

First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



**The Lord's Day
December 8, 2024**

We Gather, Grow, and Go in Christ

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY...

We are delighted to have you worshipping with us! We hope that you feel welcome wherever you are on your spiritual journey. Please take a moment during the service to fill out the pew registration pad.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 9:00am.....Time of Prayer
- Sunday 9:45 am.....Sunday School
 - Adult class—Fellowship Hall
 - Children’s classes– Lynne Rydbeck & Janet Misner
- Sunday 10:55 am.....Worship Service
- Sunday 5:00pm..... .. Worship Service
- First & Third Monday 6:30pm.....Men’s Bible Study
- Third Monday 5:30pm.....Deacon’s Meeting
- Fourth Tuesday 6:00pm.....Session Meeting
- First Wednesday 9:30am.....Ladies Circle

(suspended until Jan 2025)
- Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm.....Theology Class
- Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm.....Ladies Bible Study

Small Fellowship groups meet monthly. Contact these elders for more information, West Biloxi – Elder Ken & Pat Pennell, North Biloxi – Elder Mike & Kim Clark, Ocean Springs – Elder Aaron & Chris Smith

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

General Fund*	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24	Dec 1
Offering	5,266	4,206	2,353	7,220
Total YTD	256,668	260,874	263,227	270,447

Oct	Beg. Bal.	Income	Expenses	End. Bal.
General Fund	74,742	17,679	(26,521)	65,900
Deacon Fund	3,518	79	1,840	1,757
St. Paul Fund	7,195			7,195

*Need \$4,275/week for budget

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC

If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you to our worship service! We hope you feel welcomed and blessed in worship. If you need any assistance, please see one of our greeters.

This Wednesday , Dec 11th will be the last evening meeting. Will Resume on January 8th.

Join us for a Christmas Eve Service, Dec 24th, Tuesday evening, 5:00pm

Greeter next week is John Chaney
Sign up sheet is located in the Narthex.

Please Pray each day this week for Gulfport International Seamen Center (Gulfport, MS)

Birthdays for December: (that we have on file)
Greg Mann 1st, Melba Sipriano 3rd, Phil Harding 5th,
Laura Venning 5th, Ben Willson 21st, Sharon Parker 24th,
Julia Bowden 26th, Aaron VanderKooy 28th.

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 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

‡Prayer of Invocation

‡Hymn No. 300 (1-4) – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression. ↗

Q. 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Q. 18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

Q. 19. What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

‡**Hymn No. 317 (1-3) - What Child Is This**

Confession of Sin

Father, from eternity you prepared a way for our redemption through the coming of your Son. You sent your holy prophets through the generations to kindle in our hearts a holy anticipation of our blessed Saviour. How we marvel that he was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquity. The healing for which our hearts long is found through his wounds alone. Grant us this day, therefore, a measure of your grace to genuinely confess our sins before you. Renew us in faith and love that we may welcome Christ to rule our lives, both now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn No. 323 (1-4) – O Little Town of Bethlehem

‡**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.

