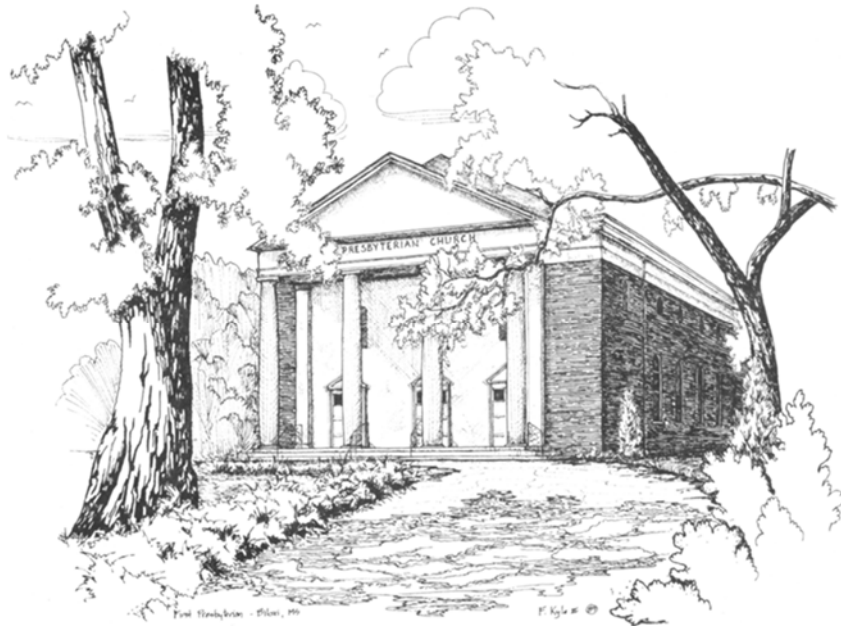


First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



**The Lord's Day
September 8, 2024**

We Gather, Grow, and Go in Christ

Order for the Worship of God

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The members of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to our morning worship service.

Please program all communication devices to silent mode.

Assistive hearing devices are available, ask a Greeter in the narthex for assistance.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation & Meditation

‡Call to Worship

Psalm 33:13-22

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

‡Prayer of Invocation

‡Hymn – Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Boswell, Papa, Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in Him we stand ↗

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord: He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith
5.5. The most wise, righteous, and gracious God doth oftentimes
leave, for a season, his own children to manifold temptations,
and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their
former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of
corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be
humbled; and, to raise them to a more close and constant
dependence for their support upon himself, and to make them
more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry
other just and holy ends.

‡**Hymn No. 257 (1-6)** – Children of the Heavenly Father

Confession of Sin
Father, forgive us for hardening our hearts instead of listening to
your Word. Though we have seen your great works, we
continue to put you to the test. We have gone astray in our
hearts and have not known your ways. Give us ears to hear your
Word, soft hearts that remain loyal to you, and a deeper
understanding of your ways that we might enter into your
rest. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who
loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through
grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good
work and word.

‡Hymn No. 243 (1-6) - How Firm a Foundation

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

‡Doxology

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.

Prayer of Illumination

‡Reading of Scripture 1 Samuel 4 (Pew Bible Pg. 228)

Sermon What in the World is God Doing? Rev. Tim Horn

‡Hymn No. 255 (1-3) - Day by Day

‡Benediction

‡Dismissal - Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

‡Postlude

‡Congregation, please stand if able.

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