



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs
July 26, 2026 | 8:30 AM

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

****TELL THE STORY (PSALM 8)***

VERSE 1

O Lord, our Lord
How wonderful Your name
In all the earth
Your glory on display
The works of Your hands
Show us who You are
O all around
A vision of Your love
A vision of Your love

CHORUS

Lift up your voice
And sing His praises
With all creation
Tell the story of the One
Who made it all
You made it all
With every breath
We shout Your praises
With all creation
Tell the story of the One
Who loves us
You love us, You love us

VERSE 2

O Lord, our Lord
You light up our world
The sun moon and stars
Declare who You are
Declare who You are

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CHORUS**BRIDGE (2X)**

Who am I unworthy one
 That You would give Your only son
 Who are You to care for me
 Amazing love how can it be

CHORUS**ENDING**

Amazing love how can it be

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

1 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.

***GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

VERSE 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 will be

CHORUS

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

VERSE 2

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling
Covenant promises fell not to me
Then without warning, desire or deserving
I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee

CHORUS

VERSE 3

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee
I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy

VERSE 4

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

CHORUS (2X)

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Swayze Kate Pitzer

Daughter of Steven and Erin Pitzer

Katherine Grace Jacocks

Daughter of Charles and Holly Jacocks

*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



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.

NOW BUT NOT YET

VERSE 1

You're the God of the breakthrough
And the God of not yet
The same God who parts the sea
Leads me into the wilderness
You're the healer of every wound
Yet were wounded Yourself
So I'll trust You, I'll trust You, I'll trust You
In the now but not yet

VERSE 2

You're the God of our victory
And the God of our defeat
The same God who makes a way
Draws in close as He comforts me
You're the King over everything
Yet a servant unto death
So I'll trust You, I'll trust You, I'll trust You
In the now but not yet

VERSE 3

You're the God of my future
You're the God of my past
The same God who formed me then
Is still forming me inside out
You're the Potter and I'm the clay
Until I breathe my last
I'll trust You, I'll trust You, I'll trust You
I'll trust You, I'll trust You, I'll trust You
I'll trust You, I'll trust You, I'll trust You
In the now but not yet

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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

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***CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH**

VERSE 1

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

CHORUS

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

VERSE 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace
And goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves
That bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

CHORUS

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VERSE 3

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives, Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

CHORUS (2X)

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

ENDING

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

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***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



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**. **RECURRING GIVING** is also available. Just **scan the QR code**, **choose the frequency of your giving** and **follow the prompts**. It's that easy!

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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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