

First Presbyterian Church
Energized by Grace

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

11:00 AM

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Lectionary Texts:

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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 — *Pavane*

Paul Drayton

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, as we worship you today let not our hearts be as hard as stone, but make us soft and pliable as clay. Let not our minds be armored as a fortress but make us as open as an archway. Let us not cling to preconceived assumptions, but relax our hands to let go of all to which we grasp. Set us free to hold whatever you mind send us. May we not be like rocks, unaffected amid the current, unconnected to its source. Instead, may we flow with your Spirit as a fallen leaf floats lightly on the surface of a stream. Amen.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND PARISH LIFE

UPDATE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Al Ling

PRELUDE — *Voice of Praise*

Ellen Jane Lorenz

INTROIT — *Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place*

Gordon Young

*Let heavenly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heaven be heard.
Let one grand song of praise be heard, one alleluia!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Luke 15

Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Come, let us worship God!

† HYMN 664 — *Morning Has Broken*

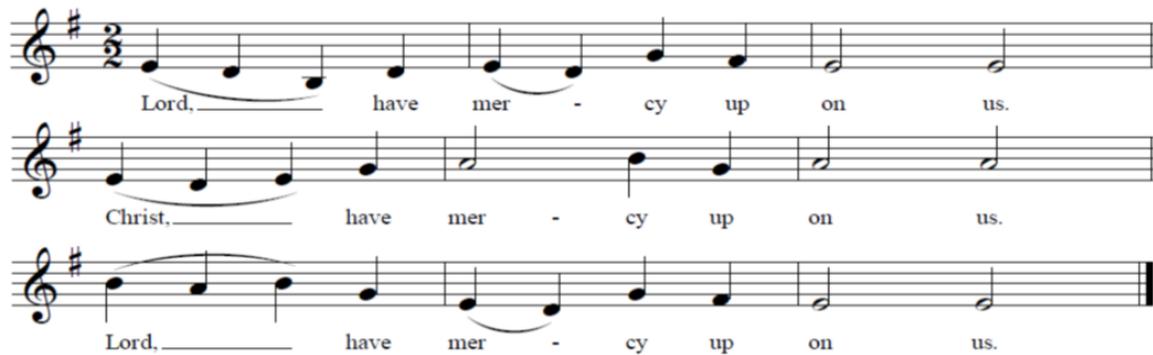
BUNESSAN

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ Jesus, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our neighbors and for hearts to resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love. 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.

† WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION — *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

arr. Jeff Bennett

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING: I Timothy 2:1-7

The Message

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON — "The Beginning of an Uprising"

Rev. Barrett C. Milner

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY — *Largo* from *Six Variations on a Ground Bass*

Margaret Vardell Sandresky

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 641 — *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

† 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 — *Toccata Brevis*

Daniel Gawthrop

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 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

Liturgist

Organist

Ushers

Rev. Barrett C. Milner

Rev. Deb de Boer

Creighton R. Holder

Tommy Cribbs

Greg Patton

Pattye Wilson

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 18

9:00 am First Worship Service*
 9:45 am Sunday School Classes
 11:00 am Second Worship Service*
 4:00 pm Church Picnic at Camp Hopewell

Monday, September 19

4:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting
 5:30 pm Adult Faith Formation Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

6:00 am Men's Breakfast @ the Beacon
 9:45 am Lula Gregory Circle
 12:00 pm Carroll Barr Circle
 5:30 pm Arc Benders Book Study
 5:30 pm APNC Meeting
 6:00 pm UKirk
 6:00 pm Carroll Barr Circle

Wednesday, September 21

8:15 am Men's Bible Study
 4:30 pm Bibles & Brews
 5:30 pm Wednesdays Together
 6:00 pm Adult Class/Children's Choir
 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 23

12:00 pm Fall Book Study

Sunday, September 25

9:00 am First Worship Service*
 9:45 am Sunday School Classes
 11:00 am Second Worship Service*
 5:00 pm PYF
 6:00 pm Music at First Concert Series:
 Adam Estes, saxophone and Adrienne Park, piano

**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

The Congregation	<i>Ministers</i>		Ext.
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THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Kandy Ringquist and Paul Petach.

Wednesdays Together: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday evening. We will gather for a family meal at 5:30, which will be followed by Children's Choir and Adult Class at 6. Adult Choir will follow at 6:45. Childcare will be provided from 6:00 - 8:00 pm for our youngest friends. Suggested donations for dinner is \$5 a person or \$20 per family. We hope to see you there!

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@fpcoxford.net. You will be kept abreast of our congregation's various outreach programs and opportunities to become personally involved.

- Volunteers are needed to provide healthy snacks through Leap Frog, an after-school reading program for disadvantaged students. Please volunteer on the Signup Genius in the Fast Facts article or call the church office.
- A new FPC group, In Good Order, is being organized to assist elderly and infirm members with yard clean up and light home repairs. If you would like more information, contact Adam Quick, adquick@hotmail.com
- FPC continues to collect food items to restock the Lovepacks shelves for the new school year. Please bring your donation to the church office.
- Our congregation collects new stuffed animals for the 15-20 children served each month by Family Crisis Services. Please drop your donation by the church office.
- A group from FPC is once again returning to Madisonville, Kentucky, November 3-6, to assist with the reconstruction effort following the devastating tornados there last December. No particular construction skills are required. For more information. Contact Niles Lovelady, 662-801-9200.
- The Oxford Fire Department is collecting bottled water to take to Jackson residents. You may take your donation to any Oxford fire station or the Coach Howell Activity Center, and it will be delivered to Jackson.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement available dates are October 2, 9, 23, 30 and November 6, 13, and 20. 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. Two couples or individuals can also share the responsibility and the cost.

