First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



Lord's Day July 13, 2025

We Gather, Grow, and Go in Christ

<u>Order for the Worship of God</u> July 13, 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

Isaiah 43:1a–3a

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

‡Prayer of Invocation

‡Hymn No. 291 (1-7) – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

105. What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment? A. I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

106. Does this commandment refer only to murder?

A. By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vengefulness. In God's sight all such are disguised forms of murder.

107. Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

A. No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them

from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

‡Hymn No. 23A (1-5) - The Lord's My Shepherd

Confession of Sin

Lord, forgive us for complaining and criticizing one another instead of bearing with one another in love with all humility, gentleness and patience. Forgive us for focusing on negatives instead of ministering to one another and building one another up in the Lord. Help us to use our gifts for one another until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Offertory Hymn 243 (1-6) - How Firm a Foundation

‡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 4:5-9 (Pew Bible Pg. 982)
Sermon	Rev. Tim Horn

As Gentle As Jesus

‡Hymn No. 520 (1-3) – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

‡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.

‡Congregation, please stand if able.

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Sermon Notes