

First Presbyterian Church  
*Energized by Grace*

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

11:00 AM

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Lectionary Texts:

1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

*This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here.  
We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

† Indicates all who are able may stand.



## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING — *Chorale*

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND PARISH LIFE

INTROIT — *How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

arr. Hal Hopson

*How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place; my soul is longing, fainting to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest; and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.*

PRELUDE — *Dances*

Péter Wolf

CALL TO WORSHIP

*1 Samuel 3:9*

The one who calls you together this day  
yearns for each of you and for all people  
to hear and be blessed.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words  
for the healing of the world

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

† HYMN 17 — *Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!*

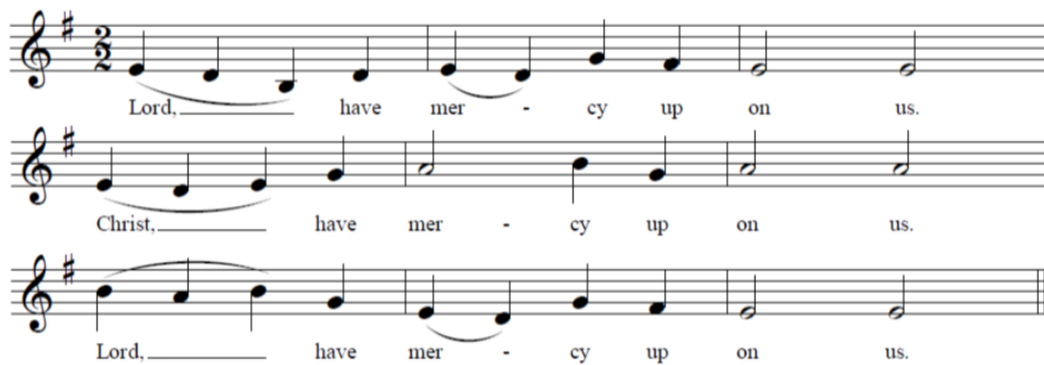
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength and answer your call to love and serve our world; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

† KYRIE ELEISON



† DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news;  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

† GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal, 581

**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.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

ELDERS

Irma Buchanan  
Laura Montgomery  
Matt Nielson  
Brynnen Quick  
Catherine Servati

DEACONS

Stefanie Goodwiller  
Marty Mauldin  
Brad Mayo  
Kathy Neff  
Nina Patrick

*At this time, all children (pre-K 4 through third grade) are invited to leave the service to attend "Children's Time."  
Children can be picked up on the second floor of the Education building after the worship service.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION — *O God, You Search Me*

Bernadette Farrell

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

p. 306

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

A MEDITATION ON GOD'S CALL

Rev. Barrett C. Milner & Rev. Andy G. Spaulding

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY — *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

arr. Bill Wolaver

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## † DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

## † OFFERTORY PRAYER

## GO AND WITNESS IN GOD'S NAME

† HYMN 69 — *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

## † BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me: God be the prayer to move my voice:

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God, be the strength to now up-hold me: O Christ, sur-round me: O Christ, sur-round me.

† POSTLUDE — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

arr. Matt Limbaugh

# WELCOME!

**First Presbyterian Church** warmly invites visitors to become a member of our family of faith. You may do so in one of the following ways:

- By Profession of Faith - The act of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and sincerely promising to live for Him. Previous baptism is accounted as valid, or the Sacrament of Baptism may be administered at the time of profession.
- By Transfer of Membership - Request our minister to contact your former church for a letter of transfer, where applicable.
- By Reaffirmation of Faith - If you have been inactive or separated from the church for some time or wish to rededicate yourself, you may be received by reaffirmation of faith.

Please contact the church office for more information.

**Parents of nursery aged children** please note: a nursery is provided from **8:45 am - 12:15 pm** for the following ages: Infants (0-1 years), Babies (1-3 years), Preschool (3-5 years). The nursery and pre-school rooms are located in the Education Building, first floor.

**The FPC prayer chain** is ready if you or someone you know is in need. Please contact Carlisle Wood at carlislewood@gmail.com or 662-832-8606. All requests are held in strict confidence.

**The church has two portable defibrillators** on site if a cardiac event occurs. One is located in our office hallway by the east stairwell; the other is located in the library of the Education Building.

