



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs
May 17, 2026 | 8:30 AM

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

- Psalm 29:1-2

***KING OF LOVE**

VERSE 1

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever

VERSE 2

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

CHORUS

Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high
Or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

VERSE 3

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

VERSE 4

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

CHORUS

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BRIDGE

Oh hallelujah, hallelujah
Oh hallelujah, hallelujah

CHORUS

ENDING

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 146

ELDER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

PEOPLE: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

ELDER: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation...

PEOPLE: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth.

***PASS ME NOT**

VERSE 1

Pass me not O gentle Savior
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

CHORUS

Savior, Savior
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

VERSE 2

Let me at Thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief
Kneeling there in deep contrition
Help my unbelief

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Trusting only in Thy merit
Would I seek Thy face
Heal my wounded broken spirit
Save me by Thy grace

CHORUS

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VERSE 4

Thou the Spring of all my comfort
More than life to me
Whom have I on earth beside Thee
Whom in heaven but Thee

CHORUS

Savior, Savior
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

ENDING

While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

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BAPTISM

William “Billy” Fletcher Earthman V
Son of Will and Holly Earthman

Alaska Jayne Schaefer
Daughter of August and Savanna Schaefer

***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

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

Please see today's bulletin insert to learn more about our graduating seniors and their future plans.

OFFERING

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 17 of your bulletin to give online or text GIVE and the amount you would like to give to 833-444-1577.

RISE WITH THE SUN

VERSE 1

There's a song that's sung through the nations
Of joyful thanks to the King
Where the countless saints who are rescued
Praise Jesus who set them all free

VERSE 2

Hear the anthem sung in the islands
Where sun first touches the earth
Over land and sea it advances
Now joined by the saints of this church

CHORUS

Rise with the sun, lift up His name
All through the earth, we sing out His praise
East to the west, night to the day
Join in the song
And sing out His praise

VERSE 3

I will add my voice to the chorus
Of many people and tongues
For we share the gift of salvation
And share in the life yet to come

CHORUS

BRIDGE 1

And the church will sing holy holy
Holy are You Lord
You're the glorious One
We lift up Your name

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BRIDGE 2

And the church will sing Tabu (*Fijian*) Heilig (*German*)
Oli (*Aus Creol*) are You Lord
You're the Lamb who was slain
We lift up Your name

BRIDGE 3

And the church will sing Shèngjié (*Mandarin*) Santo (*Spanish*)
Kadosh (*Hebrew*) are You Lord
You're the King who was raised
We lift up Your name

BRIDGE 4

And the church will sing holy holy
Holy are You Lord
Now You reign evermore
We lift up Your name
Over all of the world
We lift up Your name

CHORUS (2X)

TAG

Join in the song and sing out His praise

ENDING

Come sing out His praise

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 8:4-22

⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵ and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.” ⁸ According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. ⁹ Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

¹⁰ So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. ¹¹ He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots.

¹² And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶ He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work.

¹⁷ He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

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¹⁹ But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” ²¹ And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. ²² And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

SERMON: A King

Series: The Heart of Leadership

1 Samuel 8:4-22

Rev. Scott Castleman

NOTES

A large rectangular area with a light gray background and horizontal lines, intended for taking notes. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the area.

***BECAUSE HE LIVES**

VERSE 1

God sent His Son
They called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

CHORUS

Because He lives
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know
He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

VERSE 2

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because He lives

CHORUS

VERSE 3

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory and
I'll know He lives

CHORUS

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***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

1 Timothy 1:15-17

ELDER: Church, how is it that we need to understand the gospel in light of our sinfulness and God's amazing grace?

