

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs

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Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,
"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

- Revelation 5:13

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

Psalm 46

ELDER: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

PEOPLE: Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

ELDER: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

PEOPLE: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

ELDER: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress...

PEOPLE: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

*AND CAN IT BE?

Hymn #695 (stanzas 1 and 4 only)

1 **And can it be that I should gain**
an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain—
for me, who caused his bitter death?
Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my Lord, should die for me?

Refrain
Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my Lord, should die for me?

4 **No condemnation now I dread,**
for Christ, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Refrain
Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my Lord, should die for me?

Words: Charles Wesley, 1738, alt., P.D.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 7:14-15

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father, we confess that though your word is good and true, we do not walk according to it. We continue to struggle to live like those who have been redeemed. In the name of Jesus, forgive us for continuing to do things that are not in line with who you have called us to be. In the name of Jesus, sanctify us by your grace that we might walk in your ways...
(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.

*BLESSED ASSURANCE: JESUS IS MINE

Hymn #363 (stanzas 1 and 3 only)

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.

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
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.

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873, P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 18:6-16

6 As they were coming home, when David returned from striking
down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of
Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines,
with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. 7 And the
women sang to one another as they celebrated,

"Saul has struck down his thousands,
and David his ten thousands."

8 And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He
said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they
have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the
kingdom?" 9 And Saul eyed David from that day on.

10 The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and
he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he
did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. 11 And Saul hurled
the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David
evaded him twice.

12 Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had
departed from Saul. 13 So Saul removed him from his presence
and made him a commander of a thousand. And he went out
and came in before the people. 14 And David had success in all his
undertakings, for the Lord was with him. 15 And when Saul saw
that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him. 16 But all
Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before
them.

SERMON: *The Lord Was With Him*

Series: The Heart of Leadership
1 Samuel 18:6-16
Rev. Scott Castleman

NOTES

*MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Hymn #772 (stanzas 1 and 3 only)

1 **My hope is built on nothing less**
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

3 **His oath, his covenant, his blood**
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874), 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, Patsy Braumiller, Joyce Brown, Donell Bullock, Zeke Clancy, Alice Duckett, Wendy Duggan, Linda Fayard, Sheila Fuller, Craig Gardner, Dave Gaunce, Cheryl Hammond, Heather Jordan, Rosemary Kahlmus, Bridget Legg, Senneca Lewis, Nanette Lockhart, Michael McRaney, Laura Melton, Kristen Myers, Mark Necaise, Tommy Neff, Robert Newton, Sue Nicholson, Dorothy Norris, Susan Panek, David Paul, Patricia Ross, Sheila Seymour, Lucy Thompson, Bob Turner, Donna Underwood, Tom Walton, Rick Webster, Helen Winger

STRENGTH THROUGH ADVERSITY
Family and Friends of Josh Tyler

SHUT-INS/NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING
Trudy Brundage, Sandra Cain, Ginny Canaga, Roger Clark, Bea Colburn, Jim Comeaux, Pat Finnegan, Craig Gardner, Hendrikje Gast, 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 to see if your hearing aids or earbuds are currently compatible.

THE GIFT OF GIVING

SCAN TO GIVE

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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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES
November 8-14, 2026

Sunday	6:00 PM	**Youth Large Group**
Monday	6:30 PM	**Woven Women's Bible Study**
Wednesday	9:30 AM	**Women's Bible Studies**
	6:00 PM	**Youth Small Groups**
	6:30 PM	**Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday	5:30 PM	**Praise Team Rehearsal**
Saturday	10:00 AM	**Children's Toy & Clothing Swap**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S TOY AND CLOTHING SWAP - Sat, Nov 14
Join us **Saturday, November 14** for a **CHILDREN'S TOY AND CLOTHING SWAP**! We will meet on the first floor of the Education Building from **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. Please bring gently used or new items (birth-5 years) to the swap at 9:30 AM. All items will be free to trade. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you're not bringing items to swap. Light brunch will be served.

ART FOR ADVENT (AGES 3-6TH GRADE) - due Monday, Nov 16
It's that time of year again! **We need the help of the First Pres kids ages 3 through 6th grade!** Every year, we display the FPCOS kids' artwork for the Advent season. Themes include shepherds, angels, Mary and Joseph, manger scene, etc. Make sure your child's art is on 8.5x11 paper in landscape orientation (paper turned sideways), colorful (little white space) and your child's name and age/grade should be on the back in pencil. We will use some of the art for our sermon graphics for Advent and for Christmas Eve, and all artwork will be shown in a slideshow before worship, as well as be on display in The Commons throughout Advent. **Please return your child's artwork to the Washington Ave church office NO LATER THAN Monday, November 16 at 4 PM.** We can't wait to see your submissions!

LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY - Tue, Dec 1
Our annual **LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be **Tuesday, December 1** from **6:30-8:00 PM**! ALL ladies, ages 16 and up, are invited - you don't have to be a member of the church to attend, so bring a friend! Come enjoy dinner and fellowship as we kick off the season of Advent. Childcare is available, and we will be announcing our service project very soon! **Scan the QR code to RSVP by November 27 or call the church office at 228-875-5326.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

ADVENT FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE - Sat, Dec 5
Save the date for our new Advent adventure - **JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: A WALKTHROUGH NATIVITY AND FESTIVAL** on **Saturday, December 5** from **5-8 PM**! Our first annual event will include all the fun of our regular Advent Festival, plus a live nativity, music, craft vendors, a food truck, kettle corn, and an opportunity to share the birth of our Savior with our community. **How can you help? This will be a church-wide effort, and we need everyone's help!** We need greeters and welcomers, many actors, musicians, builders, artists, people to help set up and clean up, people to lead kid activities, and much more! Please contact Aimie Barton at aimie@fpcosms.com or Lindsey Plash at lindsey@fpcosms.com if you want to be a part of making this happen. **There's a place for everyone to serve!**

FORWARD UPDATE - November 2026
FORWARD is moving ahead, thanks to your generosity! As of the end of September, we're 38% of the way through the initiative, and you've given 35% of our overall giving goal. The Sanctuary and Chapel upgrades are complete, and the Harbor House renovation design is in its final stages, with construction hopefully beginning in the next couple of months. Thank you for your faithful giving and for helping make these projects possible!

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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

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