

# The Lord’s Day Morning

January 4, 2026

Ten Forty-Five O'clock

## Welcome

**+Prelude**..... Lynn Arthur Koch  
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

**Call to Worship** .....Psalm 2:7-12

I will tell of the decree:  
The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.  
Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

## Prayer for God’s Grace in our Worship

**\*+Hymn of Adoration I67** ..... LAUDES DOMINI  
“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**..... The Apostles’ Creed (150 AD)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell<sup>†</sup>.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church\*,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>†</sup>This “descent clause” is a summary statement of Christ’s passion, death, and burial.  
\*i.e., the universal Christian Church

## Congregational Confession of Sin

Our Father, when the fullness of time had come, you sent forth your Son,  
born of a woman, born under the law, that he might redeem those  
who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.  
We praise you, gracious God, that you gave up your Son,  
that we might become your children.

Forgive us when we have neglected our great privileges in Christ.  
Forgive us when we have not been amazed at your fatherly love and your  
constant favor. Forgive us that in not trusting and rejoicing in your love  
we have in turn failed to love others as you have loved us.  
Renew us by your Holy Spirit and transform us into the image of Christ,  
from glory to glory.

Galatians 4:4-7; 1 John 4:16-19; 2 Corinthians 3:18

## Private Confession of Sin

**Assurance of Pardon** ..... Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**\*+Hymn of Response** (insert) ..... Nicolai/arr. Bach  
“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

## 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 Duet** ..... Frances Ridley Havergal (1874)/  
George James Webb

“Another Year is Dawning”  
*Ellie Brown and Jesse Noote*

Another year is dawning! Dear Master, let it be,  
In working or in waiting, another year with thee.  
Another year of leaning upon thy loving breast,  
Of ever deeper trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,  
Another year of gladness, enlightened by thy face.  
Another year of seeking, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving Thy presence all my days.

Another year of service, of witness for thy love;  
Another year preparing for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning! Dear Master, let it be,  
On earth or else in heaven, another year with thee!

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**\*Doxology** ..... 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** ..... Darwin Jordan  
“Enjoy the Majesty and Kindness of God (Part 2)”  
Psalm 8; Genesis 1:26-28; Hebrews 2:5-10

**\*Hymn of Response 295**..... DIADEMATA  
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

## \*Benediction

## \*Choral Amen

**\*Postlude** ..... “Whence is That Goodly Fragrance” ...Gordon Young  
*Bethlehem! there in manger lying, find your Redeemer haste away,  
Run ye with eager footsteps vieing! Worship the Saviour born today.*

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

Presiding Minister - Darwin Jordan  
Assisting Minister - Knox Baird  
Assisting Elder - Keith Easterling

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

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.

For more information about our congregation,  
visit our website at [fpchattiesburg.org](http://fpchattiesburg.org).

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

**Rick and Betty Aschmann** serve with Mission to the World in Ecuador among the Quichua Indians. Their ministry focuses on Bible translation, leadership training, church planting, and literature production in the Quichua language. Pray for the Old Testament translation teams and for the church plant in Pigulca. <https://mtw.org/missionaries/details/richard-and-betty-aschmann>

**Belhaven University** is a Christian liberal arts university in Jackson “committed to Biblical truth and Godly grace”. Belhaven offers 80 areas of study to 4,400 students on campus and online. Pray for Dr. Roger Parrott, President, the faculty and staff. [www.belhaven.edu](http://www.belhaven.edu)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS  
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Fellowship (singles/couples)  
Taylor Hall 101

Asaph/McIntosh (singles/couples)  
Parlor

Dorcas (women)  
Taylor Hall 103

Leonard Lowrey (men)  
Taylor Hall 102

Caleb/Lucas (singles/couples)  
Currie Hall 206

Priscilla/Aquila (singles/couples)  
Currie Hall 207

Sojourners (college and young singles/couples)  
Currie Hall 205

Students (grades 7-12)  
Youth Center/McIntosh Hall

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Sanctuary is equipped with a new hearing assistance system. Receivers are available in the narthex from the duty deacons.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

These small groups meet monthly and are an opportunity to develop closer relationships with other members of the FPC church family. If you would be interested in learning more about fellowship groups, contact Molly Blass.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to reserve a Sunday to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a friend or loved one, please contact Caroline Grubbs, chair of the Women’s Ministry Flower Guild.

Worship services are available live or archived!  
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Ministry Staff

Rev. C. Knox Baird. .... Minister of Missions, Mercy and Mature Believers  
Rev. Darwin Jordan ..... Minister of Leadership and Preaching  
Dr. David H. Jussely. .... Minister Emeritus  
Dr. Kathy C. Young..... Director of Children’s Ministry  
Mrs. Whitney McMullan.....Assistant to Children’s Ministry  
Miss Ainslie Curtis ..... Student Ministry Intern

Music Ministry Staff

Dr. Jesse Noote.....Director of Music Ministries  
Mrs. Loleeta Rhett..... Organist  
Mrs. Christine Bellew.....K4-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Children’s Choir Director  
Mrs. Hilary Strum ..... 3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Grade Children’s Choir Director

Support Staff

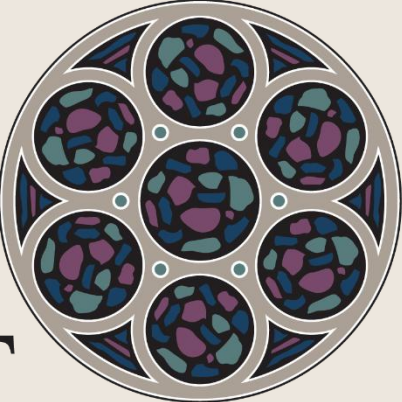
Mr. Arrington Rhett ..... Church Administrator  
Ms. Tracy Ross ..... Office Manager  
Mr. Tim Fortenberry ..... Project Coordinator  
Mr. Hank Hawes ..... Custodian  
Mr. Don Hill ..... Custodian  
Mrs. Pat Hill..... Custodian

CHURCH OFFICERS		
<i>The Session</i>		
<u>CLASS OF 2026</u> Keith Easterling Ken Gunnufsen Arrington Rhett	<u>CLASS OF 2027</u> Wes Curry John Kosko Wyche McMullan	<u>CLASS OF 2028</u> Louis Benton Randy Henderson
<u>CLASS OF 2029</u> Rob Jackson	<u>CLASS OF 2030</u> Bobby Blass Randy Martin	<u>CLASS OF 2031</u> Grant Bennett Matthew Boyd Bill Stanway
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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

<b>Duty Deacons for January:</b> Keith Reeves (head), Tony Claytor, Chuck Jakab, Thompson Liddell, Lance Mangum, Chris Parsons	<b>Ushers for January:</b> Brian Aehnlich, Bryon Kittler, Jim Koerber, Bryan Offutt, David Scott Moore
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