

First Presbyterian Church of Tuscumbia

Established 1824



“To Glorify God, and to Enjoy Him Forever”

LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

December 14, 2025

Nine-Thirty A.M.

Tuscumbia, Alabama

(Please turn off all electronic devices)

When you enter into the doors of the sanctuary, silently prepare to meet the triune God.

THE PRELUDE

Mr. Brian Beck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Church Choir

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel 7:13-14

Pastor: *I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man,*

People: *And He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.*

Pastor: *And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,*

People: *That all peoples, nations, and languages should worship Him;*

Pastor: *His dominion is an everlasting dominion,*

People: *Which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

THE INVOCATION

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"

No. 195

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:1-14

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Strasbourg Liturgy, AD 1545

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and sincerely acknowledge before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing. O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You, and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance. O God and Father, most gracious and full compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

15 Q. *What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?*

A. *One who is a true and righteous human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.*

16 Q. *Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?*

A. *God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for sin; but a sinful human could never pay for others.*

17. Q. *Why must the mediator also be true God?*

A. *So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity, might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.*

THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE TO CHRIST

"What Child Is This?"

No. 213

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor: *This is the Word of God*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

THE PREACHING OF SCRIPTURE "Why the Christmas God-Man?" Dr. Jeff Hamm

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 208

*THE BENEDICTION

*Congregation standing

LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

December 14, 2025

Six P.M.

Tuscumbia, Alabama

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THE PRELUDE

Mr. Brian Beck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 124, 138

Pastor: *Our help is in the name of the LORD,*

People: ***Who made heaven and earth.***

Pastor: *I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;*

People: ***Before the gods I sing Your praise;***

Pastor: *I bow down toward Your holy temple*

People: ***And give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness.***

THE INVOCATION

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

No. 200

OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE EVENING SONGS

THE EVENING PRAYER

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

Galatians 4:1-7

Pastor: *This is the Word of God.*

People: ***Thanks be to God!***

THE SERMON

"Born to Set Thy People Free"

Rev. Drew Tunnell

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

No. 196

“Why the Christmas God-Man?”

AM Service

Matthew 1:18-25 (*Christmas According to Matthew #2*) Dr. Jeff Hamm

“Born to Set Thy People Free”

PM Service

Galatians 4:1-7

Rev. Drew Tunnell

1. We were once _____ to the principles of the world.

2. But Christ was born so that we might be _____.

3. And Christ was born so that we might receive _____ as sons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled to take place today in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service. We will be voting on the session's recommendation to call Rev. Drew Tunnell as Associate Pastor.



SECOND OFFERING: Today December 14th during our morning worship service we will take a second offering for the Geneva Relief Fund which provides for retired pastors and widows. Join us in supporting those who have spent their lives serving the church.



THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be December 17th at 6 P.M. in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception afterward. There are several categories of food to bring on the sign up sheet on the annex table. Please sign up to help with this.

2026 NURSERY SCHEDULE: The first quarter nursery schedule is on the table in the annex and available for pickup.



YOUTH RETREAT The Roots Retreat is January 23-25 at Camp ToKnowHim in Pisgah, AL for 6th-12th grade. The cost to sign up is \$145, and you can register at providencepresbytery.com/roots. Contact Pastor Drew if you have any questions.



MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2026 Save the date for our annual Missions Conference February 21st-23rd as we welcome speaker Dr. Dominic Aquila the president of Geneva Theological Seminary.

THIS WEEK’S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

SUN 12/14

Nursery amVirginia Tate, Amy Buchanan
Nursery pmLaura Parker
Greeter.....Al Willis, Jean Hudson
Security.....Team 4
Youth SS 2nd adult.....Karen Willis

NEXT WEEK’S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

SUN 12/21

Nursery amJane Morton, Marie Woodall
Nursery pmGail Trapp
Greeter.....Wes Marchman, Mike Bishop
Security.....Team 5
Youth SS 2nd adult.....Virginia Fletcher

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, STRUGGLING, AND RECOVERING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jainie Craigge	Jimmy and Etta Barnett	Margie Beck	Bob Head
Judge Hal Hughston	Elaine Kelsoe	Mary Ann Ligon	Caroline and Mac McGregor
M.B. Myers	Hanna Ruggles	Jan Stubblefield	Chip Simpson
Terri Snipes	Dinie Stone	Doris Talley	Pam Wilson
Al Willis			

PRAY FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS IN OUR CHURCH

Emma Tunnell

REGULARLY SCHEDULED SERVICES:

Sunday	9:00 A.M.	Men’s Prayer, Men’s Classroom Women’s Prayer, Carrie Belle Johnson Room
	9:30 A.M.	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
	10:45 A.M.	Sunday School
	6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship, Sanctuary
Wednesday	6:00 P.M.	Adult Bible Study in the Psalms, Youth, and Children

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STAFF

Dr. Jeff Hamm, Pastor

Dr. Gary Nannt, Pastoral Assistant

Dinie Stone, Director of Music

Brian Beck, Organist

Rev. Drew Tunnell, Assistant Pastor

Jennifer Richardson, Bookkeeper

Cayla Spencer, Secretary

Thomas Jones, Sexton

SESSION

Class of 2029: Jimmy Hughston, Jameson Hughston

Emeritus Elders

Class of 2027: Al Willis, Lee Hudson, Hal Hughston, Jr.

Ron Hudson, Bill Lacey,

Class of 2025: Tommy Crosslin, Wes Marchman, *Stated Clerk*

M.B. Myers, Rusty Trapp

John Waggoner, Bret Waldrep

DIACONATE

Class of 2030: Taylor Brooker, Sean Jacobson, Jacob Johnson

Emeritus Deacons

Class of 2028: Adam Isbell, Russ Tate (*Chairman*), Jason Tucker

Wyatt Simpson

Class of 2026: Beau Cooper, Gordon Ruggles

WIC COUNCIL

Adina Stone, *President*

Reba Griffith, *Missions*

Gail Hughston, *Circle I Chrm.*

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NATIONAL & LOCAL MINISTRIES

Colbert Caring Center

Providence Presbytery

Common Ground Shoals

Reformed Theological Seminary

Covenant Christian School

Shoals Sav-A-Life

French Camp Academy

RUF: Alabama A&M University, *Marcus Nobles*

Gideon's International

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Plant

Mission to North America

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

Rev. & Mrs. Richard Bailey, *Australia*

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sabin

MTW Enterprise, *Europe*

Rev. & Mrs. Joel Linton, *Taiwan*

Mr. & Mrs. Craig Gahagen, *Peru*

Third Millennium Ministries

Rev. & Mrs. Rob Ilderton, *England*

Rev. & Mrs. Atanasov, *Parvomai, Bulgaria*

Mr. Danny Lynch, *International*

Rev. & Mrs. Verne Marshall, *Chile*

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cohen, *Globeworks*