

# **First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



**The Lord's Day  
March 3, 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.  
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**Prelude**                      He Shall Feed His Flock                      G.F. Handel

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Preparation & Meditation**

**‡Call to Worship**    Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**‡Hymn No. 100A (1-2) – Shout to the LORD, All Earth**

### **‡Prayer of Invocation**

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you, hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**    1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

**Old Testament Reading**                      Exodus 20:1-21(Pew Bible Pg. 61)

**‡Hymn No. 175 (1-7) Your Law, O God, Is Our Delight**

## **Confession of Faith**

Belgic Confession Article 22: The Righteousness of Faith

We believe that for us to acquire the true knowledge of this great mystery the Holy Spirit kindles in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all his merits, and makes him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him. For it must necessarily follow that either all that is required for our salvation is not in Christ or, if all is in him, then he who has Christ by faith has his salvation entirely. Therefore, to say that Christ is not enough but that something else is needed as well is a most enormous blasphemy against God— for it then would follow that Jesus Christ is only half a Savior. And therefore we justly say with Paul that we are justified “by faith alone” or by faith “apart from works.” However, we do not mean, properly speaking, that it is faith itself that justifies us— for faith is only the instrument by which we embrace Christ, our righteousness. But Jesus Christ is our righteousness crediting to us all his merits and all the holy works he has done for us and in our place. And faith is the instrument that keeps us in communion with him and with all his benefits. When those benefits are made ours they are more than enough to absolve us of our sins.

## **Offertory**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

‡**Reading of Scripture** Galatians 3:10-29 (Pew Bible Pg. 973)

**Sermon** The Curse of the Law Rev. Tim Horn

‡**Hymn**— My Hope Rest Firm Creighton/Getty

My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ, He is my only plea.  
Though all the world should point and scorn,  
His ransom leaves me free;  
His ransom leaves me free.

My hope sustains me as I strive and strain towards the goal.  
Though still I stumble into sin,  
His death paid for it all;  
His death paid for it all.

My hope provides me with a spur to help me run this race.  
I know my tears will turn to joy  
The day I see his face; The day I see his face.➤

My hope is to be with my Lord, to know as I am known.  
To serve Him gladly all my days  
In praise before His throne;  
In praise before His throne.

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

‡**Hymn No. 181 (1-2)** Now Thank We all Our God

‡**Benediction**

‡**Dismissal - Hymn No. 181 (v.3)** Now Thank We all Our God

‡**Postlude**                      Rock of Ages    arr. Catherine McMichael

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‡*Congregation, please stand if able.*

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## **Sermon Notes**