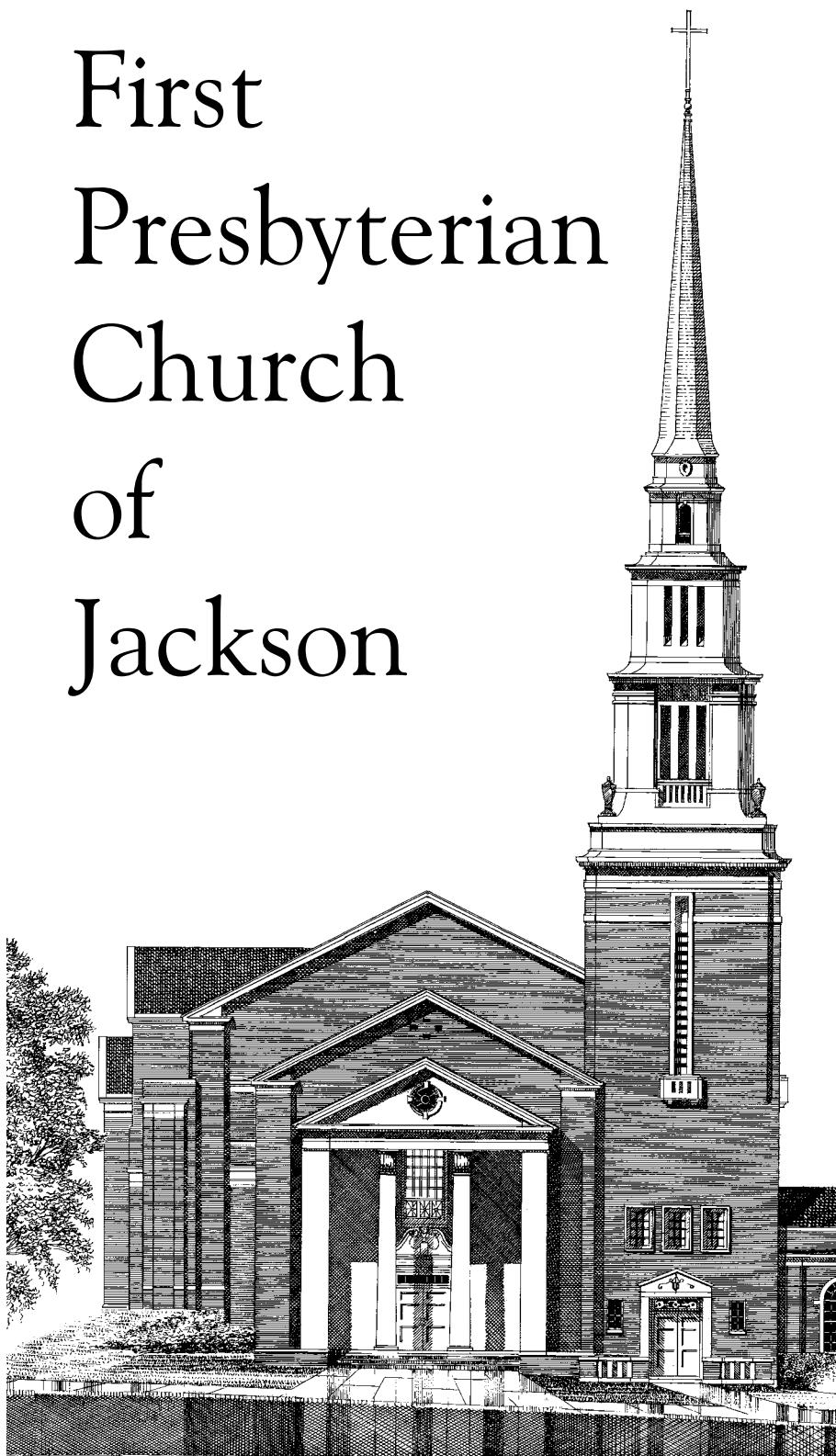


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Ninth Day of August, Two Thousand Twenty

