

First Presbyterian Church
Energized by Grace

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

10:30 AM

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Lectionary Texts:

I Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a; Psalm 42, 43; Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

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.



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING — *O Day Full of Grace*

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, it is hard to feel hope sometimes, when the needs of the world or in our own lives feel overwhelming. Help this time of worship be an invitation to ground ourselves in you, and in our connections to each other, so we might be able to offer our whole selves to your service. Amen.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND PARISH LIFE

PRELUDE — *I've Got Peace Like a River* (Glory to God Hymnal 623)

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God,
whose creative imagination never fails.
We gather to praise our God,
whose steadfast love never weakens.
We gather to offer our best to God,
who walks with us through eternity.

† HYMN 37— *Let All Things Now Living*

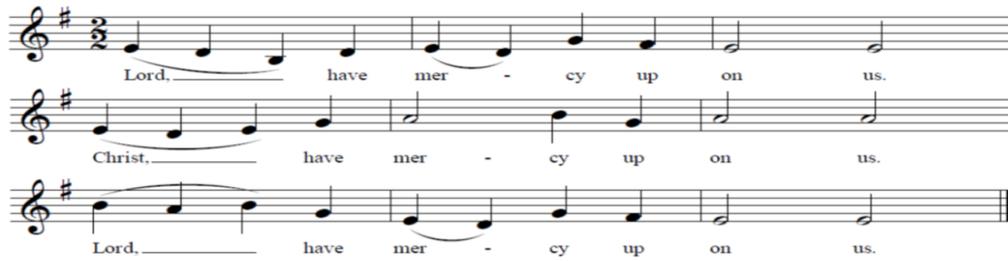
ASH GROVE

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, you speak to us of compassion, but the way we treat others shows that we are not always listening. We act as if we've never heard your hopes for us. We run as fast and as far as we can in so many areas of our lives that we leave ourselves little energy for following you. Yet, you show us, again and again, the way to life with you. You heal our hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength so we join you in the ongoing work of creating a world in which hope can flourish in everyone.

† KYRIE ELEISON



† DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news;
In 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.

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 Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

p. 715

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 39— *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:21-32

p. 817

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON — "Hidden Hope"

Rev. Allison C. Wehrung

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles's Creed

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 — *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

GO AND WITNESS IN GOD’S NAME

† HYMN 547 — *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

AR HYD Y NOS

† 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line, starting with a measure rest of 5 measures. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

† POSTLUDE — *Hymn to Joy*

arr. Albert L. Travis

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 10:15 am -11:45 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 Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 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:

- Mailing gifts directly to the church office at 924 Van Buren Ave, Oxford, MS 38655
- Online by choosing the tab titled “Giving” at the top of the church website
(<https://fpcoxford.net/giving/>)
- Enrolling in direct deposit of withdrawal
- Scanning the QR Code provided here

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....	Rev. Allison C Wehrung
Liturgist.....	Scotty Jimenez
Director of Music.....	Creighton R. Holder
Guitarists.....	Julie Chadwick
	Billy Chadwick
Ushers.....	John Abernathy
	Gabrielle Chiniche
	Kathryn Elliott
	Allison McCord

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

10:30 am Worship Service*
12:00 pm Summer Luncheon

Monday, June 20

4:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, June 21

6:00 am Men's Breakfast @ The Beacon
8:00 am Volunteer Work at The Pantry
9:45 am Lula Gregory Circle
5:30 pm APNC Meeting
6:00 pm Carroll Barr Circle

Wednesday, June 22

8:00 am Volunteer Work at The Pantry
10:00 am Summer Bible Study
12:00 pm Property Ministry Meeting

Thursday, June 23

8:00 am Volunteer Work at The Pantry

Sunday, June 26

10:30 am Worship Service*
12:00 pm Summer Luncheon
7:00 pm PYF Movie Night in Courtyard

**Nursery Provided*

**Are you interested in learning more? Do you have ideas to share?
Your church staff, Diaconate, and ministry team leaders would love to hear from you!**

SESSION

Adult Faith Formation - Allyson Ashmore (2023)
Children & Youth Faith Formation - Kathryn Elliott (2023) & Catie Hester (2024)
Clerk of Session - Drew Mauldin (2023)
Finance - Susan Abbott (2022) & Richard DeVoe (2024)
Membership & Hospitality - Kevin Christian (2022) & Lee Miers (2023)
Mission - Greg Patton (2022) & Melissa Hall (2024)
Personnel - Trey Byars (2022) & Goodloe Lewis (2023)
Property - John Abernathy (2022) & Bradley Goodwillier (2024)
Worship - Hale Freeland (2024)

DIACONATE

Class of 2022 - Gabrielle Chiniche, James Day, Sarah McLellan, Cliff Smith, Pattye Wilson
Class of 2023 - Laura Jackson, Chloe Lloyd, Allison McCord, Shae Orrell, Adam Quick
Class of 2024 - Patrick Bolen, Tommy Cribbs, Lindsey Estes, Kathy Orr Griffith, Jennifer Williams

CHURCH STAFF

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THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Rosalie Bryant Neilson, a member of this church for over 70 years, by her daughter, Martha Bryant Neilson.

