



First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs
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Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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*But I will sing of your strength;
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress
and a refuge in the day of my distress.
O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,
for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.*

- Psalm 59:16-17

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 WORSHIPLuke 1:46-52*

ELDER: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

PEOPLE: For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

ELDER: And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

PEOPLE: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate.

***COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING**

Hymn #492

- 1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise.
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword;
scatter thy foes.
Let thine almighty aid
our sure defense be made,
our souls on thee be stayed;
thy wonders show.
- 3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
rule now in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.
- 4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

Words: anonymous, 1757, alt., P.D.

CALL TO CONFESSION

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world. - Ephesians 2:1-2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we confess our sinfulness to you. We confess that we do not always walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have called as your redeemed people. In your grace, forgive our sins and by Your Spirit, sanctify us to walk according to your will...
(continue in a time of 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

OFFERING

The Lord Almighty Reigns
Setting by Mary McDonald
FPCOS Chancel Choir



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.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 13:5-14

⁵ And the Philistines mustered to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen and troops like the sand on the seashore in multitude. They came up and encamped in Michmash, to the east of Beth-aven. ⁶ When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble (for the people were hard pressed), the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in tombs and in cisterns, ⁷ and some Hebrews crossed the fords of the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

⁸ He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him.

⁹ So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering. ¹⁰ As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him. ¹¹ Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash, ¹² I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the Lord.' So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering." ¹³ And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

SERMON: *What Have You Done?*

Series: The Heart of Leadership

1 Samuel 13:5-14

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.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GODHymn #776*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

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4 That Word above all earthly powers—
no thanks to them—abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

Words: based on Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852, P.D.

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 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.

COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER

ILLNESS

Van & Ellen Arnold, Rachel Bates, Patsy Braumiller, Joyce Brown, Donell Bullock, Zeke Clancy, Roger Clark, Alice Duckett, Wendy Duggan, Hannah Elliott, Bryan Fox, Sheila Fuller, Craig Gardner, Dave Gaunce, Ted Gilbert, Sherry Gilbert, Cheryl Hammond, Judy Howell, Jo Hunter, Heather Jordan, Rosemary Kahlmus, Bridget Legg, Senneca Lewis, Nanette Lockhart, Suzie Manuel, Laura Melton, Mary Meyer, Kristen Myers, Mark Necaise, Tommy Neff, Robert Newton, Sue Nicholson, 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 Mayla Comeaux

SHUT-INS/NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

Trudy Brundage, Sandra Cain, Ginny Canaga, Roger Clark, Bea Colburn, Jim 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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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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES
September 20-26, 2026

Sunday	6:00 PM	Youth Large Group Kids' Choir (5th & 6th)
Monday	6:30 PM	Woven Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Legacy Outing (off-campus)
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Studies
	6:00 PM	Youth Small Groups
		Established (3rd-4th, 5th-6th)
Thursday	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Legacy Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAN YOU SERVE FOR THANKSGIVING? - Thurs, Nov 26

Church family! We have the opportunity to feed and serve individuals and families in our local community and church on Thanksgiving Day who may otherwise have no one to share the day with. We would love to serve a Thanksgiving meal on **Thursday, November 26** from **11:00 AM-1:00 PM** in our Fellowship Hall. But we need YOUR help to make it happen! Can you cook a turkey or side dishes and deliver it on Thanksgiving? Can you help serve or would just like to enjoy the meal with people in our community? **Scan the QR code to let us know if you are interested in helping!**



UPDATED

THE LORD IS MY HELP FOOD DRIVE - TODAY is the last day!

Today is our last day to help restock The Lord Is My Help's pantry with protein items! Be sure to drop your items off **TODAY** in The Commons before you leave! Thank you for helping our mission partner and our community!

NEW

MISSIONS PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER - Fri, Oct 9

Cruise in to help support our 2027 Belize mission trip! We are hosting a **MISSIONS PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER** at First Presbyterian Church (921 Ocean Aveue) during Cruisin' the Coast! We will open our parking lots at **9:00 AM Friday, October 9** to allow cruisers to park and walk to the festivities downtown for a suggested donation of **\$20**. All proceeds will help offset the costs of our Belize mission trip July 10-17, 2027. Come park with us for a great cause and be sure to tell your friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*continued*)

NEW

SAVE THE DATE - ONE SERVICE + FALL FESTIVAL - Sun, Oct 25

Our **FALL FESTIVAL** will take place on **Reformation Sunday, October 25**. We will have **ONE SERVICE** that Sunday at **10 AM** - no Faith Foundations! Following the service, we will have our Fall Festival in the lower parking lot with games, bounce houses, live music and more. Come enjoy BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, coleslaw and chips with your church family, and **don't forget to bring a dessert to share!** It'll be a great day for food, fellowship and fun at FPCOS!

MEN'S BOOK CLUB - Thurs, Oct 29

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*. Dinner will be provided. **Books are \$15. We still have some available for purchase in our Washington office.** Questions? Contact Clay Brown at 228-875-5326 or clay@fpcosms.com.

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.

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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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TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN TOGETHER**
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