

# **First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



**Lord's Day  
May 25, 2025**

**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 66:1-4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your  
deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing  
to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they  
sing praises to your name."

### **‡Prayer of Invocation**

### **‡Hymn No. 528 (1-6) – Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**

### **Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism

88. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

**A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.**

89. What is the dying-away of the old self?

**A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate  
and run away from it.**

90. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

**A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and  
delight to live according to the will of God by doing every  
kind of good work.**

### **‡Hymn - O For A Closer Walk With God**

Getty & Townsend

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road leading to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?

Where is that soul-refreshing view of Jesus and His Word? ➡

*Refrain*

*O Fire of God, come burn within; renew a holy passion,  
till Christ my deepest longing be,  
my never failing fountain, my never failing fountain.*

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!

How sweet their mem'ry still!

But they have left an aching void the world can never fill.

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,

help me to tear it from Thy throne and worship only Thee.

*Refrain*

*O Fire of God, come burn within; renew a holy passion,  
till Christ my deepest longing be,  
my never failing fountain, my never failing fountain.*

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*(Refrain)*

**Confession of Sin**

Lord, forgive us for how casually we approach repentance. We sometimes assume that our sins are not a big deal, yet they are such a big deal that you sent Christ, our Savior, to die for them in our place. Give us repentant hearts so that we might see our sin and, seeing our sin, open our eyes even more to the grace that you have lavished upon us! Let us rejoice in freedom and delight in you. This we pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

**Offertory Hymn No. 376 (1-6) – The Head That Once Was**

**‡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 3:1-4:1(Pew Bible Pg. 981)

**Sermon**      Rev. Tim Horn

*Christian Joy and How to Lose It*

**‡Hymn No. 281 (1-5) - Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

**‡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**

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***‡Congregation, please stand if able.***

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