The Lord's Day Morning

November 29, 2026
Ten Forty-Five O'clock

Welcome

+Prelude..... Lynn Arthur Koch
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Call to Worship ..... Isaiah 60:1-3
Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Prayer for God's Grace in our Worship

***+Hymn of Adoration 194**..... VENI EMMANUEL
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***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
Our gracious Father, in the fullness of time, you sent forth your Son to redeem us so that we might receive adoption as your children.
We are not our own, but belong to the one who bought us,
the one who loves us from everlasting to everlasting.

Yet we have been unfaithful to you. You deserve wholly devoted hearts and lives, yet we have fallen short of such zeal. Your love calls us to the greatest kindness within our families, within our church and to all people, yet we have failed in many ways.

Forgive us O God of mercy. By your strength, we turn from our sin to your grace. We trust in Christ alone for forgiveness and for change. We are your new creation in Christ. Enable us by your Spirit to walk in love and live for your glory alone. Amen

Galatians 4:4-7; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Psalm 103:17; Matthew 22:37-40; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:22-23

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance and Declaration of Praise..... Revelation 1:5-6
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

***+Hymn of Response 201**..... ST. LOUIS
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Sacrament of Baptism
Samuel Franklin Holland and Jonathan Elliott Holland,
covenant children of Carter and Jessica Holland,
by Rev. Josh Kines with Ruling Elder Matthew Boyd assisting.

***+Hymn of Baptism 189**..... JESUS LOVES ME
"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"
(verse 1)

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..... David Warner/arr Mack Wilberg
"Still, Still, Still"
Rose Jackson (primo) and Loleeta Rhett (secondo)
Sanctuary Choir

Still, still, still,
The Child's eyes softly close;
And Mary, breathless, draws him weeping,
To her heart, made pure for keeping.
Still, still, still,
His bright eyes softly close.

Sing, sing, sing,
He hears, and sweetly smiles;
And kneeling, Joseph joins in chorus,
With the angels bending o'er us.
Sleep, sleep, sleep,
He hears, and sweetly smiles.

Sleep, Sleep, Sleep,
He breathes a tender sigh;
For soon He'll wake the world from slumber,
Bringing life, and endless wonder.
Sleep, sleep, sleep,
He breathes a tender sigh.

Sleep, Holy Jesus, sleep.

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

Ministry of the Word..... Darwin Jordan
"Light in Darkness"
Isaiah 9:1-7 (p. 573)

Hymn of Response 196..... HYFRYDOL
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
(verses 1-3)

The Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Response 196**..... HYFRYDOL
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
(verse 4)

***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**..... Diane Bish
"Theme from Variations on HYFRYDOL"

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

Presiding Pastor - Darwin Jordan
Assisting Pastor - Josh Kines
Assisting Elder - Ken Gunnufsen

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.

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.

Congregational Meeting on December 6

The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 6 following the morning worship service for the purpose of electing church officers.

These men have been approved to stand for election:

Deacon, Class of 2029
Hunter Berry

Deacon, Class of 2030
Rob King
Jackson Ross
Aaron Strum
Andres Tellez
Joseph Tullos

Ruling Elder, Class of 2029
Keith Easterling
Arrington Rhett

Ruling Elder, Class of 2032
Ken Gunnufsen

The annual corporation meeting will also be held on December 6 for the purpose of electing corporate officers.

Worship services are available live or archived!
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Ministry Staff

Rev. C. Knox Baird. ..... Associate Pastor of Missions, Mercy and Mature Believers
Rev. Darwin Jordan ..... Assistant Pastor of Teaching and Congregational Life
Rev. Josh Kines ..... Assistant Pastor of Discipleship and Shepherding
Dr. David H. Jussely. ..... Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Kathy C. Young..... Director of Children's Ministry
Mrs. Whitney McMullan..... Assistant to Children's Ministry
Miss Savannah Prescott ..... Assistant to Student Ministry
Mr. Sean Kittler ..... Student Ministry Intern

Music Ministry Staff

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

Support Staff

Mr. Arrington Rhett ..... Church Administrator
Ms. Tracy Ross ..... Office Manager
Mr. Hank Hawes ..... Custodian
Mrs. Pat Hill..... Custodian

CHURCH OFFICERS

The Session

Class of 2026
Keith Easterling
Ken Gunnufsen
Arrington Rhett

Class of 2027
Wes Curry
John Kosko
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Class of 2028
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Randy Henderson

Class of 2029
Rob Jackson

Class of 2030
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Randy Martin

Class of 2031
Grant Bennett
Matthew Boyd
Paul Durfield
Michael Griffin
Bill Stanway

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David Shull

John R. Jackson, Jr.
Bill Turpin

Robert Jackson, Sr.

The Diaconate

Class of 2026
Chuck Jakab
Rob King
Drew McMullan
Keith Reeves
Aaron Strum
Rob Robertson
Schaeffer Smith
Trey Sutton
Andres Tellez
Joseph Tullos

Class of 2027
Wes Bonner
Tony Claytor
Tommy Lofton
Kelly McMullan
Lee Norman
Ben Pace
Quentin Parsons

Class of 2028
Thompson Liddell
Lance Mangum
Chris Parsons
Tommy Shook

Class of 2029
Hunter Berry
John Howell
Weston Locastro
Will Morgan
Sam Rosten

Thanks to those serving today!

Duty Deacons for November:
Schaeffer Smith (head), Hunter Berry, John Howell, Lee Norman, Tommy Shook, Aaron Strum, Trey Sutton

Ushers for November:
Morris Ames, Davis Dawkins, Greg Garraway, Ryan Robertson, Scott Stanley, Nathan Starns

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