

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

God's peace to you this morning. The Faith family welcomes you! Please fill out the information on the welcome book so we can include you in the life of Faith Presbyterian Church. May God grant us a glimpse of His splendor as we worship Him together.

A fully staffed nursery and special needs ministry is available during all services.

Please remember to turn off or silence any electronic devices.

+Please stand if able

USHERS

*Butch Copeland, J.D. Hewitt, Will Allen, Peter Kinsey,
Rob McCreary, Tim Slay, and **Rick Sullivan
*Head Usher, **Assistant Usher

GREETERS

Mike Land and Richard Rushing

Preparation for Worship

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ...But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. John 14:16-17,26; 16:13

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own. 1 Corinthians 6:19

“There is no worse screen to block out the Spirit than confidence in our own intelligence.”

– *John Calvin*

“Every time we say, ‘I believe in the Holy Spirit,’ we mean that we believe that there is a living God able and willing to enter human personality and change it.” – *JB Phillips*

“The marks of the Spirit’s presence [are]... biblical teaching, loving fellowship, living worship, and an ongoing, outgoing evangelism.” – *John Stott*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude

Matters of Church Life

+The Call to Worship

John 4:24

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

+The Hymn of Praise

(stanzas 1, 3 & 4) **Hymn No. 262**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Acts 7:51, Psalm 51:10-12,16-17

Responsive
(Congregation in bold)

*You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit.
As your fathers did, so do you.*

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.***

*For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

Corporate Prayer

+The Hymn of Thanksgiving

All I Have Is Christ

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I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Chorus:

Hallelujah all I have is Christ

Hallelujah Jesus is my life(Repeat)

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You (*Chorus*)

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

The Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus:

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne (*Chorus*)

You are the One that we praise
You the One that our hearts hunger for

+The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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.

And Can It Be?

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

The Scripture**1 John 3:24-4:6**

3 ²⁴ *Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.*

4 ¹ *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*

The Sermon

Growing in Christ: The Holy Spirit

The Rev. Russ Hightower

Notes:

Knowing Jesus Changes Everything

Greatest Commandment (Dt.6:5; Mk.12:30)

heart, soul, mind & strength – the whole person

Hearts (worship): falling in love with Jesus (Lk.24:32)

Minds (Bible study): thinking like Jesus (Rom.12:2)

Hands (missions): living like Jesus (Jn.13:14)

And Can It Be?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray:
I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me! Amen.

The Benediction

John 20:21-23

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." John 20:21-23

The Organ Postlude

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God.

(Lamentations 3:22-23)

If you are able to provide flowers for one or more Sundays during the year, please sign up by placing your name next to the open date on the flower calendar posted on the bulletin board next to the Youth office.

Opportunities to Serve:

Sunday, September 17

Nursery:

Babies & Toddlers-
Brittany Rushing

2's & 3's-
Mike & Becky Taylor

Children's Church:
Jason & Staci Anding

Wednesday, September 20

2's & 3's at 6:20pm-
Robin Patterson

Sunday, September 24

Nursery:

Babies & Toddlers-
Karen Braden

2's & 3's-
Joey & Sara Norton

Children's Church:
Jason & Staci Anding

Wednesday, September 27

2's & 3's at 6:20pm-
Cindy Nations

Special Needs Ministry

Sunday, September 17 and
Wednesday, September 20:
Rachel Powell

Sunday, September 24 and
Wednesday, September 27:
Sally Proffitt

Sunday, October 1 and
Wednesday, October 4:
Chad & Anna Smith

Announcements:

Ladies, come join us for a **SIP & SEE** this afternoon from 2-4:00 p.m. at Dixie Chance's (673 Zetus Rd NW) welcoming Millie Montgomery, daughter of Andrew & Anna.

The **TODAY DEVOTIONAL** for September/October is now available.

LADIES' TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY books on Ephesians have arrived and are available in the church office. Extra books are available if you would like to join the group. The group meets on Tuesdays in the church library from 9-10:00 a.m. All ladies are invited!

LADIES' THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY books (*From Garden to Glory* by Courtney Doctor) have arrived and are available in the church office. If you plan on joining this group, please come by the church office to get a book. The group meets on Thursdays at 9:00am in room 3 of the M.U.B. A nursery is available. All ladies are invited!

FAITH IS NOW AN APPROVED CHARITY ON AMAZON! When you #StartWithaSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Presbyterian Church in America, Faith, Brookhaven, MS. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/64-0593323> and support us every time you shop online at Amazon.

FALL CONVOCATION OF THE WOMEN OF GRACE PRESBYTERY – Tuesday, October 3rd at First Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg. This year's speaker is Lisa Hellier. Please call the church office by **Friday, September 22nd** if you plan on attending. Child care is available by reservation.

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL with **PAUL CHINCHEN** (African Bible Colleges) on **Sunday, September 24th** for all adults. The class will meet at 9:30 a.m. in room 3 of the M.U.B.

Events:

This Week

Sun. September 17 2-4:00PM	Sip & See for Millie & Anna Montgomery <i>Dixie Chance's (673 Zetus Road NW)</i>	Women of Faith
Sun. September 17 4:30PM	Choir Rehearsal <i>Fogartie Room</i>	Worship
Sun. September 17 6:00PM	Sunday Night Community Group <i>Lawrie Gulley's (505 Storm Avenue)</i>	Discipleship
Tue. September 19 9:00AM	Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study <i>Church library</i>	Women of Faith/ Discipleship
Wed. September 20 5:30PM	Wednesday Night Supper <i>Fellowship hall</i>	Fellowship
Wed. September 20 6:30PM	Wednesday Night Community Groups, Youth Group & Children's Activities	
Thu. September 21 9:00AM	Ladies' Thursday Bible Study <i>MUB room 3</i>	Women of Faith/ Discipleship
Fri. September 22 2:00PM	Deadline to RSVP for Fall Women's Presbytery meeting Please call the church office no later than 2:00pm	

Upcoming... Mark your calendars now!

Sun. September 24 9:30AM	Combined Sunday School for all Adults with Paul Chinchen (African Bible Colleges) <i>M.U.B. room 3</i>	Missions
Mon. September 25 6:30PM	Session meeting Conference room	

Ministry of the Week

Faith Presbyterian Kindergarten



Please pray for:

- Our children to be free from anxiety when their parents drop them off each morning.
- Our staff to be prepared daily to lead our children to Christ.

2017 Finances:	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$42,864.26	\$ 378,064.77
Expense	<u>48,375.30</u>	<u>397,324.50</u>
Net	<u>\$ -5,511.04</u>	<u>\$ -19,259.73</u>

THE YOUTH INFORMER



What's Next?

9.20.17 : Wednesday Night Large Group 6pm

9.24.17 : Sunday School 9:50am

9.24.17 : Sunday night Small groups

- o JR. High 6pm
- o Sr. High 7pm

9.27.17 : Wednesday Night Large Group 6pm

What Are We Reading?

Wednesday Night 9.20 : *1 Corinthians 10:23-31*

Sunday School 9.17 : *Galatians chapter 2*

Wednesday Night 9.27 : *Zephaniah 3:17*

Q. What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?

A. a nervous wreck!