

The Flowers

The beautiful flowers that adorn our sanctuary today are given by Petey & Tammy Pace, in grateful appreciation for our church family. *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”*

Psalm 103:2-5

Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder: Jeff Johnson
Circle of Prayer: Lana Moss & Jenny Biggers
Ushers: Clayton Stanley, John Stanley, Frank Lacey, Bubba Harrell
Tech Crew: John Frame, Russell Smith, Brett Grantham, Holland Yeates, Nate Alexander, Alan Smith

Dates Ahead

October 25	Reformation Sunday
November 1	All Saints’ Day
	Day Light Savings Time ends
November 3	Election Day
	No Day School, No KIDS’Quest
November 8	Commitment Sunday
November 15	Communion Sunday
November 15	Grief Share ‘Surviving the Holidays’
November 29	First Sunday in Advent
December 11 & 12	Christmas Alive!
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25	Christmas Day

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Welcome!

We are so thankful that you’ve joined us for worship today! We’ve updated many of our church ministries and services to take into consideration the safety of our church family members and our guests. Masks are encouraged when walking inside the church campus buildings, but may be removed once seated in the sanctuary or classrooms. Please wear a mask during congregational hymns. Masks and gloves are available at each entrance.

Should you choose to not hold a bulletin, you may follow the service on your smart phone or tablet by visiting our website, fpccorinth.org, and clicking on the link for the bulletin. We ask that you observe our seating guidelines of every other pew, and that families sit six feet apart in a pew.

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 during Sunday School and the Worship Service. The nursery is located in the Education Wing by the west entrance (playground).
- ♦ **Children’s Church** for ages 4 years-5th grade meet in the Fellowship Hall. We will note in the bulletin any Sunday CC will not meet. Toddlers and pre-K ages 2 & 3, have their very own special time together year around. Their class is located across from the nursery at the west entrance of the Education Wing.
- ♦ 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 Circle of 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.

The FPC Week

Sunday	9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship after the service - Circle of Prayer in the Chapel Youth House gatherings vary...check Facebook please FB: Youth House - Grow
Monday	7 A.M. 7th Grade Girls Bible Study @ YouthHouse
Tues/Thurs	9:00 A.M. FPC Day School
Tuesday	7:00 A.M. Men’s Bible Study (Parlor next to Fellowship Hall) 7:00 A.M. 8th Grade Boys Bible Study @ YouthHouse
Wednesday	5:30 A.M. Men’s Prayer & Bible Study in the Parlor 7:00 A.M. 8th Grade Girls Bible Study @ YouthHouse 5:30 P.M. Junior High gathering @ YouthHouse 7:15 P.M. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P.M. Senior High gathering @ YouthHouse
Thursday	7:00 A.M. 10th Grade Boys Bible Study @ YouthHouse
Friday	7:00 A.M. 7th Grade Boys Bible Study @ YouthHouse 7:00 A.M. 9-12 Grade Girls Bible Study @ Taylor’s house 2110 Chestnut St.

REPENTANCE!
The Work of the Holy Spirit

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

to be disciples . . . to make disciples

First Presbyterian Church

LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
October 18, 2020

PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY

The Piano Prelude Jill Taylor

Call to Meditation: Acts 26:20
“...I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.”

The Prelude: “Someone’s Praying, Lord” Nancy Hebert

**(please stand)*

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 96:1-4,7-9

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

All: *We worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.*

***The Hymn:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” (vv. 1-3) No. 262

***Responsive Reading:** Romans 5:1-8

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

All: *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

***Congregational Response:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” (v. 4) No. 262

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Profession of Faith:** Belgic Confession, Article 24

We believe that this true faith, produced in us by the hearing of God’s Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live a new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin. It is impossible for this holy faith to be unfruitful in a human being, seeing that we do not speak of an empty faith but of what Scripture calls “faith working through love,” which moves people to do by themselves the works that God has commanded in the Word. These works, proceeding from the good root of faith, are good and acceptable to God, since they are all sanctified by God’s grace. Yet they do not count toward our justification—for by faith in Christ we are justified, even before we do good works. So then, we do good works, but not for merit—for what would we merit? Rather, we are indebted to God for the good works we do, and not God to us, since God “is at work in us, enabling us both to will and to work for his good pleasure”.

***The Doxology**

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

PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE

Call to Confession: Isaiah 30:15, 18

“In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!”

