



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs
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Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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*And the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,
“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously...
The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him...”*

- Exodus 15:1-2

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

Hymn #590 (stanzas 1 and 8)

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

- 8 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

ELDER: Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

PEOPLE: For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

ELDER: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

PEOPLE: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY**

Hymn #538 (stanzas 1, 3, 4 only)

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt., P.D.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 6:5-6

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we glorify you for your redeeming grace by which we are united with Christ. We thank you that by faith our sin was put to death by his death for us. We thank you that by faith we have been raised, even now, to newness of life. Forgive us for the many ways we yield to sin more than we yield to our savior... *(continue in 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

**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.**

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

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

Hymn #876 (stanzas 1 and 3 only)

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door;
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful songs shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Words: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, © 1961, ren. 1989 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:38-44

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

SERMON: *The Seventh Sign*

Series: This Is a Sign

John 11:38-44

Rev. Scott Castleman

NOTES

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***THINE IS THE GLORY**

Hymn #187

- 1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won!

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness,
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *[Refrain]*

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3 No more we doubt thee,
 glorious Prince of life;
 life is naught without thee;
 aid us in our strife;
 make us more than conquerors,
 through thy deathless love;
 bring us safe through Jordan
 to thy home above. *[Refrain]*

Words: Edmond Budry (1854-1932); tr. R. Birch Hoyle (1875-1939), P.D.

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

1 John 4:14-16

ELDER: As Christians, what do we believe?

PEOPLE: We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

***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

Melanie Allen, Van & Ellen Arnold, Patsy Braumiller, Joyce Brown, Zeke Clancy, Mayla Comeaux, Alice Duckett, Wendy Duggan, Bryan Fox, Sheila Fuller, Charles Gaines, Craig Gardner, Dave Gaunce, Sherry Gilbert, Cheryl Hammond, Judy Howell, Jo Hunter, Heather Jordan, Rosemary Kahlmus, Senneca Lewis, Nanette Lockhart, Suzie Manuel, Michael Meyer, Kristen Myers, Mark Necaise, Tommy Neff, Robert Newton, Dorothy Norris, Susan Panek, David Paul, Heath Perry, Sheila Seymour, Bob Turner, Tom Walton, Helen Winger

STRENGTH THROUGH ADVERSITY

The Family of Vicki Ashbaker Geiger (Chris Ashbaker's sister)

SHUT-INS/NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

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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Google Play Store

Stay better connected to FPCOS with our FREE app, available now on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store (search FPC Ocean Springs or scan the QR code).

HEARING ASSIST NOW AVAILABLE

We recently installed the Listen Technologies Auri System to provide **assistive listening for our worship services**. We have five loaner receivers available to check out, where you can use your own wired earbuds or the provided neck loop if your hearing aids are telecoil (T-coil - sometimes called T or loop) compatible. After the service, please return the receiver and neck loop to a deacon or put it back in the cradle in the narthex window.

Do you have Auracast-enabled or Auracast-ready hearing aids or earbuds? Open your hearing aid app or Bluetooth settings (for earbuds) and select FPCOS.

Contact Stacy Ramsey at stacy@fpcosms.com to see if your hearing aids or earbuds are currently compatible.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES July 26-August 1, 2026

Sunday	TBD	Intern Goodbye Party (<i>off-campus</i>)
Thursday	5:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORWARD INITIATIVE SUMMER UPDATE

Thanks for your generosity in responding to our **FORWARD** initiative! As of the end of June, we are 25% of the way through our two-year project and have received 26% of the funds needed to accomplish our goals! Upgrades to our AV systems in the sanctuary are enhancing the live and streaming experience for worship, new AV systems and seating are making the chapel more useful for our youth and worship overflow, and a new fence at the Children's House will make school safer for the fall term.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS KICK-OFF - Sun, Aug 9 @ 10:00 AM

Faith Foundations (our version of Sunday School) kicks off the fall semester on **Sunday, August 9** at **10 AM**. We have classes for children, youth and adults during this time. We will post the upcoming classes soon!

NEW

LEGACY BIBLE STUDY - Begins Thurs, Aug 27 @ 10:30 AM

The **LEGACY BIBLE STUDY** will begin on **Thursday, August 27** and will meet each Thursday from **10:30-11:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. **All ages are invited and encouraged to attend!** This semester's study will be the seven "I Am" statements of Christ as reflected in the Gospel of John. The study will conclude on Thursday, October 29. Come join us!

NEW

FPCOS CHOIR IS BACK - rehearsals start Wed, Aug 5 @ 6:30 PM

We're back! Choir rehearsals resume **Wednesday, August 5** and will be held every Wednesday from **6:30-7:30 PM** in the choir room. **We are always looking for new members!** If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Elise Everett at 228-218-3878 or elise@fpcosms.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

BRUNCH WITH THE GIRLS - RSVP now for Aug 15!

Ladies! RSVP now for **BRUNCH WITH THE GIRLS** on **Saturday, August 15** from **9:30-11:00 AM**! Come out for brunch, fellowship with the women in the church, hear from our guest speaker Lynne Sabin and learn about the women's studies and activities we have planned this fall. Childcare will be provided. **Scan the QR code to RSVP or call the church office at 228-875-5326 by August 10!**



REGISTER NOW FOR CHURCH LIFE CLASS - Starts Sept 20

Interested in becoming a member of FPCOS?

Register now for our fall **CHURCH LIFE CLASSES**!

This fall, we will be having most of our classes during the Faith Foundations hour (**Sundays at 10 AM - September 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18**) along with a few meetings/social gatherings at Greg Worch's home across the street from the church (**Wednesdays at 6 PM - September 30, October 14, October 21**). **Space is limited, so scan the QR code to register early!**



ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE; SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE

The elevator in the Education Building is in need of major repair and will be out of order for 10-12 weeks. During that time, we will have two **SHUTTLE SERVICE TENTS** for those who would like assistance going from the lower parking lot behind the Sanctuary and in the gravel lot. The deacons will be operating a shuttle that will be at each tent every 4-5 minutes before and after both services. Look for the tents, and thank you for your patience!

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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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