



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs
April 5, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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*But I will sing of your strength;
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress
and a refuge in the day of my distress.
O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,
for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.*

- Psalm 59:16-17

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

TIME OF PREPARATION

Toccata Regale

by Anthony Giamanco

***CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY**

Hymn #182

- 1 **Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!**

- 2 **Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

- 3 **Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

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- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
 Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
 Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
 Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!
 Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia!
 Every knee to you shall bow. Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Matthew 28:1-10

ELDER: Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

PEOPLE: His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

ELDER: But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”

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PEOPLE: So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

ELDER: And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

PEOPLE: Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

****I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES***

Hymn #193 (stanzas 1-3, 7 only)

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!

- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

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- 3 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessing to impart.
- 7 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blessed assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Words: Samuel Medley (1738-1799), alt., P.D.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 6:12-14

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions...For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Savior, we acknowledge that you were crucified for our sins. You bore the tree for the condition of our sinfulness and our willful commission of sins. In faith, we acknowledge that you were raised for us too! Sanctify us by your grace that we would live a resurrected life.... *(Continue in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

***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

Love's Redeeming Work Is Done
by Tony Trenney / 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

Matthew 28:11-20

¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’” ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

SERMON: *What Story Are You Spreading?*

Series: Single Sermons

Matthew 28:11-20

Rev. Scott Castleman

NOTES

A large light gray rectangular area containing 20 horizontal lines for taking notes.

CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!Hymn #204*

- 1 **Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.**

- 2 **Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.**

- 3 **Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim demonic chorus:
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing hosanna, everyone!**

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936) © 1986 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**

Romans 6:1-4

ELDER: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

PEOPLE: By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

***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, Maureen De Jonge, 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

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, Jean & Gaylon Worch

*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 April 5-April 11, 2026

Monday	1:00 PM	Griefshare
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	5:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTER NOW FOR VBS 2026 - June 1-5 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Registration for **Jungle Quest: A Search for the Truth** is now open! This year's VBS is **June 1-5 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** and is open for children ages 3 through rising 6th grade! Please note - children must turn 3 by June 1, 2026 and be potty trained. **Our VBS program is FREE, but we also offer an extended-day add-on Arts & Culture Camp from 12:00-5:00 PM for \$120/week. For extended-day registrants, we have an early-drop off option from 8:00-9:00 AM for \$65/week.** If you need the extended-day option for your child to attend VBS but need financial assistance, please contact Aimie Barton at aimie@fpcosms.com or Lindsey Plash at lindsey@fpcosms.com.



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

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 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 also have a booth set up to assist our church family with downloading our app, uploading a picture and updating your information for our directory. **We also need LOTS of VOLUNTEERS to help our annual crawfish boil run smoothly!** **Scan the QR code to help!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

BELIZE MISSION TRIP - Deadline extended to April 12

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!**



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

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

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.**



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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN WORSHIP TODAY.

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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TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN TOGETHER**
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