

First Presbyterian Church  
*Energized by Grace*

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Christ the King Sunday*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

11:00 AM

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Lectionary Texts:

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

*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 — *Lead On, O King Eternal*

arr. Joshua Evanovich

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and this place. Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have spoken to your people through deeds and miracles, we pray that we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have called your people to act in the midst of your creation, we pray that we might have feet to walk and hands to reach out; for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND PARISH LIFE

PRELUDE — *Prelude on Nun Danket all und bringet her* (Now thank all and bring honour)

arr. Robert Lau

INTROIT — *You Are the Light*

Tom Fettke

*You are the Light we see. You are the Truth we know. You are the Life we live.*

*You are the Hope, you are the Joy, you are the Song we sing.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Luke 1:68*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

**for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

**for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

**for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.**

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!**

† HYMN 643 — *Now Thank We All Our God*

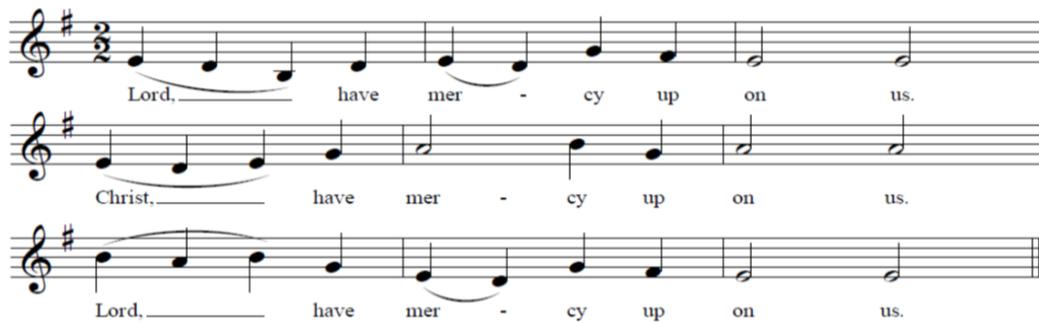
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† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model of our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. 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.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dave Garvey

*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

PSALTER READING: Psalm 46

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION — *Be Still*

Karen Marrolli

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-43

p. 107

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

SERMON — "There Is a Crack in Everything"

Rev. Barrett C. Milner

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY — *Chorale Prelude on Abide with Me*

arr. William Bolcom

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 819— *Be Still, My Soul*

FINLANDIA

† 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 — *Postlude on Nun Danket all und bringet her* (Now thank all and bring honour)

arr. Robert Lau

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:fsaralvarezfpc@gmail.com), or call the church office.



## TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<i>Proclaiming the Word</i>	Rev. Barrett C. Milner
<i>Liturgist</i>	Howard Hyneman
<i>Organist</i>	Creighton R. Holder
<i>Ushers</i>	Richard DeVoe
	Laura Lovelady
	Drew Mauldin
	Pattye Wilson

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, November 20

9:00 am First Worship Service\*  
 9:45 am Sunday School Classes  
 11:00 am Second Worship Service\*  
 5:00 pm Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

## Monday, November 21

4:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting

## Tuesday, November 22

6:00 am Men's Breakfast @ the Beacon

## Wednesday, November 23

8:15 am Men's Bible Study

## Thursday, November 24

*Thanksgiving Day- office closed*

## Friday, November 25

*Office Closed*

## Sunday, November 27

9:00 am First Worship Service\*  
 9:45 am Sunday School Classes  
 11:00 am Second Worship Service\*  
 4:00 pm Ice Skating @ Armory Pavilion

*\*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)

### 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.
Rev. Barrett C. Milner	<i>Pastor</i> .....	bmilnerfpc@gmail.com	3
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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 memory of Charles and Sue Treas by Lynn, Susan, and Frances.*

**Stewardship 2022: “A Million Reasons Why...”** - It's stewardship season once again at FPC! By this time we hope that you have had a moment to view this year's stewardship video, and you should have received your stewardship packet in the mail. If you have not, please contact the church office. Our hope is to have 100% participation in this year's campaign to raise \$1,000,000.00 as we all celebrate together the Million Reasons Why we love and support our church family. We ask that you please return your pledge cards to the church office by **Sunday, November 27**.

**Poinsettias:** Members are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing poinsettias for \$12 each in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones. The deadline for ordering is **Thursday, December 8**. The order form is available in Fast Facts, or in the church office.

**Seasonal berries and greenery dates are available** December 4, 11, 18, 25 and January 1 2023. To provide seasonal greenery and berries in honor or in memory of a loved one, contact Margaret Fancher at [fancherm@bellsouth.net](mailto:fancherm@bellsouth.net) or call 234-1359. Contributions to the Flower Fund are greatly appreciated.

**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](mailto:missionteam@fpcoxford.net). You will be kept abreast of our congregation's various outreach programs and opportunities to become personally involved.

- **In Good Order** is a new group of volunteers seeking to assist FPC members who may need a little extra help with a yard project or light home repairs. If you would like assistance, please contact the church office.
- **Holding Hands** is a local secondhand shop with a higher calling. The nonprofit resells donated clothing and household items while employing intellectually impaired individuals. PYF'ers through VIP'ers are needed to volunteer a few hours of their time at the store. Contact Melissa Perler at [540-597-3583](tel:540-597-3583) for more information. This could be your mission!
- FPC continues to collect food items to stock the shelves at **Lovepacks**, now serving over 250 children in the Oxford and Lafayette county school districts. There is a particular need for 16 oz jars of peanut butter. Please bring your donation to the church office.

