



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs
March 22, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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*Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath
of solemn rest, a holy convocation.*

- Leviticus 23:3

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

TIME OF PREPARATION

O Christ, Our Heart's Desire

by Robert J. Powell

***PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

Hymn #575 (stanza 4)

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath,

come now with praises before him!

Let the amen

sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt., P.D.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Romans 8:18-25

ELDER: For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

PEOPLE: For the creation waits with eager longing... that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

ELDER: For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation...

PEOPLE: ...but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.

***NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD**

Hymn #543

- 1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

- 2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

- 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven—
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt., P.D.

SACRAMENT OF COVENANT BAPTISM

Joseph Paul Roberts

Son of Cam and Elizabeth Roberts

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Take some time to greet those around you in the peace and joy of the grace of God.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

OFFERING

Trust in the Lord

Benjamin Harlan / FPCOS Chancel Choir

Giving our tithe is one way we place our trust in the Lord. You may place your offering in the plate as it comes around, scan the QR code on page 13 of your bulletin to give online or text GIVE and the amount you would like to give to 833-444-1577.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 4:12-22

¹² A man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn and with dirt on his head.

¹³ When he arrived, Eli was sitting on his seat by the road watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told the news, all the city cried out. ¹⁴ When Eli heard the sound of the outcry, he said, "What is this uproar?" Then the man hurried and came and told Eli. ¹⁵ Now Eli was ninety-eight years old and his eyes were set so that he could not see. ¹⁶ And the man said to Eli, "I am he who has come from the battle; I fled from the battle today." And he said, "How did it go, my son?" ¹⁷ He who brought the news answered and said, "Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has also been a great defeat among the people. Your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured." ¹⁸ As soon as he mentioned the ark of God, Eli fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years.

¹⁹ Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed and gave birth, for her pains came upon her. ²⁰ And about the time of her death the women attending her said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer or pay attention. ²¹ And she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. ²² And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

SERMON: *The Glory Has Departed*

Series: The Heart of Leadership (Week 9)

1 Samuel 4:12-22

Rev. Scott Castleman

NOTES

A large gray rectangular area containing 20 horizontal lines for taking notes. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the gray area.

***GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

Hymn #348

- 1 **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

- 2 **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Refrain

- 3 **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

Words: Thomas O Chisholm, 1923, © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S 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,
for ever. Amen.**

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

ELDER: Church, what do we as Christians believe?

PEOPLE: 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living 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.

**Here "catholic" means global.*

***BENEDICTION**

***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!
Amen.

COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER

ILLNESS

Frank Allison, Van & Ellen Arnold, Melinda Boswell, Helena Brown, Wendy Duggan, Bryan Fox, Charles Gaines, Ross Grimm, Cheryl Hammond, Judy Howell, Jim Huggins, Heather Jordan, Rosemary Kahlmus, Senneca Lewis, Nanette Lockhart, Belinda Lott, Suzie Manuel, Vicki McKay, Mark Necaise, Tommy Neff, Tom Nicholson, Dorothy Norris, Patricia O'Neal, Jane Panek, Susan Panek, David Paul, Janice Pepper, Brent Ramsey, Richard Saffle, John Schill, Sheila Seymour, Bob Turner, Priscilla Underwood, Tom Walton, Rick Webster, Chris Williamson, Helen Winger

STRENGTH THROUGH ADVERSITY

Family and Friends of Liesje Franken (sister of Maureen De Jonge)

Prayers for Kay Bevill, whose brother recently passed away

SHUT-INS/NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

Nancy Alford, Trudy Brundage, Sandra Cain, Ginny Canaga, Bea Colburn, Jim & Mayla Comeaux, Pat Finnegan, Craig Gardner, Hendrikje Gast, Ted & Sherry Gilbert, Dr. Robert Goette, Cheryl Gray, John Luna, Mary Nesbitt, Dorothy Norris, Sheila Seymour, Chris Waldron, Betty Walker

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

- Matthew 11:28-29

THE GIFT OF GIVING



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES March 22-28, 2026

Sunday	6:00 PM	Youth Large Group
Monday	1:00 PM	Griefshare
	6:30 PM	Woven: Women's Bible Study <i>(off-campus)</i>
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Studies
	12:00 PM	Lenten Lunch Devotionals
	6:00 PM	Established (3rd-6th)
		Youth Small Groups
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:00 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 PM	FPCOS Women's Conference
Saturday	9:00 AM	FPCOS Women's Conference

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW

CRAWFISH/SHRIMP BOIL - Sun, April 19 @ 10:00 AM

Save the date! Our annual Crawfish/Shrimp Boil will be on **Sunday, April 19!** We will have **ONE** worship service that day at 10:00 AM, followed by the crawfish/shrimp boil in the lower parking lot on the north end of campus. In addition to crawfish and shrimp, we will also have hamburgers and hot dogs. **We're asking our church family to bring desserts!** We'll have bounce houses for the kids, and it will be a great time of food, fellowship and fun with our church family. We hope to see you there!

NEW

VOLUNTEER AT THE LORD IS MY HELP - Mon, May 4 - Fri, May 8

Our week to volunteer at The Lord Is My Help is **May 4-8**. Each day, we need 5-7 volunteers to assist with plating for Meals on Wheels and 4 volunteers to assist with serving meals. Please scan the QR code and sign up if you would like to help that week.



NEW

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - Fri, April 3 @ 11:00 AM

The Ocean Springs Church Women will be hosting a Community Good Friday Service on **Friday, April 3 at 11:00 AM** in the chapel here at First Pres. All are invited and a bag lunch is provided.

EVENTIDE: MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thurs, April 2 @ 6:00 PM

We will have a special Eventide communion service this Maundy Thursday (**Thursday, April 2**) at **6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We are excited to bring this candlelit acoustic service to Holy Week this year - we hope you will join us.

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - Sun, April 5 @ 6:30 AM

Gather with us at **6:30 AM** at Fort Maurepas on Front Beach on **Sunday, April 5** for our Community Easter Sunrise Service! Please make sure you bring your own chair or blanket for seating. **Easter services at First Pres will be at 8:30 AM (praise band) and 11:00 AM (organ/choir).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

VBS SAVE THE DATE - June 1-5 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

The dates for VBS are set, so mark it on your calendars for **June 1-5** from **9:00 AM-12:00 PM!** STEAM Camp will be offered again this year from 12:00 PM-5:00 PM. Children ages 3 through rising 6th grade are invited to attend. We will open registration on Easter Sunday!

BELIZE MISSION TRIP - Apply now through March 29

Is God calling you to Belize this summer? This year's trip with The Word at Work will be **July 11-18**, and we are excited to serve with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in Belize. The approximate cost for this trip is **\$1700**, which includes flights, accommodations, transportation, most meals and project costs. **Scan the QR code to apply now!**



EASTER LILIES - Order now through March 29

Beautiful lilies will adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please scan the QR code or fill out an order form located in the narthex and place in the offering plate with your payment. The cost is **\$20 (per plant)**. You may take your plant home after our Easter services.



MEN'S BOOK CLUB - Thursday, April 23 @ 5:30 PM

Join the men of the church on **Thursday, April 23** at **5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for a discussion on Timothy Keller's book, *Every Good Endeavor*. Dinner will be provided. **We only have 8 books left! Purchase one for \$15 at the church office.** Contact Clay Brown at 228-875-5326 or clay@fpcosms.com for more info.

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We would love to get to know you better. Scan the QR Code to fill out our brief Connect Card and let us know if you have any questions about FPCOS or would just like to learn more about our ministries and how you can get plugged in.

We look forward to connecting with you!

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