

The Lord’s Day Morning

September 27, 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..... Raymond H. Haan
“Variations on ‘Holy Manna’”

Call to Worship Psalm 33:1-5
Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Prayer for God’s Grace in our Worship

***+Hymn of Adoration 122** ODE TO JOY
“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

***Affirmation of Faith**.....The Nicene Creed (325 AD)
We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with
the Father; by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he
rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again
with glory to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in *one holy catholic and apostolic church; we
acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
***i.e., the universal Christian Church**

Congregational Confession of Sin

Lord we confess that we struggle to keep in our hearts exhilaration and
awe for your greatness and goodness. We can be so dull, flat and
spiritually lifeless at times. We have failed to serve you with gladness in
all our circumstances.

Forgive us, we ask, through the precious work of Christ. He bore our
sins in his body on the tree. He was pierced for our transgressions; he
was crushed for our iniquities; by his wounds we are healed. We rejoice,
gracious Lord, that in trusting him, all our sins are forgiven. There is
no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Psalm 113:1-3; Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Deuteronomy 28:47;
1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5; Ephesians 1:6-7; Romans 8:1

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:10-12
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

***+Hymn of Response** (insert) Wesley/Thompson
“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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.....arr. Deke Hakes and Craig Courtney
“Fairest Lord Jesus”
Sanctuary Choir

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine. Amen.

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

Ministry of the Word Darwin Jordan
“A Paradigm for our Prayers”
Philippians 1:9-11 (p. 980)

Hymn of Response AS THE HART LONGS
“It Is a Thing Most Wonderful”

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be,
That God’s own Son should come from heav’n and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true; He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept and toiled and mourned and died for love of those who loved Him not.

The Lord’s Supper

***Hymn of Response** AS THE HART LONGS
“It Is a Thing Most Wonderful”

It is most wonderful to know His love for me so free and sure;
But ’tis more wonderful to see my love for Him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love Thee, Lord; oh, light the flame within my heart,
And I will love Thee more and more until I see Thee as Thou art.

*Benediction

***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.

***Postlude** “God of Grace and God of Glory” Wilbur Held

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

Presiding Pastor - Darwin Jordan
Assisting Pastor - Josh Kines
Assisting Elder - Bill Stanway

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

You are invited and are welcome to participate in the Lord’s Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a member in good standing of this or some other Bible-believing church, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you this prayer for your use during this time of the Lord’s Supper.

Lord Jesus, the burdens of my life are too great for me. I know that my heaviest burden is my own sin. My sin has made me estranged from God and it is too great for me to carry. You say to all sinners, including me, “Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.” These are the words my guilty conscience longs for. Help me, Lord Jesus, to understand and believe your loving promise that I can have rest for my soul. And even more, that I can know you and have eternal life.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Evan Jones serves with Equipping Farmers International, focusing on supporting church growth in West Africa. His ministry seeks to empower local pastors to be able to help the farmers who make up most of the congregations in finding food security through the aid of the church. Pray for Evan and Bonnie and their children: Charlotte, Lucas, Aidan, Irene, and Ransom.

Ben Griffith is Campus Minister for Reformed University Fellowship at Samford University. Ben is assisted this year by Campus Staff Mary Blake Barlow, Miller Williams, Joy Harmon, and Brooks Brown. Pray for Ben as he preaches on Thursday night large groups on Justification and Sanctification. Pray also for Rebecca and their children: Margaret (17), Owen (15), and Libby (12).

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 visitor card in the pew rack.

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

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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, D Palermo, Dan Parker, Frank Roberts, Lee Rouse
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