

The Flowers

*The beautiful flowers that adorn our sanctuary today
are given by Russell & Julia Smith,
in honor of our children;
Lucy, Lilly, Mary Russell & D.J.*

Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder: Clayton Stanley
Circle of Prayer: Jenny Biggers, Becky Stewart & Janet Orman
Ushers: Jed James, Nate Alexander, Alan Smith, Leslie Lewis
Tech Crew: John Frame, Russell Smith, Brett Grantham,
Holland Yeates, Nate Alexander, Alan Smith

Dates Ahead

November 23-27 Corinth Schools Thanksgiving Break
November 25-27 Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
November 26 Community Thanksgiving Meal
November 29 First Sunday in Advent
December 6 Gingerbread House Decorating Party
December 9 & 10 Lighthouse Toy Store
December 11 & 12 Christmas Alive!
December 13 Congregational Meeting to Elect Church Officers
December 21-Jan 1 Corinth Schools Christmas Break
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
Tuesday 9:00 A.M. FPC Day School
7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study (Parlor next to Fellowship Hall)
7:00 A.M. 8th Grade Boys Bible Study @ YouthHouse
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.

First Presbyterian Church



to be disciples . . . to make disciples

LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 22, 2020

PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY

The Piano Prelude Jill Taylor

Call to Meditation: Psalm 40:5

“You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.”

The Prelude Nancy Hebert

**(please stand)*

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 67:4-6

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Congregation: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

Congregation: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

***The Hymn:** “For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 560

***Responsive Reading:** from Psalm 107

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

Congregation: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Leader: For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Congregation: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.

Congregation: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Leader: He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

Congregation: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Leader: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

***Congregational Response:** “In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him” No. 557

***Prayer of Invocation**

***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)

***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: 1 John 1:8-9

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just

to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, we gather today, rich in blessing, somehow believing that we deserve the wealth and comforts we enjoy. Forgive us, our God, for the times when we comfortably close our eyes to the faces of the needy around us. Lord, have mercy on us. With bellies full of grain and meat, forgive us when we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world and we feel we have done enough. Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between us and them. Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, Lord, have mercy on us.

(excerpted from The Worship Sourcebook)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon: Psalm 32:10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Greetings & Announcements

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.

The Anthem: “A Thanksgiving Prayer” Solo - Jan Pike

Thank you for the unity we share within this place,

And for the opportunity to fully know your grace.

For the common faith we share with those beyond our doors;

Thank you for the bond of peace that calls us to one Lord.

Thank you for our yesterdays and those who served before.

Thank you for the present days that we may love you more.

Thank you for the future, the challenges unknown.

God of all eternity, our time is yours alone.

Thank you for our elders who began the work we share.

Thank you for our children who will bring its fruit to bear.

Thank you for the promise you have given through your Son

You’re faithful to complete in us the work that you’ve begun.

Thank you for revealing, Lord, the truth that sets us free,

A picture of the servants that you would have us be.

Now let us be your hands and feet to touch a world in need,

To lovingly embrace each life and follow where you lead.

Thank you for revealing, Lord, the truth that sets us free. -Pamela Martin

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Scripture Reading: Luke 9: 23-26

²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Sermon: “WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? Follow, II”

Prayer of Commitment

**(please stand)*

***Hymn of Commitment:** “Lead On, O King Eternal” No. 483

***Benediction**

***The Choral Benediction**

***Postlude** Nancy Hebert

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE BULLETIN is available at each entrance or you may use your handheld device to follow the Worship Service. Visit our website, fpccorinth.org, and click the link on the left. We ask that you observe social distancing while in the Sanctuary. For everyone’s safety, please do not sit in the closed pews.



A REMINDER THAT WE NEED YOUR EVERY MEMBER CANVASS booklets and tithing cards to be turned in to the church office. You may deposit them in our mail slot located on the east entrance by the church office, or mail them to: 919 East Shiloh Rd., Corinth, MS, 38834.



OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL is this Thursday morning. We still need delivery drivers, clean up crew and food runners. **Please use the insert to volunteer your time.**



CHRISTMAS ALIVE! WILL BE DECEMBER 11 & 12. Our KIDS’ Quest children work so hard to get ready for our their live nativity. We need volunteers to make this event a success. The areas needed are: tour guides, sound and lighting techs, parking attendants for both nights, and managers for both nights.

Please use the insert to sign up to volunteer.



A GINGERBREAD HOUSE decorating party for families will be Sunday, December 6, 3-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Parents, grandparents and of course the kiddos are all invited. Everything will be provided, as well as refreshments. **Please use the insert to sign up your family.**



POINSETTIA! YES, IT’S THAT TIME! We will be ordering 50 poinsettia this year to decorate the front of the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Service. **Please use the insert to order and dedicate.** They will be \$18 each. You may take them home after the Christmas Eve Service.



JOY RIDERS! We will be hosting a **Bob Ross painting class** on January 16. The class will be taught by Deanna Gregory, a certified Bob Ross instructor. Each pupil will be painting a landscape and of course get to take it home. **The cost is \$40. Please use the insert to register for the class.**



On December 6 at 1 p.m., we will be constructing the sets for Christmas Alive. Please volunteer your time to help put them together. Call or text Brett, 662-284-8379, to let him know you’ll be there.

Thanks!

Please place your insert in the offering basket after the service.

The church office will be closed November 25-27.

Happy Thanksgiving!