

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 18, 2011~25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 a.m. worship service

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*\*\*Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

## THE WELCOME

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Prelude *Christ the Redeemer* Brichwood

Welcome Rev. Noelle Read

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* God's Word has been lived among us! We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

*People:* **Christ is a part of God's ongoing creation. We gather before the One who is heir to all things.**

*Leader:* Long ago, God spoke to our spiritual ancestors. Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus.

*People:* **Who are we that God is mindful of us? Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.**

*Leader:* Jesus has named us as brothers and sisters.

*People:* **The realm of God is for all people. God's dominion is over all creation.**

\*Processional Hymn 473

*For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

\*Prayer of Adoration

Confession

**All-seeing God, we would like to wash our hands in innocence, but we cannot escape from the guilt we carry. We compare ourselves favorably with people we label worthless or hypocrites, but that very judgment breaks faith with you. We avoid bribery and other evil devices, yet we would still like to have advantages for ourselves over others. We are not bloodthirsty, but we have not yet adopted the way of Jesus. We humbly seek forgiveness in Christ. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Response Hymn 572 *Kyrie* John Merbecke

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us,  
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response Hymn 579 *Gloria Patri* GREATOREX

**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.**

\*Congregational Greeting

(Greet one another as children come forward for children's time.)

## THE WORD

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A Time for Young Disciples

(Following this, children may return to their seats or go to the nursery.)

Prayer for Illumination Charles Hall

Anthem *The Road Home*  
"Prospect" from Southern Harmony, 1835  
Adapted by Stephen Paulus  
Susanna Sharp, Soloist

Old Testament, p. 835 Isaiah 52:7-15

Gospel, p. 111 John 1:10-18

Epistle, p. 240 Philippians 2:1-11

Sermon "The Apostles' Creed" Rev. Denny Read

\*Apostles' Creed Traditional

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father**

**Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn 320 *The Lone, Wild Bird* PROSPECT

Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer, p. 16 (*debts/debtors*)

## THE THANKSGIVING

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Offertory *Chorale Prelude on "Gott Sei Dank"* Rob Roy Peery

(Please sign the Ritual of Friendship sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

\*Response Hymn 592 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## THE SENDING

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\*Hymn 538  
*Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing* SICILIAN MARINERS

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Holy, Holy* HOLY, HOLY

\*Postlude *Coro from "Water Music"* Handel

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Joess Trimble by Tanna and Vidal Davis.*

We welcome all of our guests today! If you are interested in joining our fellowship, please speak to Rev. Noelle Read or Rev. Denny Read, or contact the church office at 400 State Street, Natchez, MS 39120, (601)-442-2581, [fpcnatchez@bellsouth.net](mailto:fpcnatchez@bellsouth.net), or Judy Heard, Membership Chairman, 601-442-9213.

## NEWS AND NOTES

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### THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

#### **Sunday, September 18**

- 8:15 a.m. Worship in Stratton Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee in Stratton Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 5:00-6:30 p.m. Children's Fellowship Time

#### **Monday, September 19**

- 8:30 a.m. Exercise Class in Fellowship Hall  
Sandra Burkes, instructor
- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting

#### **Tuesday, September 20**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 5:15 p.m. Handbell rehearsal

#### **Wednesday, September 21**

- 11:45 a.m. PW Luncheon
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
Youth Room, Basement in Stratton  
Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

#### **Thursday, September 22**

- 8:30 a.m. Exercise Class in Fellowship Hall  
Sandra Burkes, instructor

### PW NEWS

PW quarterly luncheon will be September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. A short overview of the Bible study for the new year will be presented, new officers will be installed and the Thank Offering will be received.

### BAPTISM

Revs. Noelle and Denny Read and Ethan Read cordially invite you to the baptism of Emily, Benjamin and Daniel Read on Sunday, September 25, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall, following the service.

### PEACEMAKING OFFERING

The Peacemaking Offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 2. Our congregation retains 25% for local ministries of peacemaking in the church and community. An additional 25% is used by the Presbytery and Synod; 50% goes to the Presbytery's Peacemaking program.

### WESTMINSTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Westminster Sunday School Class has begun its in-depth study of the Gospel of Matthew. The book is (more or less) divided into 5 themes, the first being ethics. We are just starting the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' longest sermon. You are invited to join us for this exciting study.

### APOSTLES' CREED SERMONS

Copies of the sermons on the Apostles' Creed are available in the church office.

### FPC KIDS

#### CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

##### **NURSERY**

We welcome children of all ages in our worship services. We do, however, provide a nursery for all services and church functions. Our nursery is available for infants through 4 year olds and is located across the street in the Playschool area of the Education Building.

##### **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS**

A Children's Bulletin, along with activity bags filled with paper, puzzles, color pages, and crayons are provided for children who remain for worship service. Please leave the bags in the pews at the end of the service and we'll replenish them for the next week!

*Whoever welcomes a little child in my name, welcomes me.*

*Matthew 18:5*