

### 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. 10th gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH 7:00 A.M. 7th gr boys Bible study @ Gregg's office
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	6:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study @ YouthHouse 7:00 A.M. 5/6 gr boys & girls @ KidsHouse 7:00 A.M. 7th gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH 7:00 A.M. 8th gr girls Bible study @ Ladies Parlor 7:00 A.M. 8th gr boys Bible study @ Gregg's office 7:00 A.M. 11/12 gr boys Bible study @ YH office
Wednesday	5:30 A.M. Men's Prayer & Bible Study @ YH 7:00 A.M. 11/12 gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH 3:15-6:00 P.M. KidsQuest 5:30-6:30 P.M. Jr. High Bible study @ YH 6:30-8:00 P.M. Sr. High Bible Study @ YH 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 A.M. 9th gr girls Bible study @ downstairs YH 7:00 A.M. 9th gr boys Bible study @ Gregg's office 1:00 P.M. Knit for Kids
Friday	7:00 A.M. 10th gr boys Bible study @ downstairs YH

\* The church office is closed on Fridays

### Coming up @ FPC

September 25-October 13	Corinth Schools Fall Break
September 28	Joy Riders, Day in Amish Country
October 1	Session Meeting 5 p.m.
October 8	Deacon's Meeting
October 8-14	Joy Riders Trip to San Antonio, TX
October 11-14	LeConte Lodge Hiking Trip
October 13	Men's Luncheon
October 19	Joy Riders, Wheeler Lake Boat Cruise
October 22	The Every Member Canvass Campaign Begins
October 22	The Feast - Dinner & Worship 5 p.m.
November 5	Session Meeting
November 9	Joy Riders, Harvey's, Tupelo

### Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder:	Steve Drewry
Ushers:	Dave Shanklin, Peter Fisher, Leslie Lewis, Baylor Pratt, Nate Alexander
Circle of Prayer:	Becky Stewart, Jack Griffith & Janet Orman
Nursery/Toddler Room:	Jenny Biggers & Jessica Bain
Tech Crew:	Russell Smith & Landon Thomas

### The Flowers

*The flowers adorning the Sanctuary this morning,  
are given by Orma & Terre Smith.  
in loving memory of Terre's mother,  
Sue Rice, on her birthday.*

## 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) 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.

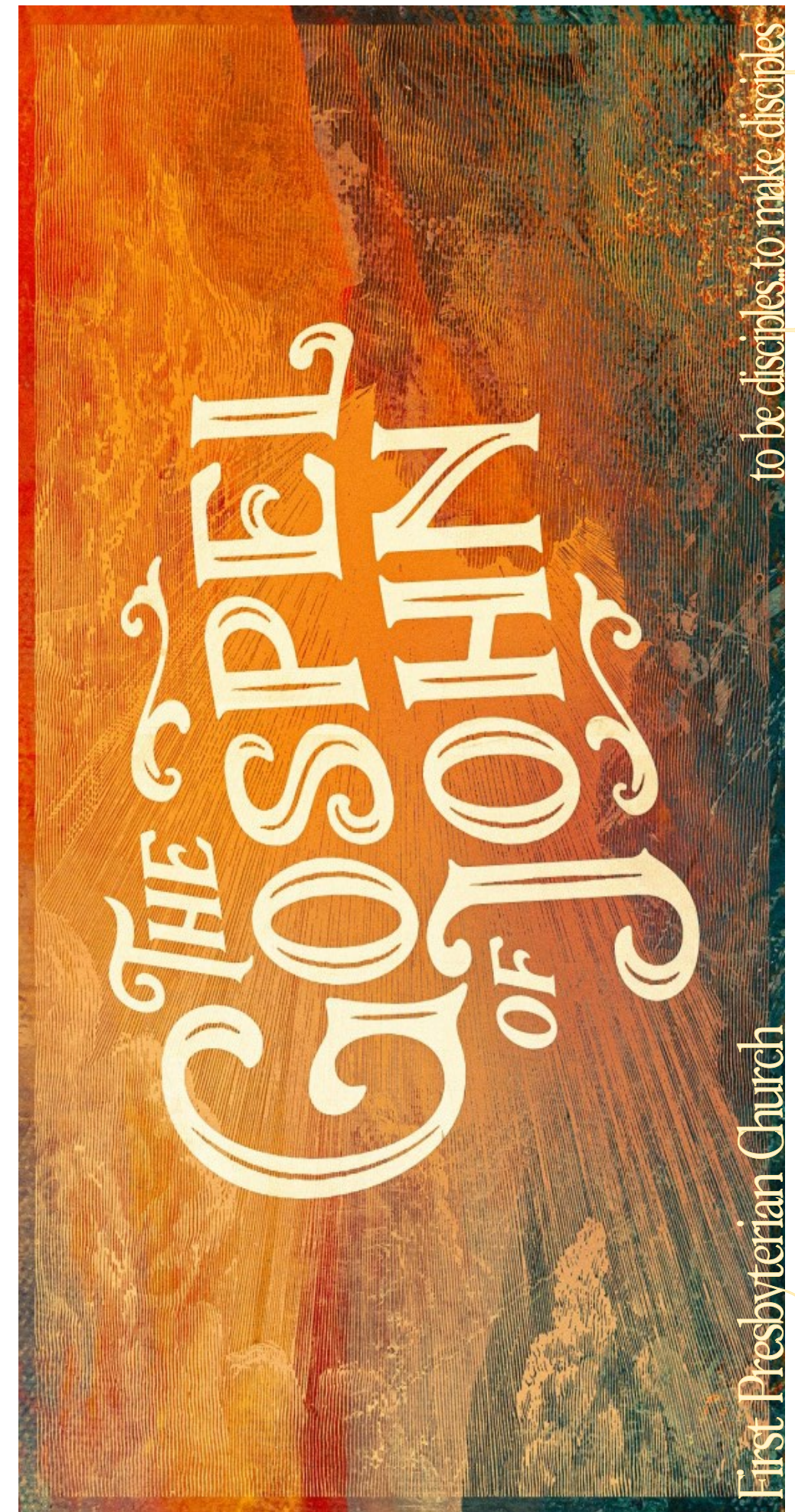
We invite you to prayerfully consider making FPC your church home.

