

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, in rooms 1-4.

♦ **Children's Church, for ages 4 years - 5th grade**, is being held in the Fellowship Hall, located on the northeast corner of the campus.

♦ 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 pray for you, call you, pay you a visit, or all of the above!

We invite you to prayerfully consider making FPC your church home. First Presbyterian Church is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

The Church Calendar

September 22	"The Feast" Potluck & Worship 5 p.m.
September 23-Oct 11	Corinth Schools Fall Break
October 7-11	Alcorn Co. Fall Break
October 9-12	7th Annual LeConte Lodge Hiking Trip
October 17 & 18	Joy Rider Trip to Moss Mountain Farm
October 20	"The Feast" Potluck & Worship 5 p.m.
November 5	Election Day (No 5/6 Bible Studies or Day School)
November 17	Communion Sunday
November 25-29	Alcorn Co. & Corinth Schools Thanksgiving Break
November 28	Community Thanksgiving Meal
December 1	First Sunday of Advent
December 19-Jan 3	Alcorn Co. Christmas Break
December 22	Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata
December 23-Jan 6	Corinth Schools Christmas Break

Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder:	Ken Williams
Acolytes:	Edy Price & Mary Ford Kirk
Greeter:	Ryan and Ellen Wesson & Gregg Parker
Ushers:	Dave Shanklin, Peter Fisher, Cameron Crockett, JR Burns
Circle of Prayer:	Alberto Albarracin, Malechi Doren & Janet Orman
Nursery/Toddler Rooms:	Jenny Biggers, Kelli Harrell & Leslie Fisher
Tech Crew:	Russell Smith & Landon Thomas

The Flowers

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are given by Colby and Laura Kate Carmichael.

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is filled with his glory!"
Isaiah 6:3

The FPC Week

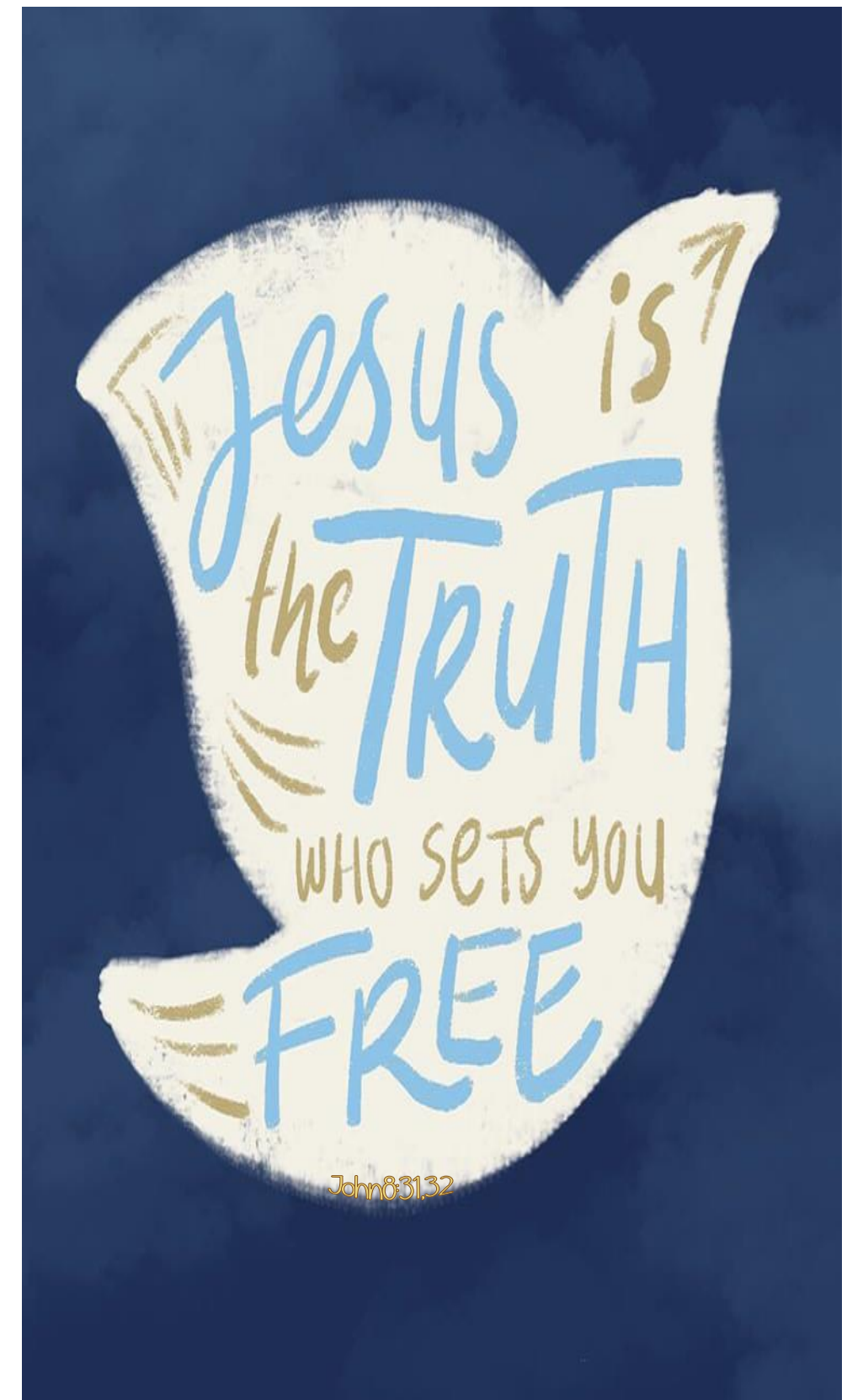
Sunday	9:00 A.M. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
Monday	7:00 A.M. 11th gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH
M-W-F	9:00 A.M. Ladies Exercise Class - Fellowship Hall
Tues/Thur.	9:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M. FPC Day School
Tuesday	7:00 A.M. 5th/6th gr boys & girls Bible 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