Summer Worship at FPC: On Sunday, June 5, the FPC church family begins its annual summer worship schedule with one service in the sanctuary at 10:30 am. Our summer worship schedule will continue through Sunday, September 4. While regular Sunday school programming will break for the summer months, nursery care will continue for those in attendance, and a virtual worship option will be available for those on-the-go. We look forward to worshipping with you this summer at 10:30 am!

Mission Opportunities, For the Least of These: Information for the following FPC volunteer mission activities is available by calling the church office or emailing missionteam@fpcxford.net. You will be kept abreast of our congregation's various outreach programs and opportunities to become personally involved.

- FPC is recruiting volunteers to travel to Madisonville, KY, July 21-24 to assist in the reconstruction efforts following the devastating tornadoes last December. A Signup Genius is available in Fast Facts and the June church newsletter. If you have questions, contact Niles Lovelady, 662-801-9200. We hope you can join us!
- Each June FPC is responsible for staffing the Pantry Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Volunteers stock shelves and distribute groceries in the drive-through. All FPC members 13 and up are invited to participate. A Signup Genius is available in Fast Facts and the June church newsletter. This could be your mission!

Sanctuary floral arrangement dates are available Sunday June 26. The following Sundays in July are available as well: 10, 17, 24, 31. To provide flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, contact Margaret Fancher at fancherm@bellsouth.net or call 662-234-1359. Contributions to the Flower Fund are greatly appreciated.

VBS: *Passport to Peace* will explore five Bible stories that encourage children to listen to and learn from people who are different, notice the needs of others and seek to help, creatively work to keep everyone safe, and refuse to respond to conflict with violence. VBS will take place Monday, July 18—Thursday July 21 at FPC. Kids from Pre-K to 4th grade can participate. Please register your child on Realm by June 30th. The link to register is on our church website.

Flawed Family of God: This Wednesday, June 22, we'll be discussing "Trauma and Family Interventions: Noah and His Family." Please read Genesis 6:5- 9:28, and Chapter 3. New participants always welcome. We still have a couple of books in the church office, or you can purchase one from Amazon.

Worship and Music Conference: Please keep Barrett, Deb and Creighton in your prayers as they attend the Worship and Music Conference at Montreat. We are blessed that Rev. Allison Wehrung will be on call for any pastoral needs this week.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

FPC Members: Jerry Wilson; Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC); Olivia Jane Flautt; Thomas Wade Simpson; Jeffrey Butler; Family of Stevie Campbell; Family of Nolan Waller; Family of Helen Scruggs; Family of Dr. J.T. Davis; Family of Janet Barnes; Family of Ann Caroline McIntosh; Tommy Patrick; Marianna Ochs; Family of Lynton Dilley; Max Williams; Lydia Moak; Margaret Fancher; Family of Betty Mullen White; Joe Murphey

Family and Friends: Family of Karen Fosheim; Family of Thomas Mayo; Family of George Walker; Family of Gloria Smith Griffith; Valentina Iepuri and Ukraine family; Charissa Johnson; Sarah Luchin and Family; Sigridd Morrison Long; Connie Whelan; Lenoir Stanley; Family of Lauren "Lo" Chastain; Peter C. Wood; Doors of Hope Families; Bob Flautt; Lafayette County Detention Center inmates; Parchman Prison inmates; Haven House residents; Our Haiti partners; Oxford & Lafayette County First Responders; Community leaders

U. S. Military: SSgt Jason Freeland, USAF 4th Air Support Operation

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.

Music Notes

Today's music centers around the wonders of nature and the splendor of God's creation. As we gather for worship, listeners will hear three variations on a Pentecost hymn, *O Day Full of Grace*. The first and third movements are full of joyful praise while the second movement is contemplative over a rolling bass line. Anne Krentz Organ's setting for piano captures the celebratory spirit of the text:

*Yea, were every tree endowed with speech,
And every leaflet singing,
They never with praise His worth could reach,
Though earth with their praise were ringing.
Who fully could praise the Light of life,
Who light to our souls is bringing?*

Please join in singing the prelude hymn, *I've Got Peace Like a River*, which is found in the Glory to God hymnal no. 623. A familiar tune for many, this song is often thought of as a children's sing-a-long. I've often found that some of the simplest texts in hymns reach the deepest: peace that flows like a clear river, joy that springs forth like a roaring fountain, and love as deep and vast as great ocean. I'm thrilled to be joined by my dear friends Julie and Billy Chadwick.

Our other hymns continue to allude to nature and the hope found in God's world. Especially tied to this season following Pentecost, imagery in the text of *Let All Things Now Living* paints a picture of anticipation: *God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.* In *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, listen for the instrument to emulate the "sun, moon, and stars in their courses above."

We return to an Anne Krentz Organ setting for the offertory, this time the spiritual *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (Glory to God no. 66). Spirituals are not often set to piano solo with a modern feel, but Organ does so in a particularly successful way. The syncopated rhythms and climbing figures reinforce the image of "the Spirit moving in my heart..." A truly exclamatory work of joy, Albert L. Travis' arrangement of *Hymn to Joy* is a delight to play. May this piece, through its solo trumpets and modulations that build to a triumphant conclusion, encourage all to go forth and see the divine joy in the world around us.

*All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!*