



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs
August 30, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- Hebrews 10:23-25

WELCOME AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

Hymn #538 (stanza 1)

- 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!

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ephesians 1:3-14

ELDER: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...

PEOPLE: Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

ELDER: In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

PEOPLE: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us...to the praise of his glory.

***PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

Hymn #575 (stanzas 1, 2, 4 only)

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear;
brothers and sisters, draw near,
join me in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
sheltering you under his wings,
oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

- 4 Praise to the Lord!
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt., P.D.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Gregg Bray, Sharon Jenkins, Ben Kahlmus

Serving a Second Term: Mike Goodwin, Bill Hennessey

***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.

BE THOU MY VISION

Hymn #859 (stanzas 1 and 3 only)

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

Words: Irish hymn, 8th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); vers. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 11:1-11

¹Then Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh-gilead, and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, “Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you.” ²But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, “On this condition I will make a treaty with you, that I gouge out all your right eyes, and thus bring disgrace on all Israel.” ³The elders of Jabesh said to him, “Give us seven days’ respite that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to save us, we will give ourselves up to you.” ⁴When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, they reported the matter in the ears of the people, and all the people wept aloud.

⁵Now, behold, Saul was coming from the field behind the oxen. And Saul said, “What is wrong with the people, that they are weeping?” So they told him the news of the men of Jabesh. ⁶And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. ⁷He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hand of the messengers, saying, “Whoever does not come out after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen!” Then the dread of the Lord fell upon the people, and they came out as one man. ⁸When he mustered them at Bezek, the people of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. ⁹And they said to the messengers who had come, “Thus shall you say to the men of Jabesh-gilead: ‘Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have salvation.’” When the messengers came and told the men of Jabesh, they were glad. ¹⁰Therefore the men of Jabesh said, “Tomorrow we will give ourselves up to you, and you may do to us whatever seems good to you.” ¹¹And the next day Saul put the people in three companies. And they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch and struck down the Ammonites until the heat of the day. And those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

SERMON: *You Shall Have Salvation*

Series: The Heart of Leadership

1 Samuel 11:1-11

Rev. Scott Castleman

NOTES

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

***GUIDE ME, O MY GREAT REDEEMER**

Hymn #43 (stanzas 1, 3 only)

- 1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

Words: William Williams, 1745; st. 1 tr. Peter Williams, 1771, alt; st. 2-3 tr. William Williams, 1772, alt, P.D.

***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.

*The flowers adorning the sanctuary today
are given by the family of Joye Shanteau
to the glory of God and in honor of Joye's 91st birthday.*

COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER

ILLNESS

Van & Ellen Arnold, Rachel Bates, Patsy Braumiller, Joyce Brown, Donell Bullock, Zeke Clancy, Roger Clark, Mayla Comeaux, Alice Duckett, Wendy Duggan, Hannah Elliott, Bryan Fox, Sheila Fuller, Craig Gardner, Dave Gaunce, Sherry Gilbert, Cheryl Hammond, Judy Howell, Jo Hunter, Heather Jordan, Rosemary Kahlmus, Senneca Lewis, Nanette Lockhart, Suzie Manuel, Laura Melton, Mary Meyer, Kristen Myers, Mark Necaise, Tommy Neff, Robert Newton, Dorothy Norris, Susan Panek, David Paul, Heath Perry, Patricia Ross, Sheila Seymour, Lucy Thompson, Bob Turner, Tom Walton, Rick Webster, Helen Winger

STRENGTH THROUGH ADVERSITY

Family and Friends of Melanie Allen

SHUT-INS/NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

Trudy Brundage, Sandra Cain, Ginny Canaga, Roger Clark, 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 now have 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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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).

ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE; SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE

The elevator in the Education Building is in need of major repair and is temporarily out of service. 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES
August 30 - September 5, 2026

Sunday	6:00 PM	Youth Large Group
Wednesday	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Youth Small Groups Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 AM 5:30 PM	Legacy Bible Study Praise Team Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW

MEN'S BOOK CLUB - Purchase books today, Sept 6 and 13

Join us for our second and bi-annual **MEN'S BOOK**

CLUB event on **Thursday, October 29** at **5:30 PM**

as we discuss John Mark Comer's book *The Ruthless*

Elimination of Hurry. This book explores our

cultural obsession with rushing and examines how

it harms our relationships, health, sense of purpose

and spirituality. Comer argues that we can escape

this "culture of rushing" by following the lifestyle of Jesus and how he

interacted with others. Dinner will be provided. **Books are \$15 and**

can be purchased at our table in The Commons today, September

6 or 13 or scan the QR code to purchase and pick up. Questions?

