

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean Springs

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Preparing Your Heart for Worship

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

- Colossians 3:16

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

Romans 8:31-37

ELDER: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

PEOPLE: Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

ELDER: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

PEOPLE: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

*JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Hymn #581

1 **Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,**
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2 **All thy works with joy surround thee,**
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 **Thou art giving and forgiving,**
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), P.D.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 3:23-25

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we acknowledge that we fall short of your glory. We confess that we cannot plead innocence before you. Without the intercession of Jesus on our behalf, we would stand condemned. So, we look to Jesus in faith, confident only in his grace to redeem us...
(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 Call
by Joseph M. Martin / FPCOS Chancel Choir

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- Matthew 6:21

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 24:1-7, 16-22

1 When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told,
"Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi." 2 Then Saul took three
thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his
men in front of the Wildgoats' Rocks. 3 And he came to the sheepfolds
by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself.
Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave.
4 And the men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord
said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you
shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose and
stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. 5 And afterward David's heart
struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe. 6 He said to
his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the
Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's
anointed." 7 So David persuaded his men with these words and did not
permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went
on his way.

16 As soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul
said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice
and wept. 17 He said to David, "You are more righteous than I, for you
have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil. 18 And you have
declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not
kill me when the Lord put me into your hands. 19 For if a man finds
his enemy, will he let him go away safe? So may the Lord reward you
with good for what you have done to me this day. 20 And now, behold,
I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel
shall be established in your hand. 21 Swear to me therefore by the Lord
that you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you will not
destroy my name out of my father's house." 22 And David swore this
to Saul. Then Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the
stronghold.

SERMON: *You Shall Surely Be King*

Series: The Heart of Leadership
1 Samuel 24:1-7, 16-22
Rev. Scott Castleman

NOTES

*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Hymn #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
Patsy Braumiller, Donell Bullock, Sandra Cain, Zeke Clancy, Wendy Duggan, Michelle Dyess, Sheila Fuller, Craig Gardner, Dave Gaunce, Cheryl Hammond, Heather Jordan, Todd Judkins, Rosemary Kahlmus, Bridget Legg, Senneca Lewis, Michael McRaney, Kristen Myers, Mark Necaise, Tommy Neff, Sue Nicholson, Susan Panek, David Paul, Patricia Ross, Sheila Seymour, Lucy Thompson, Donna Underwood, Dewey Warner, Rick Webster, Helen Winger

STRENGTH THROUGH ADVERSITY
Family and Friends of Alice Duckett

SHUT-INS/NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING
Trudy Brundage, Sandra Cain, Ginny Canaga, Roger Clark, Bea Colburn, 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

Prayer requests typically remain on our list for four weeks, unless otherwise requested. If you would like to submit or re-add a prayer request or provide an update, please contact us at info@fpcosms.com.

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

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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).

ADVENT AT FIRST PRES

Tue, Dec 1 @ 6:30 PM - Ladies' Christmas Party
Sat, Dec 5 @ 5:00 PM - Journey to Bethlehem: A Walk-Through Nativity and Festival *(self-guided tours will be open from Dec 6 through Christmas)*
Wed, Dec 9 @ 6:00 PM - Youth Christmas Party; 5th-6th Grade Christmas Party
Sat, Dec 12 - Kids' Christmas Parties (3s-K @ 9:00 AM, 1st-2nd @ 10:15 AM, 3rd-4th @ 11:30 AM)
Sun, Dec 13 @ 5:00 PM - A Service of Lessons and Carols
Tue, Dec 15 @ 6:00 PM - Eventide: Joy to the World
Sun, Dec 20 @ 4:00 PM - Christmas Caroling
Thu, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services (5:00 PM - traditional; 7:00 PM - praise band; 11:00 PM - communion in the chapel)
Sun, Dec 27 @ 10:00 AM - One Worship Service Only

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW
LEGACY MINISTRY (AGES 65+) CHRISTMAS SOCIAL - Fri, Dec 11
Join us for a Legacy Christmas luncheon and ornament exchange on **Friday, December 11** from **11:30 AM-2:00 PM** at Mary Mahoney's Restaurant in Biloxi, MS. Cost is $25 per person and includes meal, tax and gratuity. Bring an ornament to exchange. Space is limited to 40 people. Menu choices include seafood and non-seafood options. To register, call the church office at 228-875-5326 or e-mail Clay Brown at clay@fpcosms.com.

UPDATED
LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY - Tue, Dec 1
This Friday is the last day to RSVP for our LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY on Tuesday, December 1 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Scan the QR code or call the church office at 228-875-5326.
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. **This year's service project will benefit Breakthrough, a program with our mission partner Community Care Network, that helps meet the unique needs of 18-24 year olds who have aged out of the foster care system and experienced significant trauma. Everyone can participate in some way** - we need cookies (homemade or store-bought) for cookie plates we will put together for the people in the program. We need Walmart gift cards (or monetary donations to purchase gift cards), where the CCN staff will take their clients to shop for a "need" and a "want" for themselves or their children. Or you can simply join us at the party and help assemble the cookie plates and pray for those we are serving!

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

UPDATED
JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: A WALK-THROUGH NATIVITY AND FESTIVAL - Sat, Dec 5
Our new Advent adventure - **JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: A WALK-THROUGH NATIVITY AND FESTIVAL** - will be on **Saturday, December 5** from **5-8 PM**! Our first annual event will include a live nativity, petting zoo, ornament and wreath making, cookie decorating, craft vendors, a food truck, kettle corn, and, most importantly, an opportunity to share the birth of our Savior with our community! **If you can't make it on December 5, self-guided nativity tours will be open from December 6 through Christmas. This will be a church-wide effort, and we need everyone's help!** There is a place for everyone to serve! 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.

NEW
A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS - Sun, Dec 13
Join us for a beautiful night of music and scripture as the FPCOS Chancel Choir presents **A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** on **Sunday, December 13** at **5:00 PM** in the sanctuary. We always welcome and encourage children to participate in the service; however, we do have childcare available (up to age 5) on the first floor of the Education Building, if needed. If you can't be there in person, the service will be livestreamed on our website and Facebook.

NEW
EVENTIDE: JOY TO THE WORLD - Tue, Dec 15
Join us on **Tuesday, December 15** at **6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for **EVENTIDE: JOY TO THE WORLD**, a candlelit night of worship in-the-round, blending acoustic music, scripture, and storytelling. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in the service, but we will also have childcare available up to age 5 on the first floor of the Education Building, if needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

ORDER POINSETTIAS TO HONOR LOVED ONES - due by Dec 13

Beautiful poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase a **POINSETTIA** in honor or in memory of a loved one, scan the QR code, fill out the form and make your payment of $25.00 (per plant). If you would like to pay with cash or check, pick up and complete a form from the narthex or church office and either put your payment in the offering plate or bring it by the church office during the week. You may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve services.

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!



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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