

# **First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



**The Lord's Day  
December 22, 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**                      Christmas Medley                      arr. B.H. Isaac

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Preparation & Meditation**

**‡Call to Worship**    Psalm 72:17-19

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed! Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

### **‡Prayer of Invocation**

**‡Hymn No. 319 (1-4) – O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**Confession of Faith**                      Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

**A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

Q. 27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

**A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.**

Q. 28. Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

**A. Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.**

**‡Hymn No. 318 (1-3) - Angels We Have Heard on High**

### **Confession of Sin**

Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light, so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory Hymn No. 293 (1-5)** – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

‡**Doxology** (Hymnal Pg. 569)

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**

Revelation 22 (Pew Bible Pg. 1041)

**Sermon**

Rev. Tim Horn

*The Storyline of the Bible 4: Consummation*

‡**Hymn No. 316 (1-6)** - Savior of the Nations, Come

‡**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**

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Longfellow/Calkin

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‡***Congregation, please stand if able.***

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## **Sermon Notes**