**Office Hours** are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and **Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.**

**Tithes and Offerings:** Thank you for prayerfully supporting the missions and ministries of FPC! Every gift is greatly appreciated. Here are some ways to give:

- Completing the pledge card in the friendship register found in your pew
- Online by choosing the tab titled “Giving” at the top of the church website  
(<https://fpcoxford.net/giving/>)
- Enrolling in direct deposit of withdrawal by contacting the church office.
- Scanning the QR Code provided here. Credit Card fees apply.
- Mailing gifts directly to the church office at 924 Van Buren Ave, Oxford, MS 38655

If you need assistance with any specific ways to give, please contact Frances Saralvarez at fsaralvarezfpc@gmail.com, or call the church office.



## TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Proclaiming the Word*

*Liturgist*

*Organist*

*Ushers*

Rev. Barrett C. Milner

Rev. Andy G. Spaulding

Creighton R. Holder

Bo Elliott

Brent Hardin

Laura Scott

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, January 14

9:00 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service\*  
 4:30 pm Esther Ethridge Circle  
 5:00 pm Presbyterian Youth Fellowship  
 6:00 pm Music at First Concert Series: RKP Trio

## Monday, January 15 - Office Closed

5:30 pm Session

## Tuesday, January 16

6:00 am Men's Breakfast @ The Beacon  
 9:45 am Lula Gregory Circle  
 12:00 pm Gerry Duvall Circle  
 5:30 pm Carroll Barr Circle

## Wednesday, January 17

8:15 am Men's Bible Study  
 4:30 pm Bibles & Brews  
 5:30 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, January 18

11:30 am VIP Luncheon

## Sunday, January 21

9:00 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service\*  
 5:00 pm Presbyterian Youth Fellowship  
 6:00 pm Music at First Concert Series:  
 The McClain Duo

*\*Nursery Provided*

# CHURCH STAFF

The Congregation	Ministers	Ext.
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Rev. Allison C. Wehrung	<i>Pastor, UKirk Ministry</i> .....ukirk.olemiss@gmail.com	
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# THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of  
Scott and Kate Wyant by Chuck and Helen Kenwright.*

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of the holiday.

**VIPs:** Our next gathering will be Thursday, January 18. We will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am. Lunch will consist of homemade soups, cornbread, and desserts. Ben Griffith will lead a brief discussion about legal documents and information related to end-of-life. Please be sure to email Kate/call the church office to sign up!

**Sanctuary Floral Arrangements** dates are available January 21, 28, and February 4. To provide flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, contact Margaret Fancher at **mfancher42@gmail.com** or call 662-701-9604. Contributions to the Flower Fund are greatly appreciated.

**Mission Opportunities:** FPC seeks to serve "the least of these." See Fast Facts or call the church office for more details on the following outreaches as well as other opportunities.

- **LovePacks** (lovepacksoxford.com) is an in-school pantry that provides food for 250 children in the Oxford and Lafayette county schools who experience hunger in their homes. **For the month of January, donations of GOGO squeezable apple sauce pouches requested.** Drop your contribution by the church office anytime.
- **Memory Makers of Oxford** is a respite day service for those with memory loss. Structured activities provide enrichment for participants while allowing caregivers a much-needed break from the daily responsibility of caring for their loved one. Volunteers and donated supplies are needed to assist in these services.
- FPC volunteers continue to host the **Doors of Hope Step 2 Dinners** the second Tuesday of each month. It's easy! Pick up the prepared meal from Larson's, serve the meal in the fellowship hall, and sit at table with new friends.
- Need a helping hand? **In Good Order** is a group of FPC volunteers available to assist members who may need a little extra help with a yard clean-up project or light home repairs.
- **Leap Frog** is an after school literacy and enrichment program for first through third grade students enrolled in the Oxford Elementary and Lafayette County public schools. Students meet with individual tutors at St. Peter's Episcopal Church after school Monday through Thursday throughout the semester. Twice a week volunteers from FPC partner with St. Peter's by providing snacks for the sixty students enrolled. Volunteer sign up for the spring semester will be coming soon. Watch for it - this could be your mission!

