

**Trinity Sunday**  
*10:00 a.m. Worship*

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

*When the prelude begins, let us quietly and prayerfully prepare our hearts and minds to worship Almighty God.*

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

*Sonata in D* Henry Purcell  
*I. Pomposo* *II. Adagio* *III. Presto*  
*Eric Yates, trumpet*  
*Jeff Binford, organ*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *Grazioso* Georg Philipp Telemann  
*Eric Yates, trumpet*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 6: 1-8

Leader: We gather in worship this day even as the angels descend from above. They call to one another saying:

**People: “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Creation; the whole earth is full of the glory of God.”**

Leader: The Spirit swirls among us, and the prophets are moved to utter bold words:

**People: “Here we are, Holy Spirit. Send us!”**

Leader: Will an angel swoop down for each of us and touch our lips? When we hear the voice of our Savior we shall say:

**People: “Here I am, Lord. Send me!”**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*\*HYMN #132 *Come, Great God of All the Ages* ABBOT’S LEIGH

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Great God, help us in our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we ought. May the Spirit intercede with sighs too deep for words. We see the sufferings of this time, and we weep and groan as if you are dead. Our spirit is not willing to work according to your purpose. We attempt to create out of the needs of the flesh. We destroy the good of creation in the name of our want. We are groaning in pain every day, even as our debts have already been made. Forgive us, God, as you have from the beginning. Help us hope for what we cannot see. Give us patience until we see you face to face. Our sufferings and our sins are not worth comparing to the glory revealed to us in our Lord Jesus Christ. Justified by Him, we confess our sin. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* 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.**

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

WORD TO THE CHILDREN

*After the Word to the Children, children 4 years old through Kindergarten are invited to Children's Church. Debbie McGuire will escort them to their classroom. They may be picked up in Room 110 after worship.*

Leader: Now we go our separate ways.

**Adults: The Lord is with you there.**

Children: The Lord is with you here.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

**RECEPTION OF THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 29 Pew Bible, p. 504

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:12-17 Pew Bible, p. 158

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Crying to Abba* Rev. Patrick Laney

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Romans 8: 31-39 from *The Message*

Leader: So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose?

**People: God didn’t hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son. There is not anything he would not gladly and freely do for us.**

Leader: And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God’s chosen? Who would dare even point a finger?

**People: The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us.**

Leader: Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ’s love for us?

**People: There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing. None of this fazes us because**

**Jesus loves us. We are absolutely convinced that nothing—living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God’s love because of the way that Jesus our Lord has embraced us.**

\* HYMN #384 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* John Stainer  
*Duet: Jennifer Bryant and Jeanette Fontaine*

\* DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 THANKSGIVING

\* HYMN #138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

\* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Voluntary* John Stanley

**TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT**

Robert Rice, Jr.

June 2, 2009

\*Those who are able, please stand. \*\*Seating of late arrivals.  
**Please silence cell phones during worship.**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed in loving memory of Dr. Sam Darden, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Darden, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McRaye, Sr. by their children.

### ELDERS AT THE DOOR

Ford Simpson (*Chair*)  
Carl Jamison (*Stillman Blvd.*)  
Roger Sayers (*Bryant Dr.*)

### DEACON GREETERS

Cindy Stephenson  
Ree Almon  
Allison Lehman

### USHERS (10:00)

Andy Tucker (*Captain*)  
Mitchell Loper  
Dexter Hancock  
Daniel Maughan  
Christy Beem  
Forest Wilson

### CHILDCARE COORDINATOR

Caroline Boxmeyer

### ONE YEAR-OLDS

Chad and Laura Skinner

### TWO YEAR-OLDS

Randy and Jennifer Smith

### THREE YEAR-OLDS

Robert and Angie Smith

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Martin and Kerri Morthland

### ACOLYTES

Elizabeth Danner  
Jake Evans

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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. VBS Kick-off Block Party

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

8:30-12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School  
5:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee – Leadership Room  
5:15 p.m. Family Connection Committee – Leadership Room

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

8:30-12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

8:30-12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School  
12:15 p.m. Endowment Committee – Brandon Parlour

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

8:30-12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School  
12:00 p.m. Strengthening of the Church – Leadership Room

## WELCOME, GUESTS!

We extend a warm welcome to you as you worship with us this morning. If you have any questions or concerns where we might serve you, please feel free to speak with one of the ministers as you leave the Sanctuary today. If you wish to inquire about programs or Sunday School classes offered at First Presbyterian Church, you may call the church office or visit our website at [www.fpctusc.org](http://www.fpctusc.org). Thank you for visiting with us.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

*Dr. Charles M. Durham, Pastor*

*Rev. Lou Ann Sellers, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission*

*Rev. Patrick W. Laney, Associate Pastor for Youth and Family*

*Rev. James Goodlet, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry*

*Dr. Thomas Herwig, Parish Associate*

*Dr. John R. Orr, Director of Music*

*Bill Pool, Church Administrator*

*Jenny Thagard, Director of Christian Education*

*L. Jeffries Binford, Organist*

*Serving Christ in the Heart of Tuscaloosa*

*The Seventh Day of June  
Two Thousand and Nine*

The eleven o'clock worship service is broadcast on Comcast Cable TV, Channel 20. The previous Sunday's service is re-broadcast at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings on WVUA Ch. 7, Ch. 3 (Comcast Cable) Ch. 4 (Charter Cable) and 7/Wireless One Ch. 52. Our church web address is [www.fpctusc.org](http://www.fpctusc.org).