5:30 PM – PNC meeting

Sunday, May 25th

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

SESSION

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
Edie Fiquett	Callie Strickland	Arnie Cutchen
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5th Sunday of Easter
May 18th, 2025