

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. 8th gr girls Bible study @ YH
 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
 6:30 P.M. Ladies Bible Study @ KH

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

◆ The church office is closed on Fridays

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The Church Calendar

TODAY! Prayer Angel Sunday—Reception following Worship Service

February 23 Sunday Night Worship & Potluck Supper 5:30 p.m.

February 27 Freedom Center Graduation Dinner 6 p.m. @ Living Free

March 2 Session Meeting 5 p.m.

March 5 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 6 p.m.

March 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 9 First Sunday in Lent

March 10-14 Alcorn County Spring Break

March 10-21 Corinth Schools Spring Break

March 23 Sunday Night Worship & Potluck Supper 5:30 p.m.

April 13 Palm Sunday

April 17 Maundy Thursday Service w/Sanctuary Choir Program

April 18 Good Friday - Easter Egg Hunt

Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder: Richard Hendrick

Acolytes: Pierce Albarracin & Ryder Wesson

Greeter: Gregg Parker

Ushers: Andy Butler, Ryan Wesson, Wesley Mathis, Greg Kiddy, Ben Erwin

Circle of Prayer: Jason and Jennifer Legoff & Janet Orman

Nursery/Toddler Room: Jennifer LeGoff, Leslie Fisher & Abbie Butler

Tech Crew: Russell Smith & Landon Thomas

Joy in Bloom: Amanda Aust & Marianne Albarracin

The Flowers

*The beautiful flowers
 adorning the Sanctuary today
 are given by Andrew & Kimberly Labas
 in memory of Joe Vann.*

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.

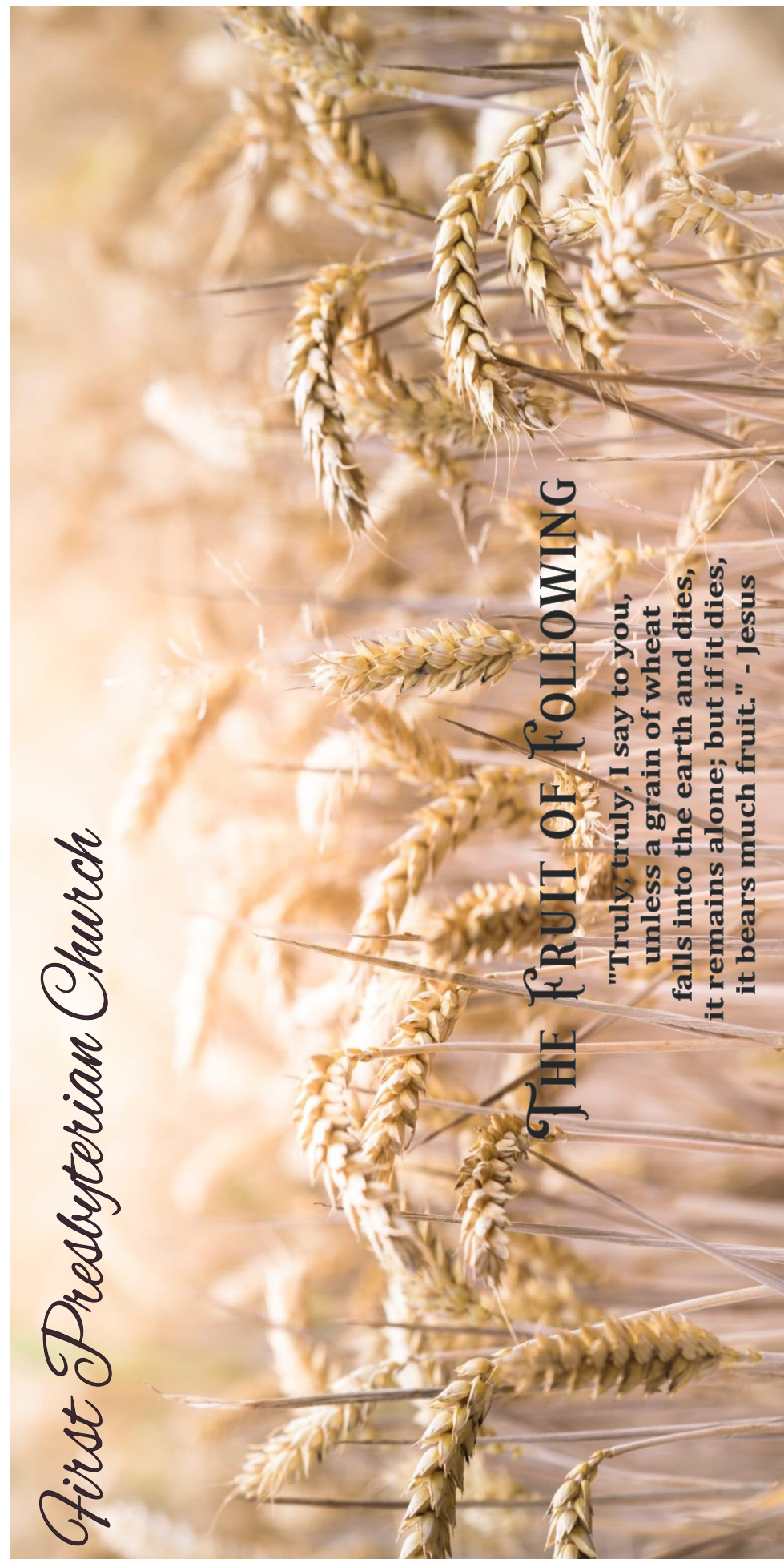
We invite you to prayerfully consider making FPC your church home.