PEOPLE: **The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

***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, Alice Duckett, Wendy Duggan, Bryan Fox, Charles Gaines, Cheryl Hammond, Mary Ann Holder, Judy Howell, Heather Jordan, Rosemary Kahlmus, Senneca Lewis, Nanette Lockhart, Wendy Lockhart, Suzie Manuel, Vicki McKay, Kristen Myers, Mark Necaie, Tommy Neff, Tom Nicholson, Dorothy Norris, Patricia O'Neal, Jane Panek, Susan Panek, Jane Parker, David Paul, Janice Pepper, Brent Ramsey, John Schill, Sheila Seymour, Bob Turner, Tom Walton, Rick Webster, Helen Winger

STRENGTH THROUGH ADVERSITY

Trevor Smith and Family

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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Summer plans are great - but your generosity doesn't need a vacation. Set up **RECURRING GIVING** so even when you're away, your faithfulness keeps showing up right on time. Just **scan the QR code, choose the frequency of your giving and follow the prompts**. It's that easy!

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES May 17-23, 2026

Sunday	10:00 AM	HS Senior Breakfast
Monday	6:30 PM	Woven: Women's Bible Study <i>(off-campus)</i>
Tuesday	TBD	Lighthouse Academy Graduation
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Children's House Graduation
Thursday	6:00 PM	Gulfside Montessori Graduation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW

UGANDA MISSION PARTNER MEET & GREET - Today @ 10:00 AM

We are excited to have Waffle Lemilo, our mission partner from Uganda and Dr. Val's husband, with us today. We will be having a **MEET & GREET** with him in the chapel at **10:00 AM** between services. Please drop by, say hello and learn more about our work with them in Uganda.

UPDATED

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR VBS 2026 - June 1-5

TODAY is the last day to register for VBS 2026!

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. We also still have spots available in our extended-day Arts & Culture Camp.

Register today before it's too late!



ONE WORSHIP SERVICE - Sun, May 24 @ 10:00 AM

We will have ONE blended worship service on **Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 AM** for Pentecost/New Member Sunday. Cake and refreshments will be served in The Commons and courtyard following the service.

VBS PREP WEEK - May 26-29 (9 AM-12 PM), May 31 (12-4 PM)

We need YOUR help to make VBS 2026 an awesome week for the kids in our church and our community! Our **VBS PREP WEEK** will be **May 26-29** from **9 AM-12 PM** each day and then our BIG set up of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on **May 31** from **12-4 PM**. We will have LOTS to do, so please consider dropping in and lending a hand that week! No need to sign up - just come by and we will find a place where you can help!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB - June 15, 22, 29

This summer, the women of FPCOS will be reading *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi for **SUMMER BOOK CLUB**. We will meet to discuss the book **June 15** (pages 11-140), **June 22** (pages 141-269) and **June 29** (pages 270 to the end) from **6:30-7:30 PM** in the library (room 202). Childcare is provided. **Scan the QR code to purchase the book from Amazon.**



SUNDAY LUNCHESES WITH OUR SUMMER YOUTH INTERNS

We have the wonderful opportunity to love and care for our summer youth interns, Caroline, Jake and Andrew. They will be working hard to come alongside our students to show them Jesus and love them well. One easy way that we can care for them is through fellowship over a meal (you gotta eat and so do they!). We are asking **COUPLES** and **FAMILIES** (*no individuals at this time*) from the church to host our three interns for a **SUNDAY LUNCH** - either take them out for food at one of your favorite restaurants or have them over for a meal (your choice). Either way, let's love them well! (*Please note - it will be all three interns at once, not hosting each one individually.*)



PROMISS BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS - May 10-June 21

PROMISS is a 501(c)(3) faith-based ministry that provides hope to those unprepared for pregnancy and parenting. We are participating in the **PROMISS BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS CAMPAIGN**, which will run until Father's Day (June 21), to support PROMISS in Gautier and Lucedale. The bottles are available to pick up in the narthex and The Commons. Please take them home and fill with coins, cash or check and return to narthex by Father's Day (or bring it back early and take another bottle to fill up!). Your donation helps PROMISS save lives by ministering to those unprepared for pregnancy. To learn more about PROMISS and the Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign, call PROMISS at 228-297-6477.

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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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