

# **First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



**Lord's Day  
May 11, 2025**

**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.*

*Assistive hearing devices are available, ask a Greeter in the narthex for assistance.*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Preparation & Meditation**

#### **‡Call to Worship**

Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

#### **‡Prayer of Invocation**

#### **‡Hymn Psalm 95C (1-4) – Now with Joyful Exultation**

#### **Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism

26. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth"?

**A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father for the sake of Christ his Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in ↗**

**this vale of tears. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

‡**Hymn** – Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Getty, Boswell, Kauflin, Merker & Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;*

*O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain twice*

Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, we pray that you would forgive us for our stubborn spirit, our rebelliousness, our hypocrisy, and our ingratitude towards you. Cleanse and renew us that we may be sincere, serious, and devoted in your service; and to show by the tenor of our life that we are truly your children. Heal our restlessness as we find our rest in you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

**Offertory Hymn No. 172 (1-3) – Speak, O Lord**

**‡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.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**‡Reading of Scripture**   Philippians 2:14-16(Pew Bible Pg. 981)

**Sermon**

Rev. Tim Horn

*No to Grumbling, Yes to Faith*

**‡Hymn No. 509 (1-5) - Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?**

**‡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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