

Student Ministry and Day School resumes Tuesday.

The FPC Week

Sunday	9:00 A.M. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
Monday	7:00 A.M. 11th gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH
M-W-F	9:00 A.M. Ladies Exercise Class - Fellowship Hall
Tues/Thur.	9:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M. FPC Day School
Tuesday	7:00 A.M. 5th/6th gr boys & girls Bible study @ KH 7:00 A.M. 8th gr boys Bible study @ Conference Room 7:00 A.M. 9th gr girls Bible study @ Parlor 7:00 A.M. 9th gr boys Bible study @ Gregg's Office 7:00 A.M. 12th gr boys Bible study @ YH 2:00 P.M. Knit for Kids @ Room 6 Education
Wednesday	5:30 A.M. Men's Prayer & Bible Study @ YH 7:00 A.M. 7th gr boys Bible study @ downstairs YH 7:00 A.M. 12th gr girls Bible study @ YH office <i>KidsQuest resumes January 15. 3:15-6:00 P.M. KidsQuest (Pre-K thru 6th gr)</i> 3:30-4:30 P.M. Puppet Ministry Practice Kid's Library 5:30 P.M. Handbell Choir Practice 5:30-6:30 P.M. Jr. High Gathering @ YH 6:30-8:00 P.M. Sr. High Gathering @ YH 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 A.M. 10th gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH 7:00 A.M. 10th gr boys Bible study @ Gregg's office 8:00 A.M. Weekly Gathering for Prayer - Sanctuary
Friday	7:00 A.M. 7th gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH 7:00 A.M. 11th gr boys Bible study @ YH office

♦ 8th gr girls Bible study - the girls will be contacted for meeting day and time
♦ The church office is closed on Fridays CCLI 1203745

The Church Calendar

January 5	Session Meeting 5 p.m.
January 7	Day School Resumes
January 7	YouthHouse Bible Studies Resume
January 8	YouthHouse Wednesdays Resume
January 12	Board of Deacons Meeting 8 a.m.
January 12	Ordination & Installation of Church Officers
January 15	KidsQuest Resumes
January 19	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
February 2	Session Meeting 5 p.m.
February 9	Board of Deacons Meeting 8 a.m.

Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder:	Steve Blair
Acolytes:	Pierce Albarracin & Martha Butler
Ushers:	Frank Lacey, Ben Albarracin, John Windsor, Bubba Harrell, Trey Williams
Circle of Prayer:	Janet Orman
Nursery/Toddler Room:	Devin Butler, Lindley Brawner, Tara Mathis
Tech Crew:	Russell Smith & Landon Thomas

The Flowers

The beautiful flowers adorning the Sanctuary are given by Johnny and Jill Taylor in celebration of our Church Choir, praising God through song and music, never really knowing how much they are appreciated.

Welcome!

We are so thankful that you've joined us for worship today!

This bulletin is also available on our website, fpccorinth.org.

The following services are provided to make your worship with us as meaningful and comfortable as possible:

♦ **A Nursery** is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3, during Sunday School and the Worship Service. The nursery and toddler classrooms are located in the Education Wing by the playground.

♦ **Children's Church** is for children ages 4 years - 5th grade. They have their very own Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall, located in the back of the campus on the northeast corner. It will be noted in the bulletin any Sunday we will not be having Children's Church.

♦ A wheelchair (access next to east entrance) and an oxygen tank are located in the large closet just off the narthex entrance and are available for anyone who has a need. Ushers will assist you.

A welcome/prayer card is available in each pew. We welcome your prayer requests, as these are brought before our Lord during our prayer time each Sunday, after the Worship Service, in our Chapel. You may use the card to tell us about yourself, and to invite our Pastor, Waring Porter, to call you or pay you a visit.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making FPC your church home.

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to be disciples... to make disciples



LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 5, 2025

PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY

Piano Prelude Jill Taylor

Call to Meditation: Psalm 89:1

“I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.”

The Prelude Malechi Doren

The Introit: “Blessed Assurance”

(*please stand)

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 100

***The Hymn:** “The Church’s One Foundation” (vv.1-3) No. 277

***Responsive Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-22

Leader: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Congregation: For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Leader: And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

Congregation: For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Leader: In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

***Congregational Response:** “The Church’s One Foundation” (v.4) No. 277

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places)

***Prayer of Invocation & 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE

Corporate Prayer of Confession: based on Ephesians 2:14-22; 4:3-6; Colossians 3:15; 1 John 4:7

Leader: Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God.

Congregation: Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation, forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.

Leader: The peace that Christ gives is to guide us in the decisions we make, for it is to this peace that God has called us together into one body.

Congregation: Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation, forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.

Leader: With his own body he broke down the walls of separation. By his death on the cross Christ destroyed our divisions.

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Silent Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon: John 3:16

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Greetings & Announcements

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

***The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Choral Anthem: “All Is Well”

All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice!
For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love’s light.
Sing al – le, sing al – le – lu – ia! All is well, all is well.

Let there be peace on earth. Peace on earth.
Sing, for Christ is come,
Go and tell that he is in the manger.
Sing al – le, sing al – le – lu – ia! All is well, all is well.

All is well, all is well. Lift up your voice and sing.
Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing al – le, sing al – le – lu – ia! All is well, all is well.

Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing al – le, sing al – le – lu – ia! All is well, all is well.

All is well, all is well. - Words & Music by Michael W. Smith
and Wayne Kirkpatrick
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH

Scripture Reading: John 11:1-27

Scripture Response: 2 Timothy 3:16,17

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete,
equipped for every good work.”

Sermon: “LEARNING TO BELIEVE: Dealing with Death”

Prayer of Commitment

***Hymn of Commitment:** “Our God Has Made Us One” No. 287

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** “Three-fold Amen”

***Postlude**

Announcements

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS go to Penn Majors and his family, at the passing of his mother, Mary Estelle Biedenharn Majors, December 29, 2024, in Clinton, MS.

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS go to the family of Janis Spear, who passed away on December 31, 2024, at her home in Corinth. We will let the congregation know of arrangements once they are finalized.

Announcements cont.

THE RED ROSE WELCOMES Wrenley Beth Crabtree, born December 20, 2024. The proud parents are Rebekah and Taylor Crabtree. The proud grandparents are Ken and Edi Williams.

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU’VE JOINED US today by signing the Attendance Pad located in each pew. A “Connect Card” is available on the back of each pew if you have a prayer request, need to speak with our pastor, or need to change your contact information. Please place the card in the offering plate. If you’d like to receive our weekly email, please put your email address on a “Connect Card”, and place in the offering plate.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH is being held in the Fellowship Hall for children ages 4 years - 5th grade. The Fellowship Hall is located in the back of the church campus on the northeast corner. Nursery and toddler rooms for infants - 3 years are located in the Education Wing. The entrance is behind the play-ground on the west side of the church campus.

SESSION MEETING this evening at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room.

THE DAY SCHOOL will resume this Tuesday, January 7.

YOUTHHOUSE STUDENT MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDIES will resume this Tuesday, January 7.

YOUTHHOUSE STUDENT MINISTRIES WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS will resume this Wednesday, January 8.

Sermon Text

John 11:1-27 (ESV)

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. **2** It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. **3** So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” **4** But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” **5** Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. **6** So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. **7** Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” **8** The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” **9** Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. **10** But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” **11** After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” **12** The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” **13** Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. **14** Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, **15** and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” **16** So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. **18** Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, **19** and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. **20** So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. **21** Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” **23** Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” **24** Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” **25** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, **26** and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” **27** She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”