**Christmas Tree sales** are back at First Presbyterian Church! Come get your tree and support a great cause starting November 26th and going while supplies last. This sale is a fundraiser to supplement summer camp costs for our youth! Contact Dave at [dgarveyfpc@gmail.com](mailto:dgarveyfpc@gmail.com) with any questions, comments, or desires to donate to these student's experiences!

**Advent Fellowship Offerings:** Please join Children and Youth Faith Formation as we kick off Advent Season with ice skating on November 27. This will take place at the Armory Pavilion from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. \$10 per person and \$25 max per family. All ages welcome!

**The church office will be closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25.**

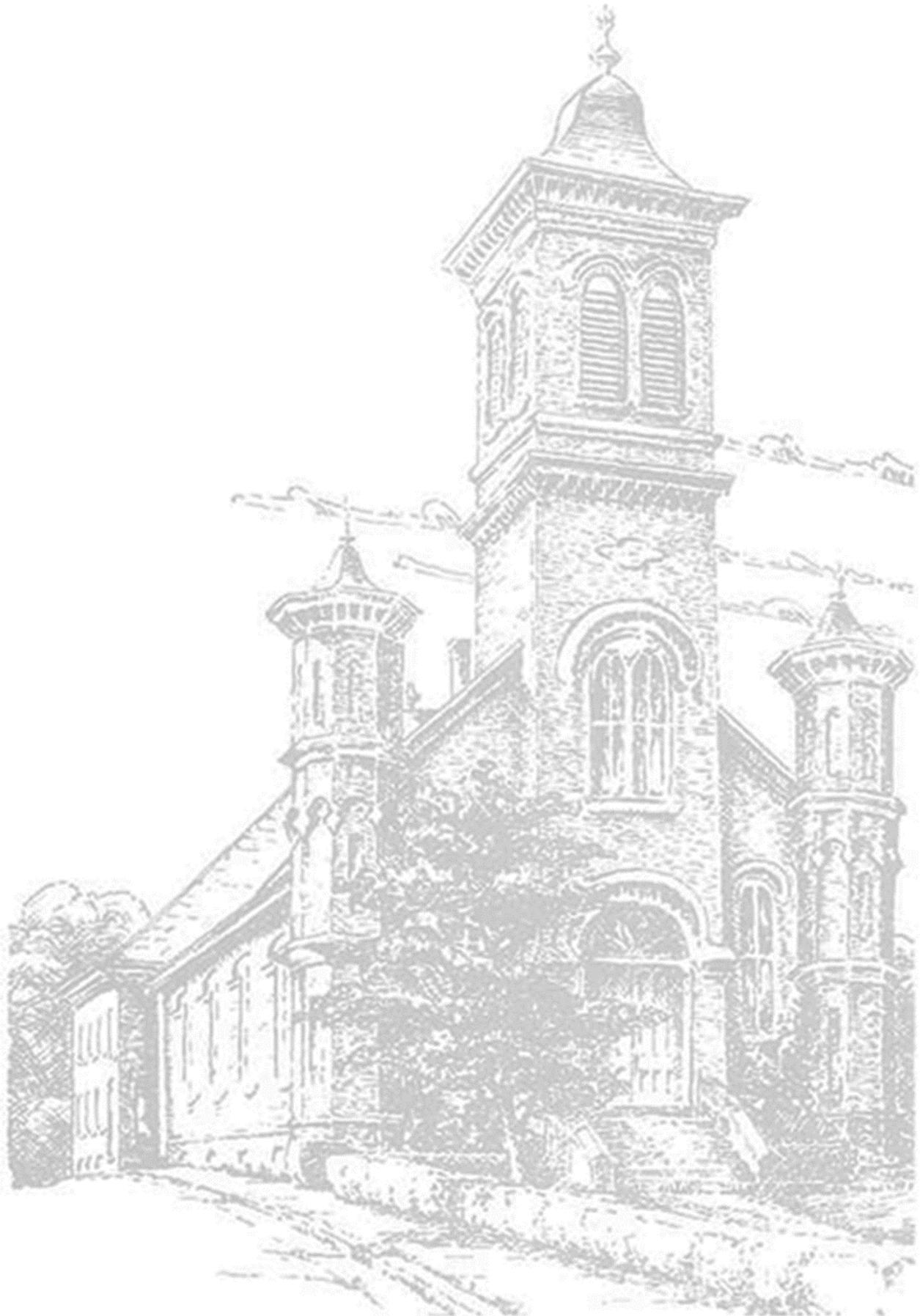
## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**FPC Members:** Scottye Boone; Jean Blackston; Leon McCullough; 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; Lydia Moak; Michele Howie; Family of Betty Mullen White

**Family and Friends:** Family of Pat Ewing; Family of Dr. and Mrs. Gerry Foret; Family of Helen Nielson; Family of Shirley Bragg Donnelly; James Chavers; 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 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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