

Student Ministry, Day School & KidsQuest activities are off this week.

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
3:15-6:00 P.M. KidsQuest (Pre-K thru 6th gr)
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 1 New Year's Day - The Secretary will be there!
January 2 Church Secretary Out (going to see my grandbaby!)
January 5 Session Meeting 5 p.m.
January 7 Day School Resumes
January 8 YouthHouse Wednesdays Resumes
January 12 Board of Deacons Meeting 8 a.m.
January 12 Children's Church Resumes
January 12 Ordination & Installation of Church Officers
January 15 KidsQuest Resumes
January 19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder: Dave Huwe
Acolytes: Grace Windsor & Mary Ford Kirk
Ushers: Alberto Albarracin, Scott Sawyer, Colby Carmichiel, Brett Butler, Andrew LeGoff
Circle of Prayer: Jenny Biggers, Becky Stewart & Janet Orman
Nursery/Toddler Room: LeeAnne Price, Kelli Harrell, Mary Elizabeth Pounders
Tech Crew: Russell Smith & Landon Thomas

The Flowers

The beautiful flowers adorning the Sanctuary this morning are given by Micah and Courtney Monaghan, in honor of the Pounders, Orman, and Stanley families, who are clinging to Him who has promised HOPE as they walk through this season with an empty spot on the pew beside them.

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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LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 29, 2024

PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY

Piano Prelude Jill Taylor
Call to Meditation: Matthew 2:2
“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?
For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”
The Prelude Malechi Doren
The Introit: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

(*please stand)

***Call to Worship:** from Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All: O Lord my God, you are very great!

Leader: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.

All: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

Leader: In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

Leader: May the Lord rejoice in his works,

All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

Leader: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

All: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

***The Hymn:** “O Worship the King” No. 10

***Responsive Reading:** from Psalm 72

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

All: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

Leader: May they fear you while the sun endures, All: and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

Leader: May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

All: May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!

Leader: May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

All: May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

Leader: For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

All: From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

Leader: Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him!

All: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

***Congregational Response:** “Jesus Shall Reign” No. 231

***Profession of Faith:** Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 45

Leader: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

All: Christ executeth the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.

***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:

God our heavenly Father, You are the One worthy of our exclusive devotion. Yet, our hearts are restless and prone to manufacture idols. We look to other things and people to satisfy us and make us happy. We confess that the world and its values seduce us away from a simple, pure, and undistracted devotion to You. Forgive us for the times that we have believed the devil’s lies and have not resisted the flesh’s enticements. Rule and defend us by your Word and Spirit so that You might reign unrivaled in our hearts. For we pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our King.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon: Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

***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 Anthem: “Jesus Is Born”

Songs thru heaven ring, hear them echoing:

“Jesus is born! Jesus is born!

Christ is born in Beth-le-hem.”

(Refrain)

Hear the angels sing, joyful news they bring:

“Jesus is born! Jesus is born!

Christ is born in Beth-le-hem.”

Songs thru heaven ring, hear them echoing;

Hear the angels sing;

Joyful news they bring for Christ is born!

Yes, Christ is born!

Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!

Wise men travel far following His star;

“Jesus is born! Jesus is born!

Christ is born in Beth-le-hem.”

(Repeat Refrain)

Christ is born in Beth-le-hem,

Christ is born in Beth-le-hem.”

-Lloyd Larson

***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

PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-14

Scripture Response: Psalm 119:12,16

Leader: This is the Word of God

All: “Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your Word.”

Sermon: “The Power of Prayer”

Prayer of Commitment

***Hymn of Commitment:** “Be Thou My Vision” No. 382

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** “Amen, Joy to the World, Amen”

***Postlude**

Announcements

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 OFF AND WILL RESUME SUNDAY, January 12.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TOMORROW.



Need to make or finish up your 2024 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 12/31/24.

Sermon Text

Acts 1:1-14 (ESV)

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. **4** And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

The Ascension

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **9** And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, **11** and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. **13** And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. **14** All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.