

Welcome!

We are so thankful that you've joined us for worship today!

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.

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 west entrance (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 there is not 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 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.

First Presbyterian Church is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church (epc.org).

The FPC Calendar

September 12	Deacon's Meeting Communion Sunday Session Meeting GriefShare begins 2:00 p.m.
September 12-17	Joy Riders trip to The Outer Banks
September 23-26	Branson Trip 5th/6th grades
Sept 27 - Oct 15	Corinth Schools Fall Break
Sept 29-Oct 2	Mt. LeConte Hiking Trip
Oct 3-Oct 8	Mission Trip to Iowa, LA
October 17	Every Member Canvass begins
November 7	Commitment Sunday
November 13-14	InDeed Project Weekend
November 14	Communion Sunday
November 22-26	Corinth Schools Thanksgiving Break

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The Flowers

*The beautiful flowers adorning the Sanctuary
this morning are given,
in loving memory of John Burnett and Ed Barnes,
on Ed's birthday.
by Brandon Lowrey.*

Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder:	Randy Long
Ushers:	Jed James, Nate Alexander, Alan Smith, Leslie Lewis, Brooks Pratt
Circle of Prayer:	Pat Palmer, Dave Shanklin & Janet Orman
Tech Crew:	John Frame, Russell Smith, Brett Grantham, Holland Yeates, Nate Alexander, Alan Smith

The FPC Week

Sunday	9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
Monday	7:00 A.M. 8th Gr. Girls Bible Study @ YH
M-W-F	9:00 A.M. Ladies Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study (Parlor next to Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	7:00 A.M. 7th Gr. Girls Bible Study @YH 7:00 A.M. 5th & 6th Gr. Dads & Sons Bible Study @ KH 7:00 A.M. 5th & 6th Gr. Girls "Grit & Grace" Bible Study @ KH - both 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Studies begin August 24
Tues & Thur	9:00 A.M. FPC Day School
Wednesday	5:30 A.M. Men's Prayer & Bible Study @ the YouthHouse 7:00 A.M. 9th Gr. Girls @ YH 5:30 P.M. Jr. High @ YH 6:30 P.M. Sr. High @ YH 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 A.M. 11th Gr. Boys @ YH 9th Gr. Boys @ Pavilion 7th Gr. Boys @ G's office
Friday	7:00 A.M. 8th Gr. Boys @ YH 10-12th Gr. Girls @ Taylor's house 2303 Chestnut

FPC Staff

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First Presbyterian Church

to be disciples ... to make disciples

WELCOME

Jesus is greater

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is off today. Children's bulletins are available at each entrance.

KIDS'QUEST WILL BE OFF THIS WEEK, September 14 & 15.

CORINTH FOR CLEAN WATER in Jharkhand, India is a mission project with big goals. Neverthirst has teamed up with some Corinthians to raise money for 430 hand-pump water wells that will bring clean water to around 50,000 people in Eastern India. Through establishing water wells, Neverthirst is able to spread the Gospel through local pastors in that region. This is a big task: the mission project needs 1.5 million dollars by 2023 to send out pastors, spread the name of Jesus, and establish clean water sources in villages. Please consider donating. Donations can be made via check to Neverthirst (can turn in to church office) or online at www.neverthirstwater.org/pages/corinth.

JOY RIDERS! You have two new events listed on the insert. Don't hesitate! **Sign-up today!**

FPC'S JOY IN BLOOM MINISTRY is seeking a volunteer to lead this ministry, and to coordinate the division and distribution of the previous Sunday's Sanctuary floral arrangement (if they are not taken). We deliver to members of our community and congregation, who are under the weather, for that little ray of sunshine! Please contact Kimberly Grantham to volunteer for this ministry, 662-284-7498.

THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER meets in the chapel after the Worship Service. We pray for our church, community, and nation. All are welcome!

IT HURTS TO LOSE SOMEONE. Find help at GriefShare. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Meetings will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning TODAY, at 2 p.m. at the KidsHouse. The KidsHouse is located behind the church where the buses are parked. Social distancing will be observed. We ask that all participants wear a mask.

Today's Sermon Text

Hebrews 7: 20-28 (ESV)

²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:

“The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest forever.’”

²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY

The Piano Prelude Jill Taylor

Call to Meditation: Ephesians 2:8

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”*

The Prelude Nancy Hebert

The Choral Introit: *“Come Make a Joyful Noise”*

**(please stand)*

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

All: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

***The Hymn:** *“And Can It Be?”* (vv. 1-3) No. 203

***Responsive Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-10

Leader: As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house,

All: *to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

Leader: For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

All: *So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”*

Leader: They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

All: *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

Leader: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

All: *once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

***Congregational Response:** *“And Can It Be”* (v. 4) No. 203

***Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1 (1563)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: *That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; he protects me so well that, without the will of my Father in heaven, not a hair can fall from my head indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

***Prayer of Invocation**

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

The Call to Prayer: *“In This Quiet Moment”*

Prayer of Intercession and 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 Response to Prayer: *“Spirit Divine, Hear Our Prayer”*

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 7:20-28

Sermon: “THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST: A Perfect Priest”

PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE

Song of Preparation: *“Table of Grace”*

*Table of grace, table of mercy;
See, there is room, there is plenty for all.
Rise up and come to the healing place.
Come to the table of grace.*

*Table of grace for all who are weary,
Those who my struggle and need holy rest.
Love will refresh, and the Spirit will raise.
Come to the table of grace.*

*Receive the bread like holy manna.
Be nourished by heaven above.
Receive the cup like living water
Filled by God's timeless love.*

*Table of grace, generous bounty,
Offering freely forgiveness and love;
Come and discover God's merciful ways.
Come to the table of grace.*

*Come, there is plenty
With rest for weary.
Come to the table - - - of grace.*

– Pepper Choplin

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Corporate Prayer of Confession: from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love.

According to Your great compassion blot out all my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I

acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against You have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight so that

You are justified when You judge and proved right when You speak.

Surely I was sinful at birth—sinful from the time my mother conceived

me. Cleanse me and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than

snow. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create

in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do

not cast me away from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from

me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and grant me a willing

spirit to sustain me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare

Your praise!

Individual Prayers of Confession (silently)

Assurance of Divine 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.”

The Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.”

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***The Hymn:** *“I Will Sing of My Redeemer* (vv. 1,4) No. 506

***The Benediction**

***The Choral Benediction:** *“Go Now in Peace”*

***The Postlude** Nancy Hebert

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