# First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



## The Lord's Day February 9, 2025

We Gather, Grow, and Go in Christ

### Order for the Worship of God February 9, 2025

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 50:7-15

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

#### **‡Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymn No. 284 (1-4)** – Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

#### **Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism

86. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also renewing us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, and that he may be praised through us, and further, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

**‡Hymn No. 525 (1-4)** – Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

#### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, forgive me for my present deadness, my inability to do anything for your glory, and my distressing coldness of heart. I am weak, ignorant, unprofitable, and unfit for your service. Return again with showers of converting grace to a poor gospel-abusing sinner. Help my soul to breathe after holiness, after a constant devotedness to you, after growth in grace more abundantly every day. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:16–18

Rev. Tim Horn

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### Offertory Hymn Psalm 23A (1-5) - The Lord's My Shepherd

#### **‡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.

#### Prayers of Confession, Intercession, and Illumination

**Reading of Scripture** 1 Samuel 15:10-31(Pew Bible Pg. 237)

#### Sermon

To Obey is Better than Sacrifice

**‡Hymn No. 338 (1-4)** - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#### **#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.