

THE GRADUATES

**Riley Barker** I am going to UNA to major in nursing! The church can pray for me for a smooth transition and to meet new people! Sponsor Family: Scott and Rebecca Sawyer

**An Zhen Cornelius** I am planning to go to Ole Miss and plan on majoring in biology with a minor in exercise science. I would love for the church to pray that I trust in the plan God has for me through college. Sponsor Family: Hunter and Anna McCalla

**Sarah Katherine Curtis** I am going to Ole Miss and plan to earn my degree in business finance. I would love for the church to pray that I am reminded everything is a part of God's plan and to rely on him and not the world. Sponsor Family: Cameron and Jennybeth Crockett

**Cooper Elliot** I am going to Ole Miss and planning to major in biology. I would ask that the church prays that I do well in my classes and life. Sponsor Family: Bobby and Nicole Roach

**Griffin Enis** I am planning to go to Duke and major in economics. I would love for the church to pray that I could find a good church and group to be in at college. Sponsor Family: Hunter and Anna McCalla

**Ben Erwin** I am planning to go to ICC and major in industrial maintenance. I would love for the church to pray that I can continue to make Christian friends in this new stage of life. Sponsor Family: Drew and Taylor Moak

**Kyson Floyd** I am going to Ole Miss to major in exercise science/ pre-physical therapy, to eventually get my doctorate in Physical Therapy. I would love for the church to pray that I stay in the right direction in my faith as a believer and my wellbeing. Sponsor Family: Adam and Emory Kirk

**Mary Morgan Gardecki** I'm planning to go to Ole Miss and major in psychology. I would love for the church to pray that I have an easy transition and wisdom in decision making. Sponsor Family: Kevin and Morgan Williams

**Haley Guare** I am planning on attending Northeast Community College for 2 years, then transferring to Ole Miss and majoring in nursing. I ask for prayers to become more responsible in college and to not be so Type B! Sponsor Family: John and Jennifer Shipp

**Olivia Hines** I am planning to go to Ole Miss and major in business and marketing. I would love for the church to pray for a smooth transition, safety, finding a good community and church, and the strength to make good choices! Sponsor Family: JR and Kerisa Burns

**Henry Huggins** I am planning on going to Mississippi State and major in business. I would love for the church to pray that I have a successful time in college and be an example of His love. Sponsor Family: Hack and Catherine Smith

**Camden Lewis** I'm planning to go to Ole Miss and major in business with a minor in biology. I would love for the church to pray that I have an easy transition into college and I can find a good church home in Oxford. Sponsor Family: Ben and Allison Long

**Timmons McGrath** I am planning on attending the University of Mississippi and will major in accounting. I ask the church to pray for my journey into college. Sponsor Family: GT and Sally Beth McCullough

**Sheridan Marlar** I am attending Auburn University, majoring in chemical engineering. I would like the church to pray that I will enjoy my freshman year and will be safe away from home in a new town. Sponsor Family: Rick and Linda Willis

**Adelyn Mathis** I plan to attend Ole Miss to major in accounting. I would love for the church to pray for me to find community within the church I attend in Oxford. Sponsor Family: Jason and Jennifer LeGoff

**Mae Monaghan** I am attending the University of Arkansas and planning on majoring in business marketing. I would like the church to pray for me to have a smooth settle into Arkansas and for meeting new people! Sponsor Family: John and Virginia Boyd James

**John Orman** I am planning on attending Mississippi State University and majoring in building and construction science. I would love for the church to pray that I will seek the Lord's guidance in all my decisions throughout life. Sponsor Family: JR and Kerisa Burns

**Jaylynn Palmer** I am going to the University of Mississippi, and majoring in public policy leadership. I would like the church to pray for me to have a blessed freshman year as I navigate a new journey in my life. Sponsor Family: Kevin and Morgan Williams

**Baylor Pratt** I plan on attending Ole Miss and majoring in business. I would love for the church to pray that I have a smooth transition from high school to college classes, and to be a positive influence to the others around me. Sponsor Family: Orma and Terre Smith

**Sheridan Shipp** I am planning to go to Ole Miss and major in biology. I would love for the church to pray that I find Godly friendship to surround myself with and that God would use me while I'm there. Sponsor Family: John and Virginia Boyd James

**Lucy Smith** My plan is to go to Ole Miss to study emergency medicine. The church can pray for my well-being and guidance for the next few years to come. Sponsor Family: John and Claire Windsor

**John Stanley** I am going to the University of Virginia to earn a degree in mechanical engineering. I would like the church to pray for my journey and faith through college. Sponsor Family: Sally Sharlow