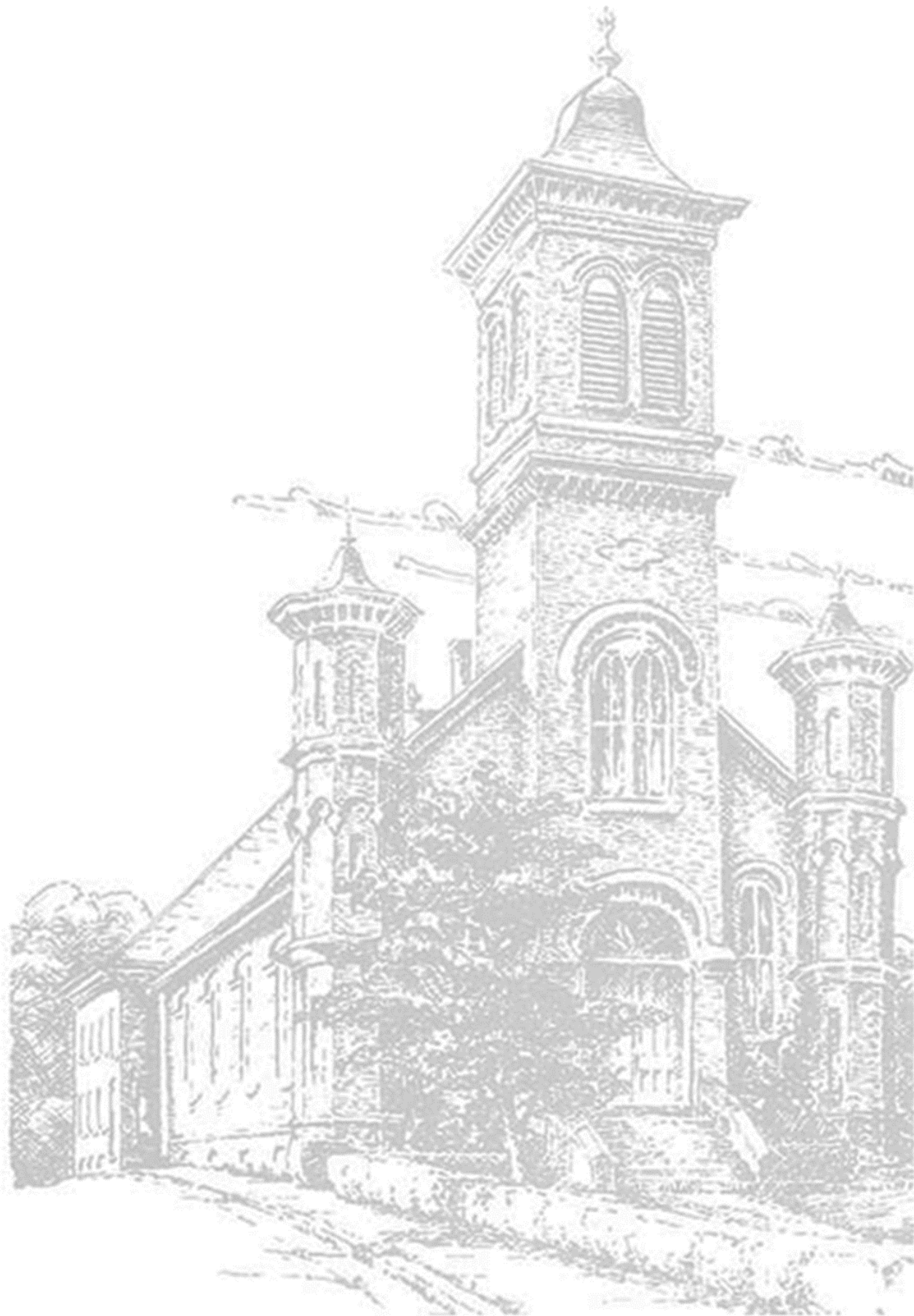
## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**FPC Members:** Carey Hanson; Majorie Selvidge; Becky Murphey; Curtis Wilkie; Family of Tommy Patrick; Ann Dickins; Margaret Fancher; Louise Waller; Mrs. Pat Atkinson; The Family of Charles Montgomery; The Family of William "Wylie" Coleman; The Family of Nancy Rogers; Sarah, Cliff, and Sterlin Smith; Keith & Cheryl Hayward; Scottye Boone; Jean Blackston; Leon McCullouch

**Family and Friends:** Eileen Cheney and Family; Family of Susan Treas-Ewing; Lynda Torbert Mathers; Kicky Stovall; Thomas Hines; Olivia Flautt; Dale Mathis; Dr. Gladys Memnon and Friends in Bongnotte, Haiti; Family of Tommy Marshall; Family and Friends of Dr. Jack Davis Brown; Margaret Burnett; Family of Dr. Macklyn Ward Hubbell; Doors of Hope Families; Lafayette County Detention Center inmates; Parchman Prison inmates; Haven House residents

**U. S. Military:** SSgt Jason Freeland, USAF 17th Special Tactics Squadron

*Please pray, too, for those with unspecified needs.  
If you wish to have a name removed or added to this list, please contact the church office.*



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