FPC Staff

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First Presbyterian Church



to be disciples . . . to make disciples

LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
September 15, 2024

PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY

The Piano Prelude Jill Taylor

Call to Meditation: Psalm 8:1

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.”

The Prelude Malechi Doren

The Choral Introit: “We Come to Praise”

(*please stand)

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 89:1-4

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Congregation: For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

Leader: You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever and build your throne for all generations.’”

All: Praise the Lord!

***The Hymn of Praise:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (vv. 1-3) No 234

***Responsive Reading:** Romans 6:5-11

Leader: For if we have been united with him in a death like his,

All: we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Leader: We know that our old self was crucified with him

All: in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Leader: For one who has died has been set free from sin.

All: Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Leader: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;

All: death no longer has dominion over him.

Leader: For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

All: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

***Congregational Response:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (v. 4) No. 234

***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:

Father, you tell us in your Word that whatsoever does not proceed from faith is sin. We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith, especially in challenging times, giving in to our fears. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical, which created criticism of you and a prayerless life. How easily we have crumpled under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. In your mercy, hear us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon: Isaiah 43:1-2

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.”

***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
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

Choral Anthem: “Before the Throne of God Above”

*Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart
Oh
When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied*

*To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me
Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God!
With Christ my Savior and my God!
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- Bancroft/Cook*

PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH

Scripture Reading: John 8:31-43

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: “LEARNING TO BELIEVE: The Freedom of Truth”

Prayer of Commitment

***Hymn of Commitment:** “The Church’s One Foundation” No. 277

***Benediction**

***The Choral Benediction:** “Three-fold Amen”

***Postlude** Malechi Doren

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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, for ages 4 years - 5th grade, is being held in the Fellowship Hall, located on the northeast corner of the church campus.

LET’S FEED THE CORINTH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM! Our Youth-House Ministry will be feeding the football team THIS FRIDAY, September 20. We need your help to purchase the food and, if possible, help serve the meal. You may contribute by placing a check in the offering plate, dropping it off by the church office, or if you prefer Venmo, please contact Jennifer Shipp, 601-209-5072, for the @ of the YH Venmo account. To volunteer, text Jennifer. Thank you!!

The Sermon Text

John 8:31-43 (ESV)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸ I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

³⁹ They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.