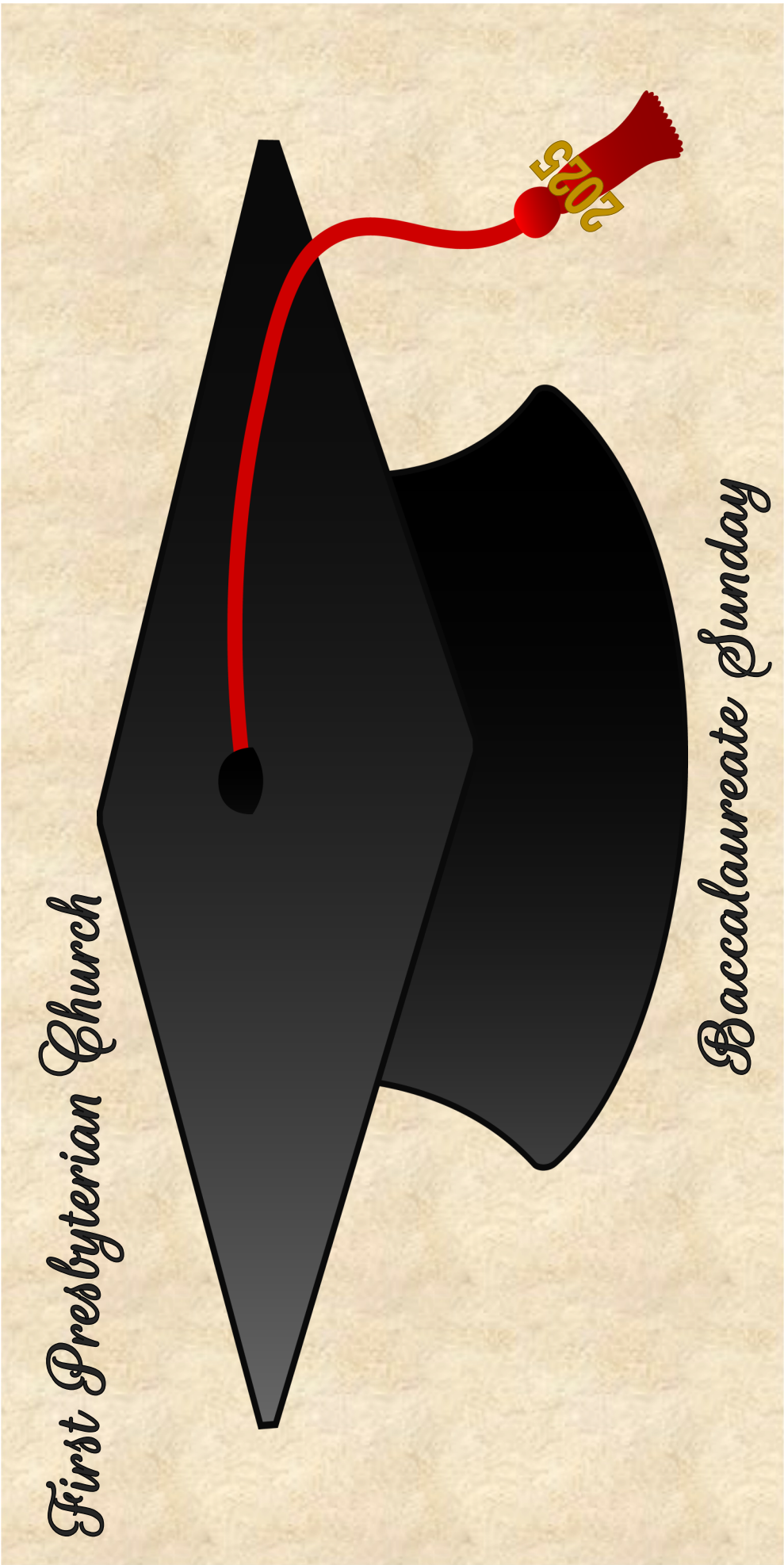
**Landon Thomas** My plans after high school are to study business at MSU, and the church can pray for me to be able to study well while also enjoying my time at college. Sponsor Family: Gregg and Deb Parker

**Matt Williams** I am planning to go to Mississippi State and major in business. I would love for the church to pray that I find a loving church community and great friends. Sponsor Family: John and Jennifer Shipp

**Trey Williams** I am planning to go to Ole Miss and major in business. I would love for the church to pray that I find a new church community and Christian friends in Oxford. Sponsor Family: Andy and Lauren Butler

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5,6





LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 18, 2025

PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY

The Piano Prelude

Call to Meditation: Isaiah 40:28

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.”

