

^{1st} *Church of Canton*

**First Church of Canton
3301 South Liberty Street
Canton, Mississippi 39046**



Founded 1836

December 31, 2023

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

December 31st, 2023

***Our mission is to
Reach people for Jesus Christ
Teach people to be daily Disciples of Jesus Christ
Heal and Nurture people in the name of Jesus Christ***

“Yet In Thy Dark Streets Shineth”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR PRAYER & PREPARATION AT THE ALTAR

HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
(Verse 1, 2, & 3)

No. 249

CALL TO WORSHIP

So, we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this,

as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

All: Glory to God!

*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.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“The Infant God”
Sanctuary Choir

HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me”
(Children come forward for Children's Time)

No. 185

HYMN

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
(chorus, Verse 1, chorus, Verse 3, chorus)

No. 258

OFFERTORY

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

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.

WORSHIP CHORUS

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
(Verse 1 & 4)

No. 250

SERMON

“Learning to Trust Again”
Proverbs 3:5, 6

Bro. David Lowery

HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
(Verse 1, & 2)

No. 279

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
*RECESSIONAL OF OUR PASTOR
*POSTLUDE

“Bring A Torch,
Jeannette, Isabella”

Arr. Anna Page

*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to FCC in the name of Jesus Christ.

You are very important to us at FCC.

We hope you experience the presence of Christ in worship here, and enjoy a genuine sense of Christian hospitality in the fellowship. Please speak to Bro. David if you wish to become a member of FCC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Communion Offering** for December – Contingency Fund. Christmas Eve Communion – Good Samaritan Fund March to the Manger.
- ◆ **Second Sunday Harvest** is the 2nd Sunday of every month.
- ◆ **Security Volunteers** are needed for January and February. You can find the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **After today our website will be down for a few weeks due to the transition of our organization. Please follow us on our Facebook Page and YouTube Page. We apologize for any inconvenience.**
- ◆ **Office will be closed for New Year’s Monday, January 1st.**
- ◆ **Mature Years Bingo** is Wednesday, January 3rd at 2:00pm.
- ◆ **Men’s Club Breakfast** is Sunday, January 7th at 8:00am.
- ◆ **Please join us in worship on January 7th for a Covenant Renewal Service. We look forward to our New Beginnings as we start the New Year.**
- ◆ **Ruth Jones Circle** will meet on the second & fourth Monday, January 8th & 22nd at 10:00am.
- ◆ **Memorial Sunday Recognition Service** will be Sunday, January 21st.
- ◆ **Sara Nichols Circle** will meet on the fourth Thursday, January 25th at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **Please look over our prayer list and let us know of any changes that need to be made. – Thank you.**
- ◆ **If anyone would like a copy of the Sunday Sermon on a disc, please contact our office at 601.859.4621 or by email at office@firstchurchofcanton.org.**

“Ongoing Opportunities”

- **SANCTUARY CHOIR** is Wednesday nights at 7:00pm.
- **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY:** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00am.
- **PAYPAL ONLINE GIVING:** office@firstchurchofcanton.org
- **UPDATE MAILING ADDRESS:** please fill out our Attendance Registration in the back of the bulletin. This way we can update your information in our system.

DECEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING
Contingency Fund
CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION OFFERING
GOOD SAMARITAN FUND
MARCH TO THE MANGER

SECOND SUNDAY HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Grace Episcopal Church partnered with the Mississippi Food Network to provide food to the neediest among us. Grace Food Pantry is open from 10:00am-1:00pm on the third Thursday of each month at Grace. They have a specific need for peanut butter and canned tuna fish. If you would like to provide nonperishable food items to the pantry, please place your donations in the baskets located in the sub-story.

Joy and I would like to thank you all for our Christmas blessings we received this year. Your cards, snacks, expressions of love are greatly appreciated. Each year in the church, Christmas is such a special time. Our prayer is for you and your families this New Year as we live out our faith together.

**In Christ,
Bro. David Lowery**

CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

LONG TERM

John Almond	Bobby Hall	Billie Jean McMullen	Christy Saxton
Ric Andreoli	Karen Hall	Chap McMullen	Bethany Hicks Sears
Gary Andrews	Toxey Hall	Clay McPherson	Philip Schmitt
Sherry Briggs	Patricia Hammack	Dorothy Measells	Sarah Schnulo
M.L. Burnside	Wendy Harms	Brianna Medina	Sieger Lee Sims
Gloria Carter	Carolyn Harris	Madge Noble	Anne Sory
Hope Coup	Mike Harvey	Sue Lowe Owen	Evelyn Springer
Jonathan Davis	Hazel Holmes	Alton Parker	Lee Stewart
Jeff Dennis	Johnny Irvin	Becca Parker	Druscilla Thompson
David Fisher	Judy Lambert	Mae Parker	Sophia Weems
Kathy Gardner	Guilda Madison	Jo Beth Ray	Mary Joe Wicke
Michelle Gardner	Mattei Family	Carolyn Rice	Jackie Worthy
Mark Gilbert	Carl McKenzie	Sue Lowe Owen	Geoffrey Yoste
Jessica Leigh Goolsby			

SHORT TERM

Sherry Briggs	Edward Hayes	Bill Reedy	Janie & Mat Tumminello
Sawyer Fair	Barbara Haynes		

If you know of someone that needs to be added to our Prayers Concern List, please fill out our Prayers Concern listed under Attendance Registration or if someone needs to be removed from the prayer list, please let us know.

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 31	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, January 1	CLOSED	HOLIDAY
Wednesday, January 3	2:00PM	Mature Years Bingo
Sunday, January 7	8:00AM	Men's Club Breakfast
	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Monday, January 8	10:00AM	Ruth Jones Circle
Thursday, January 11	10:00AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry
Sunday, January 14	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship
Sunday, January 21	9:30AM	Sunday School Class
	10:30AM	Morning Worship - Memorial Recognition

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Choir Director

Organist

Pianist

Children's Choir Director

Director of Children's Ministries

Secretary

Nursery Director

Brother David Lowery

Jayne Doolittle

Ann Stubblefield

Ellen Matthew

Angela Teasley

Brooke Chandler

Cynthia Penn

Freida Gilmer

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

VISITORS

- 1st Time**
- 2nd Repeat/Occasional**
- New Resident Address:**

Name(s):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

PRAYERS CONCERN LIST

We are no longer maintaining attendance records for Members. If you are a visitor or need to add someone to our prayer list,

please fill out and tear off the Attendance Registration to the right and place in the Offering Plate.

Thank you,
Bro. David

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