

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Joint Service with Long Beach Presbyterian
August 30, 2026

PRELUDE Pianist – Mary Monsted

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

People: **We will sing praises for all that God has done.**

Leader: Let your hearts be joyful!

People: **We will seek God's presence continually.**

Leader: Call to mind God's wonderful works.

People: **We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!**

***HYMN #624** "Doxology"

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN #622** "Gloria Patri"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Unison*

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

***HYMN #450** "Lord Speak to Me"

* Those who are able, please stand.

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 12:9-21** Amanda Braud
Matthew 16:21-28

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Solid Rock or Stumbling Block?"

***HYMN #404** "The Solid Rock"

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts/debtors)*

Leader: Lord in Your mercy...

People: **Hear our prayers.**

***STATEMENT OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the 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 #376** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

We say WELCOME to all who worship this day. If you are new to the area or in this church, we invite and encourage you to make this your home church and be part of our church family. We like our country setting among the Oaks and Morrison Gardens and we have a sense of God's Word, the history of our congregation, and the current concerns or happenings in our daily lives.

History of the Pineville Presbyterian Church

The original site of the Pineville Presbyterian Church was a gift from Stephen and Elizabeth Dale. The 70 x 70-foot property, situated on the corner of Menge Ave and Dale Lane, was deeded to the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Pass Christian on October 9, 1877 to hold until the Mission Church was established in Pineville Village.

The small congregation immediately began to build the church and met under the beautiful Oak trees until its completion in 1878. The first structure measured 40 x 20 feet and accommodated 130 people. In 1912 the little Mission Church became a self-supporting church with 14 members in the Meridian Presbytery.

A fire destroyed the church building in December 1917, but a new church was begun immediately and was completed in 1918. Some timbers used in the new building were from the First Presbyterian Church of Pass Christian, which was destroyed in the hurricane of 1915. The bell in the belfry, a pulpit Bible, pulpit chairs, a hand-crafted pulpit, two stained glass windows and other items are from the Pass Christian Church. The present building, shaped in the form of a modified cross, can seat more than 100 people.

Gifts in memory of the Lawrence family and Henry & Christine Lindsey in 1960 and 1962 increased the size of the original property. Sunday School rooms, a Pastor's Study and the Memorial Hall were added between 1962 and 1980. The Manse, situated just south of the church, was built in 1978 and when not in use as such, serves as a rental property.

The church suffered significant damage from hurricanes Camille (1969) and Katrina (2005). In both cases, through much hard work, church repairs were completed within about a year. Katrina, in particular, caused great damage to the lives and property of all our church families. One church couple perished in the storm surge and nine members were forced to move away. The disaster; however, prompted an unprecedented outpouring of support from volunteers and financial donations from individuals and churches across the country. This was most critical to returning the church and its families to a normal life.



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Today's Guest: **Keith T. Cox**, Ruling Elder
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