

The Lord's Day Morning

December 29, 2024
Ten Forty-Five O'clock

*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!
Please complete and pass the black friendship pad at the end of the pew.*

Welcome

+Prelude..... Lynn Arthur Koch
“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

Call to Worship..... Psalms 97:1-2, 10-12

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the
righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD,
O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer for God's Grace in our Worship

***+Hymn of Adoration 128**.....DUNDEE
“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (150 AD)

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.

[†]This “descent clause” is a summary statement of Christ's passion, death, and burial.
*i.e., the universal Christian Church

Congregational Confession of Sin

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against you. By your
Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see
you as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to
save. Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow him more
faithfully. As we have received him, so strengthen us to walk in him,
depend on him, commune with him, and be conformed to him. Give us
an experience of your grace that makes us bold for others, that we might
joyfully tell our friends and neighbors of your saving mercy. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 28:6-7

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him,
and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

***+Hymn of Response 253**..... FOUNTAIN
“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Bill Wolaver
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

***Doxology** (Hymn 731)OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Four and Five-year olds dismissed to Children's Church)

Ministry of the Word.....Josh Kines
“Behind a Frowning Providence”
Psalm 88 (p. 494-495)

***Hymn of Response 689** FINLANDIA
“Be Still, My Soul”

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

***Postlude** “Masters in This Hall” Gordon Young

*Please stand if you are able.
+The ushers may seat worshippers.

Presiding Minister - Josh Kines
Assisting Minister - Knox Baird
Assisting Elder - Keith Easterling

First Presbyterian Church Directory

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Church Treasurer

Rob King

Thanks to those serving today!

Duty Deacons for December:

Kelly McMullan (head),
 Paul Durfield, Joe Gibbons,
 John Howell, Lee Norman, Keith Reeves

Ushers for December:

Cal Boyd, Burn Curry,
 Davis Dawkins, Rick Newman,
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YEAR END GIVING TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you wish to make a gift to the church prior to year-end, your mailed check should be dated and postmarked no later than December 31.

The church office will be open December 30-31 to receive your gift in person. To make after-hours arrangements, please contact Arrington Rhett at 601-408-4721 or ajrhett@fpchattiesburg.org.

If you wish to make an online gift to the church's **General Fund** or **Harvest Fund**, visit the church website at www.fpchattiesburg.org and click on the GIVING tab at the top of the page.

For gifts of stock or other securities,
 please contact Arrington for more information.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.
 I PETER 4:10-11 ESV

VISITORS

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church!

Please take a moment to provide us with a record of your visit using the attendance register at the end of each pew.

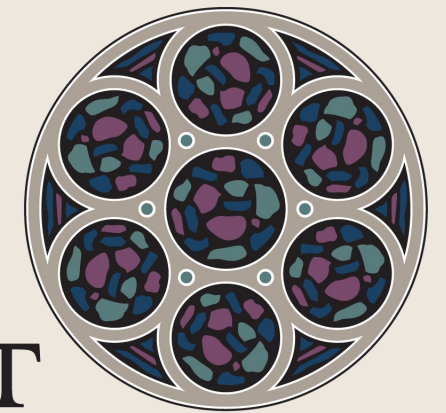
If you wish to be added to the mailing list for the church's weekly e-newsletter, send us an email— first@fpchattiesburg.org or call the church office at 601-268-0303.

For more information about our congregation,
 visit our website at fpchattiesburg.org.

FPC HARVEST CAMPAIGN

If you would like to learn more about the Harvest Campaign,
 contact Arrington Rhett or any member of
 the Facilities Planning Committee—
 Rob King, Shea McNease, Lee Norman, Abb Payne, Elizabeth Tullos.

*Worship services are available live
 or archived at facebook.com/fpchattiesburg.*



The FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 HATTIESBURG, MS 39402

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