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**LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**September 24, 2023**

***PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY***

**The Piano Prelude** Jill Taylor  
**Call to Meditation:** Luke 17:33  
 “Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it,  
 but whoever loses his life will keep it.”

**The Prelude** Malechi Doren  
**The Choral Introit:** *“We Come to Praise”*  
*\*(please stand)*  
**\*Call to Worship:** Psalm 34:1-3  
**Leader:** I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**All:** *his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*  
**Leader:** My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
**All:** *let the humble hear and be glad.*  
**Leader:** Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
**All:** *and let us exalt his name together!*

No. 4

**\*The Hymn of Praise:** "How Great Thou Art"

**\*Responsive Reading:** Romans 3:21-28

**Leader:** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it...

**All:** *the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.*

**Leader:** For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

**All:** *whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

**Leader:** This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**All:** *It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

**Leader:** Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works?

**All:** *No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*

**\*Congregational Response:**    *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* (vv. 1-3)      No. 350

**\*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, forever. Amen.*

***PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE***

**Call to Confession:**  
**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**  
Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with him forever.  
*(from The Worship Sourcebook)*  
*Silent Confession*

**Assurance of Divine Pardon:** Isaiah 30:18  
 “Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion.  
 For the LORD is God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!”

**\*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 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*

***PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH***

### Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

**The Choral Anthem:** *“Help Me Lift-a-My Load”*

*Anybody here who feels like saying,  
"O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load?"  
Who will join me as I'm praying?  
"O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load."  
Anybody here who's tired and hurting?  
"O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load."  
Who is holding a secret burden?  
"O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load."  
(Chorus)  
Lift up, in the morning,  
Lift up, in the ev'ning.  
Lift up, hear the Lord say,  
"I will never leave."  
Lift up, take courage,  
Lift up, be strong.  
Lift up, feel the Spirit leading you on.*

*When the world is weighing so heavy,  
"O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load. "  
Hear my prayer and do not tarry.  
"O, Lord, help me lift-a-my load."*

*(Repeat Chorus)*

*Feel the Spirit leading you on to stop,  
For a moment to pause and take a breath.  
Spend time to live in My presence  
And I will give you rest.  
For I will hear you praying when you are calling Me.  
And when your burden is heavy,  
My peace will set you free.*

**Scripture Reading:** John 1:14-18

**Scripture Response:** Isaiah 40:6b, 8

**Leader:** All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;  
**All:** *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.*

**Sermon:** LEARNING TO BELIEVE: The Incarnation of Christ

*Hymn of Commitment:	<i>“Joy to the World”</i>	No. 125
*Benediction		
*Choral Benediction:	<i>“Three-fold Amen”</i>	
*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.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is off for Fall Break.

**PENCILS, SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS, BARS OF SOAP, TOOTHBRUSHES, SUNGLASSES, FLIP FLOPS, AND SMALL RUBBER BALLS** (AND PUMPS!) are being collected for Samaritan's Purse for the month of October. Mid-month we will place all collected items in the Fellowship Hall, and all who wish to do so, may fill a box. Collection boxes are located at the east entrance of the Sanctuary, and in the Education Wing. You may also donate \$10 to help with postage.

**YOUTHHOUSE & KIDSQUEST** activities are off for the next three weeks for Fall Break.

**THE RED ROSE WELCOMES LILA KATHERINE FRAZIER**, born September 16, 2023. The proud parents are Parks and Caroline Frazier, and the proud grandparents are Randy and Tammi Frazier.

**LIVING FREE MINISTRY:** This Thursday, September 28 @ 6:30. We will be serving Pizza Grocery pizza. Text or call LeeAnne Price (662)808-0020 if you are willing to serve, bring a salad or dessert.

**A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN TOUR**, will be led by Claire Stanley, February 25-March 9, 2024. There is a limited number of spots available. An information packet is available on the desk outside of the church office. Please contact Claire Stanley for more information, 662-284-7433.

## Sermon Text

John 1:14-18  
<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.