

First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



**The Lord's Day
December 15, 2024**

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 107:1-3

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

‡Prayer of Invocation

‡Hymn No. 313 (1-5) – Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.

Q. 21. Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

‡Hymn No. 311 (1-3) - Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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 Ephesians 1:7-10

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn No. 315 (1-4) – Silent Night! Holy Night!

‡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.

‡Prayer of Illumination

‡Reading of Scripture Colossians 1:13-23 (Pew Bible Pg. 983)

Sermon Rev. Tim Horn

The Storyline of the Bible 3: Redemption

‡Hymn No. 308 (1-3) - Good Christian Men, Rejoice

‡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

‡Congregation, please stand if able.

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