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 "to be disciples...to make disciples"

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THE FRUIT OF FOLLOWING

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." - Jesus

LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 16, 2025

PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY

Piano Prelude Jill Taylor

Call to Meditation: Matthew 4:19
“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men”

The Prelude Malechi Doren

The Introit: “Glorify Thy Name”

(*please stand)

***Call to Worship:** 1 Peter 1:3-6

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Leader: to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

All: who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Leader: In this we rejoice!

***The Hymn:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” No. 97

***Responsive Reading:** Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Congregation: For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Leader: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Congregation: who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Leader: And being found in human form,

Congregation: he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Leader: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

All: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***Congregational Response:** “He Is Lord” No. 105

***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

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon: Romans 5:1-2

“Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.”

***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: “You Are Worthy”

Almighty God, Eternal Father,

Our Savior, Lord and King,

We gather here our hearts united, a worship offering.

We give to You our highest praise,

And we extol Your wondrous ways.

(Refrain)

For You are worthy, worthy to be praised,

Worthy of devotion and the songs our voices raise.

You are worthy now and evermore;

You are worthy, You're worthy to be praised.

O Lamb of God, most holy Savior,

Our source of truth and love, speak to our hearts,

Make our devotions like those who praise above.

We give to You our highest praise

And we extol Your wondrous ways.

(Repeat Refrain Twice)

You are worthy, You're worthy to be praised.

-Dan R. Edwards/Russell Mauldin

PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH

Scripture Reading: John 12:20-26

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: The Fruit of Following”

Prayer of Commitment

***Hymn:** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” No. 376

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** “Sevenfold Amen”

***Postlude**

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## Announcements

**TODAY IS PRAYER ANGEL SUNDAY!** All Prayer Angels and their Prayer Friends are invited to a reception today immediately after the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served and pictures will be taken.

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** go to Jamie Butler and his family at the passing of his mother, Joyce Butler, on February 2, 2025.

**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 playground on the west side of the church campus.

**OUR MONTHLY SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP & POTLUCK** begins next Sunday, February 23. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! We will meet in the YouthHouse at 5:30 p.m. for a casual worship service followed by a potluck supper. Bring your favorite dish to share! A nursery will be provided for children under 3 years.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & CHRIST CENTERED CHURCH** invite you to join us in fellowship as we celebrate with Living Free Ministry in their Freedom Center Graduation on Thursday, February 27. The evening will begin with a worship service at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. FPC & CCC will be providing the meal for the evening, and we need your help in doing so. [Please use the insert to indicate the item\(s\) you will bring, and if you will help serve the meal as well.](#) Living Free is located behind Magnolia Funeral Home on Hwy 72 East. **Everyone is welcome!** Let's worship and celebrate together with CCC and Living Free!

Sermon Text

**John 12:20-26 (ESV)**

**Some Greeks Seek Jesus**

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.