

GATHERING

PRELUDE Gray Mitchell, pianist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

+CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship the Word made flesh,  
who fled from the wrath of human powers into Egypt.  
**The God we worship was a refugee.**

We remember the children,  
from the time of Christ to today,  
caught in the cross-fire of fear and greed.  
**The God we worship was a refugee.**  
We gather to dream and build a better world  
where all children grow up, all exiles return home.  
**The God we worship was a refugee.**

HYMN #133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELIS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God,  
you became our Savior in all our distress.  
In all the ways we hurt,  
and all the ways we hurt others,  
in all the ways we feel neglected  
and all the ways we neglect others,  
in all the ways we cry out  
and all the ways we cause others to cry,  
you are with us, comforting us and holding us to account.  
In your love, redeem us once again.  
Lift us up and grant us your mercy,  
as you have throughout the generations.  
(Silent Confession)

KYRIE #551  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ came into this world for us:  
imperfect humans, perpetual sinners,  
trying, learning, striving.  
He came to be tested,  
so that he might help us as we are tested,  
to forgive us all our sins.

Praise be to our merciful and faithful high priest!

+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 FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

HYMN #132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”  
IN DULCI JUBILO

NEW TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks Be to God.

SERMON 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 arose 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 #112 “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”  
SUSSEX CAROL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY Cents-Ability  
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+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 #134 “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE Gray Mitchell, pianist

+ Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: We welcome back to our pulpit today, Reverend Shebbie Shields.  
  
Welcome back to First Presbyterian guest musician Gray Mitchell who joins us today while Steve is away on vacation. Gray is a freshman at Troy University and is the son of Holly and Chris Mitchell.

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 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 and Concerns:** Kaitlin Hoover Black, Betty Suddath, Judy Umstattd, Eden Coates, Fred McWaters, Carter McDonald, Darryl Kornegay, Melissa Scholl, Della Huffman, Lincoln, Christine Fisher, Teresa Orr, Margaret Beasley, Bill Elkins, Don Wood, Andrew Peak – address 5058 River Road, Jakin, GA 39861. Vonnie Harzig, Cody Owens, 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

**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, December 28th**  
9:30 AM – Choir Rehearsal  
10:15 AM - Coffee and Fellowship  
11:00 AM –Worship with Reverend Shebbie Shields

**Wednesday, December 31st**  
12:00 PM – Noon Prayer Service  
5:30 PM – WOW dinner, bible study afterwards

**Sunday, January 4th**  
9:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal, 10:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship  
11:00 AM – Worship with congregational meeting to elect elders and member of Preservation Trust.

<u>SESSION</u>		
<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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**1st Sunday of Christmas**

December 28th, 2025