FPC Picnic: Come One, Come All to our annual FPC church wide picnic. It will be held this afternoon at 4:00 pm at Camp Hopewell. There will be fun, food, and fellowship for all ages. Last names A-L, please bring a side dish or salad. Last names M-Z, please bring desserts. Hamburgers and hotdogs on us. We look forward to seeing you at camp!

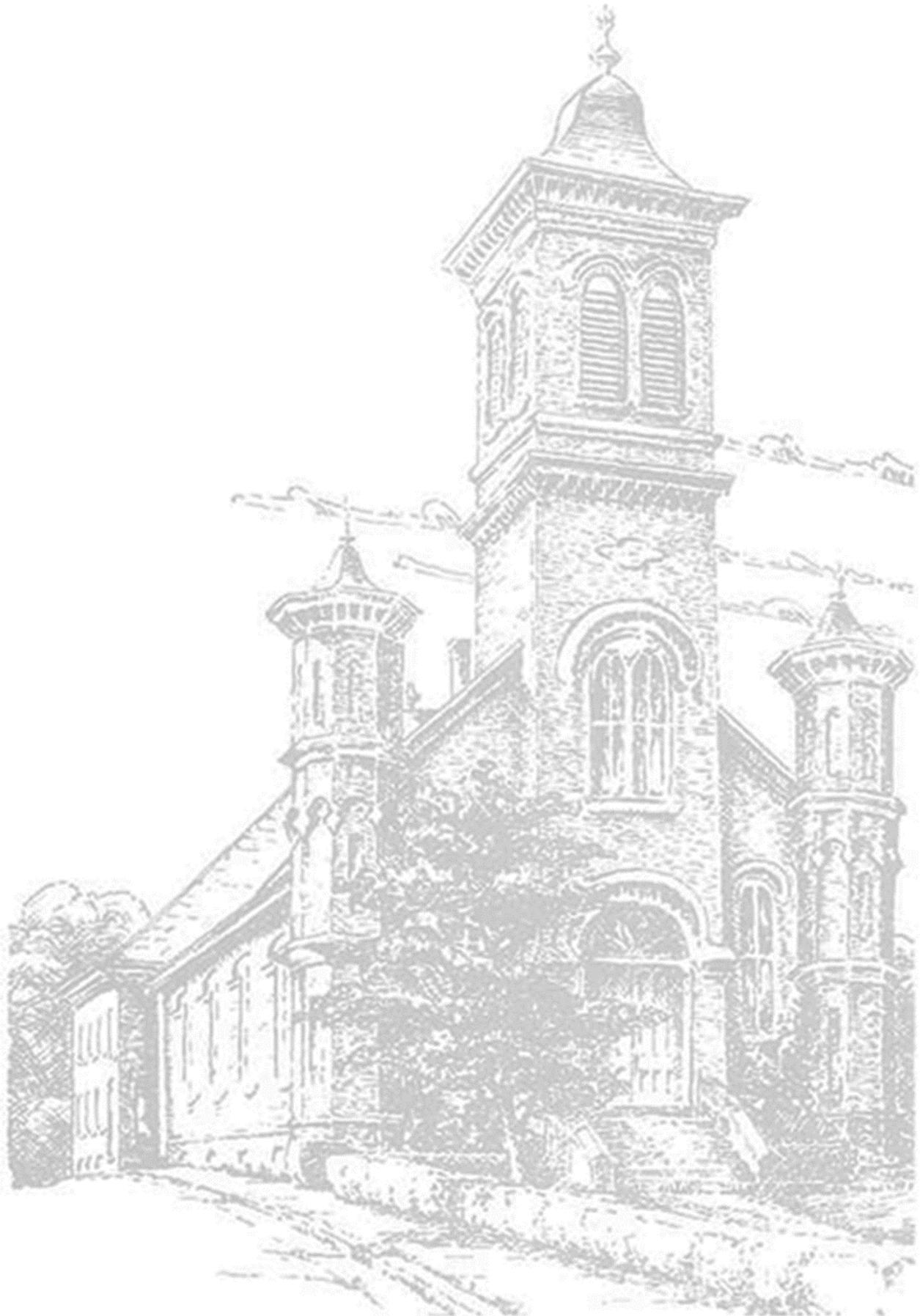
REMEMBER IN PRAYER

FPC Members: Family of John Edge, Family of Joe Murphey; Jane Henderson; Family of Dr. Bobby Kennedy; Michael Abraham; Doug & Margaret Fancher; Family of Jeffrey Butler; Thomas Wade Simpson; Family of Nolan Waller, Family of Helen Scruggs, Family of Janet Barnes; Family of Ann Caroline McIntosh; Family of J.T. Davis; Tommy Patrick; Marianna Ochs; Family of Lynton Dilley; Max Williams; Teresa Flautt; Lydia Moak; Michele Howie; Family of Betty Mullen White

Family and Friends: James Chavers; Millie Meaders; Kathy Bremer; Susan Treas-Ewing; Nancy McPhail; Charlyn Wilson; Family of Thomas Mayo; Family of George Walker; Family of Gloria Smith Griffith; Valentina Iepuri and Ukraine family; Charissa Johnson; Sarah Luchin and Family; Sigrid Morrison Long; Connie Whelan; Lenoir Stanley; 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.*



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