

# **First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



**The Lord's Day  
December 29, 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.*

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### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Preparation & Meditation**

#### **‡Call to Worship**

Revelation 7:9-12

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

#### **‡Prayer of Invocation**

#### **‡Hymn No. 281 (1-5) – Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

#### **Confession of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism #84-86

Q. 84 What doth every sin deserve?

**A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.**

Q. 85 What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

**A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.**

Q. 86 What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

**‡Hymn No. 403 (1-4) - Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

**Confession of Sin**

Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Psalm 32:10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory Psalm 100B (1-4) – All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

**‡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**

Isaiah 12:1-6 (Pew Bible Pg. 576)

**Sermon**

Rev. Dean Rydbeck

*A Joyful Song for 2025: God is my Salvation*

**‡Hymn No. 236 (1-3) - To God Be the Glory**

**‡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

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‡*Congregation, please stand if able.*

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## **Sermon Notes**