

### The FPC Week

All regular Youth weekly activities will resume January 7  
KidsQuest will resume January 14

Sunday	9:00 A.M. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
M-W-F	9:00 A.M. Ladies Exercise Class - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	2:00 P.M. Yarn Crafting— Room 6 Education Wing
Wednesday	5:30 A.M. Men’s Prayer & Bible Study @ YH 5:30 P.M. Handbell Choir Practice 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday	Noon-2 p.m. Mah Jongg Lessons & Free Play; 2-4 p.m. Free Play - YouthHouse

♦ The church office is closed on Fridays

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### The Church Calendar

December 14	Board of Deacons Meeting 8 a.m.
December 18 - Jan 2	Alcorn Co. Schools Christmas Break
December 21	YouthHouse Bake Sale 9:30 a.m. - No Sunday School
December 21	Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata: “Touched by a Child, Touched by a King”
December 22-Jan 2	Corinth Schools Christmas Break
December 24	Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service 4:30 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day
December 25-January 1	Church Office Closed
January 4	Session Meeting 5 p.m.
January 7	Youth Meetings Resume
January 11	Board of Deacons Meeting 8 a.m.
January 14	KidsQuest Resumes
January 21	Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

### Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder:	Cole Sanders
Acolytes:	Will Sanders & Jack Windsor
Greeter:	Cindy Blair & Gregg Parker
Ushers:	Alberto Albarracin, Ken Williams, Adam Kirk, Ben Long, Andrew LeGoff
Circle of Prayer:	Jason & Jennifer LeGoff, Janet Orman
Nursery/Toddler Room:	Jennifer LeGoff & Lauren Butler
Tech Squad:	Russell Smith & Holland Yeates
Joy in Bloom:	LeeAnne Price & Nancy Nunley

### FPC Staff

Pastor  
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Director of Intergenerational Ministries

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Secretary  
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# The Flowers

*The sanctuary flowers are given by  
Ryan & Ellen Wesson,  
in honor of the Leaders and Volunteers of our  
Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry.  
Thank you for your faithful service  
and love you pour into every child and teen.  
We are thankful for all you do.*


# Welcome

We are so thankful that you've joined us for worship today!  
This bulletin is also available on our website, [fpccorinth.org](http://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), walker, and an oxygen tank are located under the staircase at the main 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”*

# First Presbyterian Church

## Third Sunday of Advent



“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”  
2 Corinthians 9:15

The Advent Wreath

Advent is (roughly) Latin for “coming” and is the season of the Liturgical Year that begins four Sundays before Christmas. Advent celebrates the mystery of God’s incarnation in the person of Jesus Christ when, in the words of John’s Gospel “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14) Advent is a season of preparation, waiting and anticipation, in which we prepare our hearts for the coming of God to us, not only in his Nativity, but also in his Second Advent. A deliberate tension must be built into our practice of the Advent season. Christ has come but not all things have reached completion. While we remember Israel’s waiting and hoping, we also give thanks for Christ’s birth. The Scriptures tell us that Christ will return to create a new heaven and earth and to finish God’s work of redeeming creation. For this reason, Advent began as a penitential season, a time for discipline and intentional repentance in the confident expectation and hope of Christ’s coming again. In the gospel Jesus is called “the Light of the World” and thus we light a new candle on the Advent Wreath each Sunday in commemoration of the light of Christ. Each week there will be a scripture passage we will read and meditate upon in order to remind us of the fulfillment of God’s long awaited promise to send a Redeemer to free us from our sins and save us.

LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
December 14, 2025  
The Third Sunday of Advent

The Piano Prelude Jill Taylor  
Greetings & Announcements  
Call to Meditation: Philippians 4:4  
“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”  
The Prelude  
The Lighting of the Advent Candle: Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11  
YouthHouse Students:  
Andrew LeGoff, Annie Stanley, Chad Archie, Cora Johnson,  
Maya Gomez, McKendry Roach, Tylan Mayes

The Choral Introit: “O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”  
(\*please stand)

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-5  
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!  
All: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
All: Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

\*The Hymn: “Joy to the World!” No. 125  
\*Responsive Reading: Psalm 126  
Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.  
All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
Leader: then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”  
All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.  
Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!  
All: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!  
Leader: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.  
\*Congregational Response: “How Great Our Joy!” (vv. 1,2,4) No. 144

\*Prayer of Invocation & The Lord’s Prayer (may be found on the inside cover of the hymnal)

dGroup - Story of Grace Randy Long

Prayer of Confession:  
Gracious Father, who faithfully fulfilled Your promise of redemption through the advent of Your one and only Son, we confess with broken hearts that we have continued in our sin and rebellion and have grieved You with our callous hearts. Please forgive us for all our sins, for we are truly sorry and do earnestly repent. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and renew our spirits by Your grace that we may draw near to You, obey You, and glorify Your matchless Name, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:24  
“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

\*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.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Anthem: “We Wait for Thee” Cello - Sharon Doren  
Dark is the night and empty the sky  
As the ground lies still and cold  
We pause in solemn anticipation  
As we wait for the promise of old  
Come, thou Prince of Peace;  
Come, great Lord of lords;  
Come, and set Your people free.  
Come, desire of the nations, come.  
With joy and hope we wait for Thee.  
Revive our hearts and renew our minds,  
Come, and bring us peace to endure.  
Wonderful counselor, Almighty God,  
Emmanuel, God with us!  
Come, thou Prince of Peace;  
Come, great Lord of lords;  
Come, and set Your people free.  
Come, Desire of the nations come.  
With joy and hope we wait for Thee, wait for Thee,  
With joy and hope we wait for Thee!  
- Words and Music by Victor C. Johnson

\*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.

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-56; Philippians 4:4-7  
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: “ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...Is Joy”  
Prayer of Commitment

\*Hymn of Commitment: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” No. 138  
\*Benediction  
\*Choral Benediction: “Amen, Joy to the World! Amen!”  
\*Postlude Malechi Doren

Announcements

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 playground on the west side of the church campus.

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS go to the family of Dr. Larry Mangus, who passed on November 23, 2025. Visitation will be this Wednesday, December 17, 5-7 p.m. at Memorial Funeral Home. The service will be Thursday, December 18, 9 a.m. at FPC. Burial will be at Henry Cemetery following the service. Larry served FPC as both a Deacon and an Elder.

COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to Pizza Grocery TOMORROW, Monday, December 15 at noon, to meet with Waring to discuss the Christmas Eve Candlelight service, and to just hang out. Lunch will be provided!

NEW SIGNUPS FOR THE JOY RIDERS ARE ON THE INSERT!

NEED TO MAKE OR FINISH UP YOUR 2025 CHURCH PLEDGE?  
Or maybe a gift to the church or a particular ministry?  
You may drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church - 919 East Shiloh Rd., Corinth, MS 38834...  
or drop it by the church office (we have a mail slot at the east entrance).  
Please note all checks must be postmarked by 12/31/25.

OUR STUDENT MINISTRY WILL HAVE A BAKED GOODS AUCTION, to benefit the Lighthouse Toy Store, during the Sunday School hour, Next Sunday, December 21. We need lots of baked goods! Please sign-up today and let us know you’ll bring a baked good for a good cause.

POINSETTIA! YES, IT’S THAT TIME! We will be ordering ONLY 50 poinsettia this year to decorate the front of the sanctuary for our December 21 and Christmas Eve Services. They will be \$20 each. You may take them home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Please use the insert to order and dedicate.



MEN’S INTENSIVE IS COMING! January 22-March 5  
MI2: The People & Spaces That Shape Us  
Registration Opens January 1, 2026  
A 7-week commitment to show up on  
7 Thursdays at 6 a.m. to have  
7 conversations with  
7 other men you should know but may not.

Sign-ups

FPC Sanctuary Choir's  
Christmas Cantata  
Next Sunday,  
December 21,  
during the  
Worship Service.

