

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bonds”  
Johann Sebastian Bach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”  
Chancel Choir Thomas Kempis

+CALL TO WORSHIP  
When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.  
Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.  
Then it was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”  
The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.  
Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.  
Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy.  
Let us worship God!

+HYMN #182 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Why are you so extravagant, O God?  
We work hard, use our intelligence,  
Keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily,  
Care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies.  
Is it not enough  
to earn our place among the favored?  
Yet you throw open windows and doors,  
revealing a vision we do not possess,  
where accomplishments don’t count,  
where tears reap joy,  
where peace is found in suffering,  
where confidence is gained  
by giving away what is ours to treasure.  
Show us again what matters.  
Forgive our misplaced values,  
and draw us into your extravagance,  
that we, too, might be generous with our love.

(Silent Confession)

KYRIE #551  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Our claim to forgiveness rests entirely in God’s claim on us.  
Jesus Christ restores us to life.  
Say it with joy!  
In 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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43: 16-21  
Pew Bible Page 672

ANTHEM “If Ye Love Me” Thomas Tallis  
Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3: 4-14  
Pew Bible Page 198

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks Be to God.

SERMON All is worthless compared to knowing Christ Jesus  
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 #183 “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” AUSTIN

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 #188 “Jesus Loves Me” JESUS LOVES ME

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE    *“Peoples, Clap Your Hands”*       Claude Goudimel

+ *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.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>,** One Great Hour of Sharing, special offering.

**Wine to Water Event** Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM at the Eufaula Barbour County Chamber of Commerce.

**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.

**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 in Fellowship Hall.

**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, Jack & Sherry Harrison, Scott Black, Della Huffman, Sheila Carter, Carla Collins. Please pray for the family of Doug and Betsy Purcell in the loss of their son in law. Their daughter is Amanda Purcell Tuttle. Congratulations to Al and Alenna Peak on the birth of their granddaughter to Andrew and Melissa Peak.

**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

*Weekly Calendar*

**Sunday, April 6th**

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship

11:00 AM –Worship with Len Sparks

**Wednesday, April 9th**

12:00 noon – noon prayer

5:15 PM – WOW Dinner with Bible Study afterwards

**Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM – PNC meeting

**Sunday, April 13th**

10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship

11:00 AM – Worship

SESSION

*Class of 2025*

Eddie Fiquett

Emily Parrish

Al Peak

*Class of 2026*

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

April 6th, 2025