



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs
August 9, 2026 | 8:30 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

****TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS***

VERSE 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
And to know thus saith the Lord

VERSE 2

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

CHORUS

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

VERSE 3

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

CHORUS

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VERSE 4

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

CHORUS

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***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.

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

VERSE 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

VERSE 2

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father,
Praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

VERSE 3

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated ev'ry sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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VERSE 4

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Avery Ellen Adams

Daughter of Daniel and Anne Adams

***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.

****PSALM 51 (WISDOM IN THE SECRET HEART)***

VERSE 1

Behold I was brought forth in iniquity
And in sin did my mother conceive me
Behold You delight in the truth
of the inward being
And You teach me
Wisdom in the secret heart

VERSE 2

My sin is not far
but right in front of me
Against You and You alone
God I am guilty
Wash me thoroughly and
cleanse me from iniquity
And teach me
Wisdom in the secret heart

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CHORUS

Create in me a clean heart O God
Renew a right spirit within me O God
Cast me not away from Your presence
Take not Your Holy Spirit
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
And teach me
Wisdom in the secret heart

VERSE 3

Send me the chief of sinners
to proclaim
Come be forgiven of sin
The Lamb of God was slain
Open my lips and my mouth
Will declare Your endless praise
And teach me
Wisdom in the secret heart

CHORUS

BRIDGE (4X)

The Lord is gracious (and)
Slow to anger
Rich in love (He is)
Good to all

CHORUS

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:30-31

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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

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***HOW GREAT THOU ART**

VERSE 1

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

CHORUS

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

VERSE 2

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

CHORUS

VERSE 3

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

CHORUS

VERSE 4

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

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CHORUS (2X)

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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

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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