



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs
August 9, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

- Hebrews 12:28-29

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 WORSHIP**

Philippians 2:6-11

ELDER: Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

PEOPLE: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

ELDER: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name...

PEOPLE: ...so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***BLESSSED ASSURANCE: JESUS IS MINE**

Hymn #363

- 1 **Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!**
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

- 2 **Perfect submission, perfect delight,**
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]
- 3 **Perfect submission: all is at rest,**
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873, P.D.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ephesians 4:17-24

You must no longer walk as the unbelievers do...They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart... Put off your old self...and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we are your people—redeemed by your grace through your Son, Jesus. In your grace we repent of our sin. By the sanctifying work of your Holy Spirit, help us to walk in true righteousness and holiness...

(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.

HERE I AM, LORD

Hymn #869 (stanzas 1-2 only)

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]**

Words: Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947) © 1981 OCP (New Dawn Music), admin. OCP Publications

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:30-31

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON: *The Signs*

Series: This Is a Sign

John 20:30-31

Rev. Scott Castleman

NOTES

A large rectangular area with a light gray background, containing 20 horizontal black lines for taking notes.

***PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOR**

Hymn #422 (stanzas 1-3 only)

- 1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior;
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

Refrain

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

- 2 Let me at thy throne of mercy
find a sweet relief;
kneeling there in deep contrition,
help my unbelief.
- 3 Trusting only in thy merit,
would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by thy grace.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, P.D., st. 4 from Psalm 73:25

***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, Rachel Bates, Patsy Braumiller, Joyce Brown, Zeke Clancy, Mayla Comeaux, Alice Duckett, Wendy Duggan, Hannah Elliott, 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, Mark Necaise, Tommy Neff, Robert Newton, Dorothy Norris, Susan Panek, David Paul, Heath Perry, Patricia Ross, Sheila Seymour, Bob Turner, Tom Walton, Helen Winger

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, Annette Messer, Mary Nesbitt, Dorothy Norris, Sheila Seymour, Chris Waldron, Betty Walker, Jean & Gaylon Worch

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.

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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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. We 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 operate 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!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES
August 9-15, 2026

Sunday	10:00 AM	Faith Foundations Kick-Off
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	5:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Saturday	9:30 AM	Brunch with the Girls

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATED

FAITH FOUNDATIONS KICK-OFF - TODAY @ 10:00 AM

Faith Foundations (our version of Sunday School) kicks off the fall semester **TODAY** at **10 AM**. We have classes for children, youth and adults during this time.

CHILDREN

3s-K - Check in on first floor

1st-2nd - Room 301 (Check in on third floor by elevator)

3rd-4th - Room 302

5th-6th - Room 308

YOUTH

7th-12th - Harbor House

ADULTS

Prayer Class – Room 311: Elder Gregg Bray

Whether you are carrying joys or burdens, seeking God's guidance, or longing to grow deeper in your relationship with Him, this is an opportunity to come together in faith. Scripture commands us to be a people of prayer, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." (Colossians 4:2). This prayer group is open to all ages.

The Beatitudes/Fruits of the Spirit (Hybrid Class) – Room 201: Dr. Clay Brown

"The Beatitudes" and "The Fruits of the Spirit" — Are these two stimulating teachings intertwined or related? How do these confrontational declarations affect our lives today? What does it mean to be "Poor in Spirit?" How do we "joyfully mourn?"

II Kings – Chapel: Associate Pastor Kory Duncan

An expository study of II Kings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

Is That in the Bible?/God in the Manger (Hybrid Class) - Room 202: Elder: Bill Hennessey

“Is That in the Bible?” Popular sayings that sound biblical — but are they really? Let’s discover the truth together. Just in time for Advent: John MacArthur’s “God in the Manger: The Miraculous Birth of Christ,” a participant discussion exploring the true meaning of Christmas in the miracle and mystery of the birth of Christ.

Church Life Class (New Member Class) – Room 305: Senior Pastor Scott Castleman and Church Staff

Begins: Sunday, September 20 (Some Sundays/Some Wednesdays)
Ends: Sunday, October 25 (Fall Festival) with CLC members dining together.

BRUNCH WITH THE GIRLS - Sat, Aug 15 @ 9:30 AM

Ladies! **RSVP BY MONDAY** 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 Monday!**



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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

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!



NEW

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES - Starts Sept 9 and 14

SAVE THE DATES! Our **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES** will be kicking off after Labor Day. Our **Wednesday studies** will begin on **September 9** from **9:30-11:00 AM**. Childcare is provided. This fall, we will be doing an 11-week study on *Even Better Than Eden: Nine Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything About Your Story*. Books are \$16. We will also have a 12-week study on *Proverbs: The Way of Wisdom - An Inductive Study of God's Wisdom for Everyday Life*. Books are \$18. Woven, our **Monday Bible study** from **6:30-7:30 PM**, will start on **September 14** and follow the OSSD schedule. More details on these studies are coming soon!

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.



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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