

The Lord’s Day Morning

August 16, 2026

Ten Forty-Five O'clock

Welcome

+Prelude.....Paul Manz
“Pastorale on ST. ANNE”

Call to Worship Psalm 67:1-3

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Prayer for God’s Grace in our Worship

***+Hymn of Adoration 263**CRUCIFER
“Lift High the Cross”

***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[†].
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.

[†]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 gracious Lord, we praise you that while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us. We thank you that when we were dead in sin,
you rescued us and made us alive in Christ Jesus.

Forgive us, Lord, that we can profess to be saved by your grace and yet
be void of compassion for others to know that grace. Forgive us that we
can so lose our gratitude and wonder that we do not pray for our
neighbors, engage our neighbors and befriend our neighbors.
Forgive us that at times, we are not at all like our Lord Jesus
who seeks and saves that which is lost.

Oh Father, continue to form us into the image of our Lord Jesus.
Give us your compassion and your zeal. May we continually be light
in this dark world. For your glory we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of PardonPsalm 32:5, 1, 2

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. Blessed is the one whose transgression is
forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the
Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

***+Hymn of Response** (insert) Habershon/Merker
“He Will Hold Me Fast”

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 Anthem..... Ernest W. Shurtleff/arr. Benjamin Harlan
“Lead On, O King Eternal”
Sanctuary Choir

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest, Thy tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation, Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing or roll of stirring drums
With deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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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
“Lost and Found”
Luke 15 (pp. 874-875)

***Hymn of Response 449** FINLANDIA
“We Rest on Thee”

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

***Postlude** “Postlude on ST. ANNE” Charles Callahan

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

Presiding Pastor - Darwin Jordan
Assisting Pastor - Knox Baird
Assisting Elder - Rob Jackson

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Nate and Nikki Bonham have served with Mission to the World in Colombia, S.A., for five years. Nate is the church planting pastor of Iglesia El Redentor in Rionegro, a suburb of Medellin, and also works in areas of theological education, pastoral training, and biblical counseling. Nikki serves in education, discipleship, and ministries to women and children. Pray for Nate, Nikki and their boys: Luis, Noah, and Barrett.

Bassam Chedid founded the Children of Abraham ministry nearly 50 years ago to communicate the saving message of Christ to a largely un-evangelized Arabic community in and beyond North America. COA focuses on ministry to Arabs from both a Christian background and an Islamic background through distribution of a distinctive Arabic study Bible. Pray for Bassam and his wife, Connie, and their four children.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church!

If you are our guest today in worship, we encourage you to visit the welcome table at the main entrance or in Taylor Hall. There you will find more information about our FPC church family.

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

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

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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

JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL AUGUST 30

The youth and adult classes will meet together in Taylor Hall on Sunday, August 30 at 9:30 a.m. to hear a report on the Session’s vision for Sunday School, Community Groups, and Small Groups. We encourage all members to attend to learn about these important changes in the ministry of FPC.

Worship services are available live or archived!
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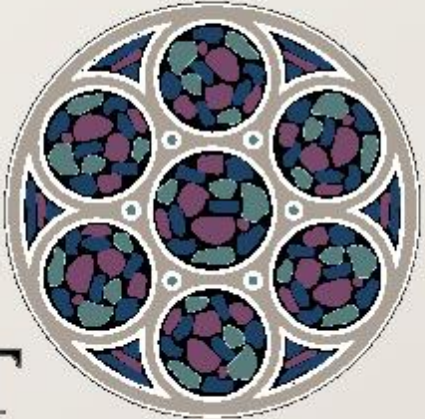
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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Duty Deacons for August: Joseph Tullos (head), Drew McMullan, Kelly McMullan, Will Morgan, Ben Pace, Rob Robertson	Ushers for August: Morris Ames, Ken Lee, Austin Lovitt, David Scott Moore, Austin Smithers
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