



**First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs**  
September 20, 2026 | 8:30 AM



## **Preparing Your Heart for Worship**

September 20, 2026

*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 INVOCATION

### ***\*THERE IS ONE GOSPEL***

#### **VERSE 1**

There is one Gospel on which I stand  
For all eternity  
It is my story, my Father's plan  
The Son has rescued me  
Oh what a Gospel, oh what a peace  
My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

#### **VERSE 2**

There is one Gospel to which I cling  
All else I count as loss  
For there where justice  
And mercy meet  
He saved me on the cross  
No more I boast in what I can bring  
No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me  
From death to life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

#### **VERSE 3**

There is one Gospel  
Where hope is found  
The empty tomb still speaks  
For death could not  
Keep my Savior down  
He lives and I am free

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Now on my Savior I fix my eyes  
My life is His and His hope is mine  
For he has promised I too will rise  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**VERSE 4**

And in this Gospel the church is one  
We do not walk alone  
We have His Spirit as we press on  
To lead us safely home  
And when in glory still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Savior the King of life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**TAG**

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## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Luke 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.**

## **\*NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD**

### VERSE 1

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### CHORUS

O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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**VERSE 2**

For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**CHORUS**

**VERSE 3**

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**CHORUS**

**VERSE 4**

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**CHORUS (2X)**

**TAG**

Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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## ***\*IS HE WORTHY***

### **VERSE 1    Leader (Church)**

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop  
The light from getting through? (We do)  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

### **VERSE 2    Men (Women)**

Is all creation groaning? (It is)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is)  
Is the glory of the Lord to be  
The light within our midst? (It is)  
Is it good that we remind  
ourselves of this? (It is)

### **CHORUS    All**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal  
and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died  
To ransom the slave

### **TAG**

Is He worthy? is He worthy  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is

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**VERSE 3 Women (Men)**

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)  
And does Jesus our Messiah  
Hold forever those He loves? (He does)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?  
(He does)

**CHORUS All**

**BRIDGE All**

From every people and tribe  
Every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God  
To reign with the Son

**ENDING**

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this?

He is! He is! He is! He is!  
He is worthy! He is worthy!  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
He is worthy of this.  
He is!

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## **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**

*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.*

**STAND FIRM****VERSE 1**

Be strong in the Lord in His mighty power  
Stand firm when the enemy comes  
The armor of God is our sure defense  
Our hope is in Christ alone

**CHORUS**

We stand on the rock of ages  
We trust in His mighty hand  
We hold to the One who will keep His word  
Be strong in the Lord, stand firm

**VERSE 2**

We hold to his truth and His righteousness  
We run in the gospel of peace  
Our shield is by faith in the One who saves  
His word is our victory

**CHORUS**

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**BRIDGE (2X)**

Stand on His promises, stand by His grace  
He's faithful in battle and blessing the same  
King of all kingdoms, all power and praise  
His throne won't be shaken, forever He reigns

**TAG 1**

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**CHORUS**

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Be strong in the Lord, stand firm

**TAG 2**

We hold to the One who will keep His word  
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## SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Samuel 13:5-14*

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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, <sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. <sup>9</sup> So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering. <sup>10</sup> As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him. <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> 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." <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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."

Rev. Scott Castleman

## NOTES

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**\*YOUR WILL BE DONE****VERSE 1**

Your will be done, my God and Father  
As in heaven, so on earth  
My heart is drawn to self-exalting  
Help me seek Your kingdom first  
As Jesus walked, so shall I walk  
Held by Your same unchanging love  
Be still my soul,  
O lift your voice and pray  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done”

**VERSE 2**

How in that garden he persisted  
I may never fully know  
The fearful weight of true obedience  
It was held by him alone  
What wondrous faith to bear that cross  
To bear my sin, what wondrous love  
My hope was sure  
When there my Savior prayed  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done”

**VERSE 3**

When I am lost, when I am broken  
In the night of fear and doubt  
Still I will trust in my good Father  
To the one great King I bow  
As Jesus rose, so I shall rise  
In ransomed glory at the throne  
My heart restored  
With all Your saints I sing  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done”

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#### **VERSE 4**

As we go forth, our God and Father  
Lead us daily in the fight  
That all the world might see Your glory  
And Your Name be lifted high  
And in this Name we overcome  
For You shall see us safely home  
Now as Your church,  
We lift our voice and pray  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done”

#### **ENDING**

And in this Name we overcome  
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“Father, not my will, but Yours be done”  
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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 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

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## 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](mailto:stacy@fpcosms.com) to see if your hearing aids or earbuds are currently compatible.

THE GIFT OF GIVING



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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

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| Sunday    | 6:00 PM  | Youth Large Group<br>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 Avenue) 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](mailto: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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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**  
*from the heart of Ocean Springs to the ends of the earth*

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