Corporate Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon: Psalm 130:3-4

“If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.”

Greetings & Announcements

Every Member Canvass Orma Smith, EMC Chairman

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.”

Proverbs 3:9-10

The Giving Tithes and Offerings (*we will not be passing the offering plates*)

Give at the Door: Baskets & envelopes are available at each entrance

Give Online: www.fpccorinth.org (the link on the left “Online Giving”)

Give by Mail: First Presbyterian Church, 919 E. Shiloh Rd., Corinth, MS 38834

PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH

Prayers of Intercession & 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.

Song of Preparation: “Just Over in the Glory Land” Choral Anthem

*I’ve a home prepared where the saints abide,
Just over in the glory land.
And I long to be by my Savior’s side,
Just over in the glory land.*

*(Refrain)
Just over in the glory land,
I’ll join the happy angel band,
Just over in the glory land.
Just over in the glory land,
There with the mighty host I’ll stand,
Just over in the glory land.*

*I am on my way to those mansions fair,
Just over in the glory land.
There to sing God’s praise
And His glory share,
Just over in the glory land.
(Repeat Refrain)*

*With the blood-washed throng I will shout and sing,
Just over in the glory land.
Glad hosannas to Christ the Lord and King,
Just over in the glory land.*

*Over, yes, over, in the glory land,
There I will join, happy angel band,
Just over in the glory land.*

*Over, yes, over, in the glory land,
With the mighty host, with the host I’ll stand,
Just over in the glory land.
(Repeat)*

-Emmet S. Dean

Scripture Reading: John 14: 16-18; 16:4-15

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Sermon: WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? Repentance: The Work of the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Commitment

**(please stand)*

***Hymn of Commitment:** “I Surrender All” No. 366

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude:** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” Nancy Hebert

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **GOOD MORNING!** Thank you for joining us for worship today. Bulletins have been placed in each pew for your convenience. Please refrain from seating closer than six feet apart, between families, in a pew. Masks are strongly encouraged until seated, but please reapply during the hymn. We also ask that you move outside after the worship service to safely socialize.

◆ **CHILDREN’S CHURCH** is being held in the Fellowship Hall for ages 4 years - 5th grade.

◆ **THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS** campaign begins today. Pledge booklets will be mailed tomorrow. Please be in prayer about how God will use you at FPC, and in our community, this coming year. You may return your booklet and tithe card to the church office, drop them in our mail slot, located at the east entrance, or by placing them in an envelope, that is provided on each Resource table located at each entrance, and putting them in the offering basket, also located at each entrance. Commitment Sunday is November 8.



◆ **THE FPC WOMEN’S MINISTRY** will be hosting a bridal shower for Jennybeth Hendrick, today from 2-4 p.m., at the Youth House. Stop by any time between 2 & 4 to wish Jennybeth well, and enjoy some refreshments.

◆ **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CAMPAIGN THROUGH SAMARITAN’S PURSE** is ready to begin! The boxes are located at each entrance. For safety reasons, we will be filling 100 boxes a bit differently this year. We are asking each family to fill a box for a boy or girl, in lieu of them being filled at FPC. There are many items left over from last year that will be available for pickup as well. You may visit www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ for more information on what to pack and how to pack it. **JUST 100 BOXES! WE CAN DO IT!!**

◆ **KIDS’QUEST** resumes this Tuesday, October 20, for Pre-K through 3rd grade, and Wednesday, October 21, for 4th - 6th grades.

◆ **YOUTHUSERS**, all activities resume this week. Are you receiving the group text messages? If not, send a text to 81010, to be included in all of the YH news.

◆ **CHRISTMAS ALIVE!** will be held this year December 11 & 12. We hope everyone will come out to see our KIDS’Quest children portray the scenes of the Nativity. They work so hard! It takes many volunteers to put everything together. We are currently asking for help in the following areas: scene construction, painters, and one staging director. Please email or call the church office if you are able to help out, lisakramer@fpccorinth.org or 662-286-6638.

◆ **GRIEFSHARE** will have a special one-time event on November 15. “Surviving the Holidays”. It will be held at the KIDS’House from 2-4 p.m. There is a \$5 registration fee. There will not be childcare provided. Contact the church office to sign up, 662-286-6638.

Every Member Canvass

GRACE
and
GIVING

HONOR the LORD

with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine. *Prov. 3:9,10*