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Discipleship

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Prelude — "We Gather Together"..... Arr. Yeates  
Morgan Yeates, Piano

The Greetings and Announcements (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Introit — "Now Sing We to the Lord"..... Gordon Young, arr. Ovid Young  
Celia Burse and Rene Young

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 55 — "To God Be the Glory"

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Refrain

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

**The Offering**

**The Anthem** — “God Was in Jesus” ..... Johannes Herbst  
Tiffany Williams, Ceila Burse, Rene Young and Zachary Thaggard  
God was in Jesus and He reconciled the world to Himself.  
Thousand, thousand times to Thee dearest Lord we offer thanks to Thee.

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**HEARING GOD’S VOICE**

**The Old Testament Reading** — Psalm 100  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
2     Serve the LORD with gladness!  
      Come into his presence with singing!  
3     Know that the LORD, he is God!  
      It is he who made us, and we are his;  
      we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
4     Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
      and his courts with praise!  
      Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
5     For the LORD is good;  
      his steadfast love endures forever,  
      and his faithfulness to all generations.

**The New Testament Reading** — Romans 8:31-34  
31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

**The Sermon** — *Life in the Spirit*: God Is for Us..... Dr. Strain

**The Hymn No. 252** — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**The Lord’s Supper**

The Words of Institution  
The Invitation  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Hymn No. 246 — “Man of Sorrows! What a Name”**

- 1. Man of Sorrows! what a name  
for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
- 2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
in my place condemned he stood,  
sealed my pardon with his blood:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
- 3. Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;  
spotless Lamb of God was he;  
full atonement! can it be?  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
- 4. Lifted up was he to die,  
“It is finished!” was his cry:  
now in heav’n exalted high:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
- 5. When he comes, our glorious King,  
all his ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we’ll sing:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

**The Benediction**

**The Postlude — “Song of Zechariah” .....Ralph Vaughan Williams**

**WELCOME**

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God’s Word.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**II THESSALONIANS 3:1** — *“Finally, brethren, pray for us....”*

**J and Y** – Serving with Action International in the Middle East. For more information, please contact the mission department.

**Jeff and Dominique Jordan** – Serving with RUF at Mississippi College as campus minister. Email: [jjordan@ruf.org](mailto:jjordan@ruf.org).

## FLOWERS

In joyous anticipation of the feast to come for those who live and die in Christ today, the Communion flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Stephen and Phoebe Kruger from their children and grandchildren.

## COMMUNION SUNDAY

Today is Communion Sunday. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Elders will distribute individually-packaged communion elements to those planning to take communion at the entrances to the sanctuary prior to this morning's services. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements are available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

## ORDINATION SERVICE TONIGHT

Please make plans to join us this evening at 6:00 p.m. We will have a special service as we ordain Wes Strebeck for the gospel ministry.

## STEWARDSHIP NEEDS

Offering plates are located at the exits of the sanctuary to receive gifts. We also offer alternative ways for members and regular givers to send offerings:

- Give online: [fpcj.ms/give](http://fpcj.ms/give).
- Download our app on IOS and Android (FPC Jackson) and click “giving.”
- Send your offering through the mail to the church office (1390 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39202).
- Give by text: Text “fpcjackson” to 779-77.

## THE BURWELL FUND

The Burwell Fund is available to help FPC members needing financial assistance. Please contact Wiley Lowry or Billy Dempsey at 601-353-8316 or by email [wileyl@fpcjackson.org](mailto:wileyl@fpcjackson.org) or [bdempsey@fpcjackson.org](mailto:bdempsey@fpcjackson.org) for more information.

## MISSION FIRST SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Help us reach out to our friends at Mission First by providing school supply items needed for the school year. Items needed are: no. 2 lead pencils, eraser caps, wide-ruled notebook paper, and two-pocket folders with fasteners. Items may be dropped off in the white collection bin located inside the Day School entrance near the information desk. For more information, contact Ashley Meena or Anne Pringle.

