

The Lord’s Day Morning

September 6, 2026
Ten Forty-Five O'clock

The Mission of First Presbyterian Church
To make disciples of Jesus Christ who live in His hope, walk in His love,
discover His peace, and multiply His grace in others.

Welcome

+Prelude.....Albin Whitworth
“God So Loved the World”

Call to Worship Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Prayer for God’s Grace in our Worship

***+Hymn of Adoration 4** MIT FREUDEN ZART
“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

***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 confess that at times we have no concern for
people who are outside of Christ. We confess that sometimes the
mission of the gospel is nowhere on our radar screen.

Forgive us Lord, that while we profess faith in a gracious Savior, we can
ignore those who don’t know that Savior. Forgive us for not praying
earnestly for neighbors, friends and family. Forgive us for not praying for
the ongoing progress of the gospel, in our city, state, country and world.

Have mercy upon us through the precious work of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 1:7; Romans 8:1

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our
trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. There is therefore now
no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

***+Hymn of Response** (insert) Crosby/Doane
“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

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..... Isaac Watts/ELLACOMBE/arr. Noote
“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”
Sanctuary Choir

I sing th’almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

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

Ministry of the Word Darwin Jordan
“Jesus Seeks and Saves the Lost”
Luke 19:1-10 (p. 878)

***Hymn of Response 529**.....BEECHER
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Benediction

***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.

***Postlude** Charles Callahan
“Postlude on ‘Lift High the Cross’”

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

Presiding Pastor - Darwin Jordan
Assisting Pastor - Knox Baird
Assisting Elder - Randy Martin

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Derrick Crosby is pastor of New Fellowship Baptist Church on 31st Avenue in north Hattiesburg. Pray for Pastor Derrick and his wife, Letitia, and our brothers and sisters at New Fellowship.

Don and Claire-Lise Cobb serve with Mission to the World in Aix-en-Provence, France, where Don teaches at the Reformed Seminary. He is also developing material to encourage discipleship among French-speaking Christians. Claire-Lise is part of a team focused on building up churches in France.

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.

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

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Mrs. Whitney McMullan..... Assistant to Children’s Ministry
Miss Savannah Prescott Assistant to Student Ministry
Mr. Sean Kittler Student Ministry Intern

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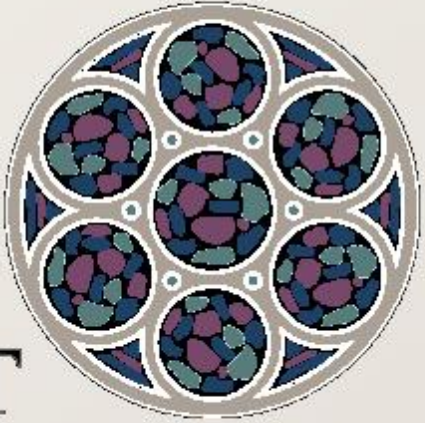
CHURCH OFFICERS

<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
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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Duty Deacons for September: Lance Mangum (head), Tony Claytor, Chuck Jakab, Thompson Liddell, Chris Parsons, Keith Reeves, Sam Rosten	Ushers for September: William Cain, Rick Newman, D Palermo, Dan Parker, Frank Roberts
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