The Prelude

Choral Introit: “In Your House”

(\*please stand)

\*Call to Worship: taken from Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Congregation: In our anguish we cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting us free.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Congregation: The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Congregation: We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Congregation: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

\*The Hymn & Senior Processional: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (vv.1-3) No. 26

\*Responsive Reading: Psalm 138

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

Congregation: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Congregation: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

Congregation: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

\*Congregational Response: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (v.4) No. 26

\*Profession of Faith: The 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. (\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places)

\*Prayer of Invocation & The Lord’s Prayer: (may be found on the inside cover of the hymnal)

PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Most gracious and most merciful God, we recognize the many times we are not walking in your truth. We confess to you that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Jill Taylor

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**Assurance of Pardon:** based on Joel 2:13; 2 Corinthians 9:15  
Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**\*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.*

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayers of Intercession & Petition for Our Graduating Seniors**

**The Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory Anthem:** “My Savior”

As a shepherd tends his sheep  
In a quiet meadow,  
So my Savior watches me  
And cares for me each day.  
As a captain sails the sea  
Through the storms and shadows.  
So my Savior stays with me  
And keeps me unafraid.

When I fall He takes my hand  
And helps me to start again.  
When I call He understands;  
My Savior is my friend.  
As a parent calms the fear  
When there’s pain and sorrow,  
So my Savior comforts me  
And helps me to find my way.

He is my Savior, beautiful Savior,  
Source of all hope and abiding faith.  
Truly I love Him, proudly I serve Him,  
Redeemed forever by His grace.

As a cool and gentle breeze  
Brings a fresh new dawning,  
So my Savior touches me  
And fills my heart with hope.  
As the sun breaks through the trees  
On a bright new morning,  
So my Savior shines on me  
And helps my faith to grow!

-Words and Music by  
Nancy Price and Don Besig

**\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

*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*

**PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH**

**Scripture Reading:** Joshua 1:6-9

Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

**Scripture Response:** 2 Timothy 3:16,17

**Leader:** This is the Word of God.

**All:** “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

**Sermon:** “Cultivating Joy & Success”

**Prayer of Commitment**

**Blessing of the Seniors:** “Go Now in Peace”

**\*Hymn:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (v. 1) No. 43

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction:** “Three-fold Amen”

**\*Postlude** ~~~ Malechi Doren

University Graduates

The Flowers

Announcements

Those Who Serve Today

**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY**

We honor and congratulate our high school seniors who are graduating this year. A complete listing of the graduates, their future plans, and their sponsor family, is available on the back of this bulletin.

We honor and congratulate the following university graduates:

◆ Davis Brawner, Mississippi State University  
Master of Business Administration

◆ Sarah Kate Burns, University of Mississippi,  
Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering

◆ Nate Drewry, University of Mississippi,  
Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science, *magna cum laude*

◆ Brent Johnson, Delta State University,  
Doctor of Education

◆ Mary Grace Porter, University of the North Alabama  
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice

◆ Mimi Williams, University of Mississippi,  
Bachelor of Science, Legal Studies

The Sanctuary flowers are dedicated with love and prayers to the class of 2025.  
May those around you see the LIGHT of the Father within you!  
by Dr. & Mrs. Micah Monaghan

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is being held in the Fellowship Hall for children ages 4 years - 5th grade.

**OUR MONTHLY SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP & POTLUCK** is this evening. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! We will meet in the YouthHouse at 5:30 p.m. for a casual worship service followed by a potluck supper. Brett Butler will be our guest preacher. Bring your favorite dish to share! A nursery will be provided for children under 3 years.

**2025 LECONTE LODGE HIKING TRIP - OCTOBER 1-4, 2025** There will be an INFORMATIONAL MEETING this Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please attend if you have questions, would like to know more details about the trip, or would like to know more about the registration process. Registration will open on May 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. CST. Informational flyers are available at each entrance.

**FIRST PRES WILL BE HOSTING DINNER AT LIVING FREE** this Thursday evening. *We need baked beans!* Please bring them to the church kitchen by 4 p.m. If you'd like to serve, be at the Living Free Worship Center behind Magnolia Funeral Home on Hwy 72 at 6:30 p.m.

Assisting Elder: John Shipp

Acolytes: Claire Tull & Mary Ford Kirk

Greeters: Randy & Dianne Lambert, Gregg Parker

Ushers: Jed James, Jason LeGoff, Stephen Holley, Carson Butler, Henry Huggins

Circle of Prayer: Alberto Albarracin, Jenny Biggers, Janet Orman

Nursery/Toddler Room: LeeAnne Price, Kelli Harrell, Lindley Brawner

Tech Crew: Russell Smith & Landon Thomas

Joy in Bloom: Nancy Nunley & LeeAnne Price