Contact Clay Brown at 228-875-5326 or clay@fpcosms.com.



NEW

THE LORD IS MY HELP FOOD DRIVE - Sundays, Sept 6, 13, 21

Church Family! Help us restock **PROTEIN ITEMS** for The Lord Is My

Help's pantry! For the first three Sundays in September, we will have a

FOOD DRIVE to collect protein, such as canned chicken, canned tuna

and canned salmon, and other protein items and non-perishable canned

goods. **Please check the expiration dates before donating!** You may

drop off your items in The Commons on those three Sundays or bring

them by the church office during the week. Thank you for helping our

mission partner and our community!

NEW

MISSIONS SUNDAY (BELIZE PRESENTATION) - Sunday, Sept 13

On **Sunday, September 13** during Faith Foundations (**10:00 AM**), the

FPCOS missions team will give their **BELIZE PRESENTATION** for

MISSIONS SUNDAY on the north side of the Fellowship Hall. All

adult and youth Faith Foundations classes will attend the presentation.

NOTE: Children's Faith Foundations classes will meet in their regular classrooms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES - Starts Sept 9 and 14

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** in rooms 201 and 202. Childcare is provided. The following two studies will be offered this fall.

EVEN BETTER THAN EDEN

Nine Ways the Bible's Story Changes Everything About Your Story

Trace God's story from Genesis to Revelation and discover how every part of Scripture points to Christ. Together we'll see that God's plan has always been leading to something even better than Eden, giving us a deeper understanding of His Word and greater confidence in His promises. *(11 weeks - books are \$16)*

PROVERBS: THE WAY OF WISDOM

An Inductive Study of God's Wisdom for Everyday Life

Through this inductive study of Proverbs, we'll engage deeply with Scripture as we discover God's wisdom for our relationships, decisions, speech, work, and daily walk with Him. Together we'll grow in discernment and learn to apply God's truth to everyday life. *(12 weeks - books are \$18)*

WOVEN, our **Monday Bible study** from **6:30-7:30 PM** in room 201, will begin **September 14** and follow the OSSD schedule *(They will not meet October 5 or November 23. Last meeting will be December 14)*. Woven is a welcoming community of women who gather each Monday evening to study God's Word, encourage one another, and share life together. Each week features a different teacher and passage of Scripture, making it easy to jump in whenever you can. Whether you're looking to build friendships, grow in your faith, or simply connect with other women, there's always a place for you at Woven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

NEW

FPCOS KIDS' CHOIR - Sundays at 6:00 PM starting Sept 13

Do you love music? We have a fun new group just for 5th-6th graders! Come check out **FPCOS KIDS' CHOIR** on **Sundays** starting **September 13** from **6:00-7:00 PM** in the choir room. For more info, contact Elise Everett at elise@fpcosms.com or 228-218-3878.

NEW

FPCOS ESTABLISHED - Wednesdays at 6:00 PM starting Sept 9

ESTABLISHED (3rd-6th grade) is back on **Wednesdays** starting **September 9** from **6:00-7:30 PM** in **rooms 302 (3rd-4th grade)** and **308 (5th-6th grade)**! With 2 Timothy 3:14-17 as our guide, we want kids to recognize the big, huge, real significance of their faith. Nothing in the Bible is insignificant. **EVERY** part is true and relevant, and all of it points to the good news of Jesus. **AND** it's fun! Kids will have time each week to play and share a meal together.

NEW

FPCOS YOUTH WEEKLY PROGRAMS - Sundays & Wednesdays

Students in grades 7-12 - did you know about our weekly youth programs just for you? On **Sundays from 6:00-8:00 PM**, we have **YOUTH LARGE GROUP**, which starts with dinner and a game in the Fellowship Hall, followed by worship and teaching in the Chapel, and time for fellowship in the Harbor House. This semester, we are doing a study on Exodus. On **Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 PM**, our **YOUTH SMALL GROUPS** meet together for dinner and then break into small groups to study 1-3 John this semester. 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!



FORWARD UPDATE - August-September 2026

Our FORWARD campus improvement initiative continues to make great progress! We have completed all of the updates in the Chapel, allowing it to be used for a variety of youth activities, in addition to our regular Wednesday and Sunday programming. Technology enhancements have improved the sound and video experience both in our Sanctuary and for those who worship with us online. We are also completing the architectural design for the Harbor House and anticipate beginning construction in the next few months. Thank you for your continued faithful contributions to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Your generosity enables us to provide the spaces, tools, and resources that support the work God has entrusted to us here in Ocean Springs.



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!

**TO KNOW CHRIST AND
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN TOGETHER**
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