## TWIN LAKES CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Twin Lakes wishes to be available to the families and ministries of our church this summer, with appropriate systems and guidelines in place. Please call Twin Lakes at 601-845-6858 to reserve time for your family or group.

## STORIES OF FAITHFULNESS: A WEEKLY PODCAST OF HOPE

New episodes of our weekly, devotional podcast are available Thursdays on our church app and at [fpcj.ms/stories](http://fpcj.ms/stories). In the month of August, we will introduce four new staff members: Josh Shideler (Discipleship Ministry Intern), Alli Sayle (Student Ministry Coordinator), Daniel Tortorrici (Young Adults Ministry Intern), and William Stabler (College Ministry Intern).

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Ordination of Wesley Heath Strebeck

The Prelude — “Evening Prelude” ..... Dom Paul Benoit  
William Wymond, Organ

The Greetings and Announcements (5:55 p.m.)

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 701 — “Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

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| 1. Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!<br>Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;<br>redeemed thro' his infinite mercy,<br>his child and forever I am. | I know that the light of his presence<br>with me doth continually dwell.   |
| Refrain:<br>Redeemed, redeemed,<br>redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;<br>redeemed, redeemed,<br>his child and forever I am.                        | Refrain  |
| 2. Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,<br>no language my rapture can tell;  | 3. I think of my blessed Redeemer,<br>I think of him all the day long;<br>I sing, for I cannot be silent;<br>his love is the theme of my song. |
|  | Refrain  |

The Invocation

The Greetings and Introduction of the Presbytery Commission

The Hymn — “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

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| 1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,<br>And have the gift to all inspire,<br>And have not love, my words are vain,<br>As sounding brass, and hopeless gain. | But not be giv'n by love within,<br>The profit soon turns strangely thin.  |
| 2. Though I may give all I possess,<br>And striving so my love profess,   | 3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,<br>Our Spirits long to be made whole.<br>Let inward love guide every deed;<br>By this we worship and are freed. |

The Pastoral Prayer

The Hymn — “Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand”

1. Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,  
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:  
‘Tis finished, all is finished, Their fight with death and sin;  
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.
2. What rush of alleluias fills all the earth and sky!  
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!  
O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made;  
O joy, for all its former woes a thousandfold repaid!
3. O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore;  
What knitting severed friendship up where partings are no more!  
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late;  
Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.
4. Bring near Thy great salvation, thou Lamb for sinners slain;  
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy power, and reign;  
Appear, Desire of nations, thine exiles long for home;  
Show in the heav'ns Thy promised sign; thou Prince and Savior, come.

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Corinthians 2:12 - 3:6**

<sup>2:12</sup> When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, <sup>13</sup> my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. <sup>15</sup> For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, <sup>16</sup> to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? <sup>17</sup> For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

<sup>3:1</sup> Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? <sup>2</sup> You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. <sup>3</sup> And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

<sup>4</sup> Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup> who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

**The Sermon — Who Is Sufficient for These Things?..... Dr. Strain**

**The Order of Ordination**

- The Proceeding of Presbytery
- The Propounding of the Constitutional Questions
- The Laying on of Hands
- The Ordination Prayer
- The Declaration
- The Charge to the Minister
- The Charge to the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley

**The Benediction and Doxology**

- Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
- Praise Him, all creatures here below;
- Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
- Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

**The Right Hand of Cordial Reception and Affectionate Regard**

**The Postlude**

# ORDINATION SERVICE

A Commission of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley at the service tonight will install The Reverend Mr. Wesley H. Strebeck as he embarks in the gospel ministry.

## QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

## QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FOR ORDINATION

1. Do you, the members of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, continue to profess your readiness to receive Wesley H. Strebeck?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist with his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

## ORDINATION COMMISSION

TE David Strain  
TE Cory Brock  
TE Gary Sinclair  
TE Bruce Baugus  
RE Mark Windham  
RE Dennis Watts  
RE Stuart Clarke