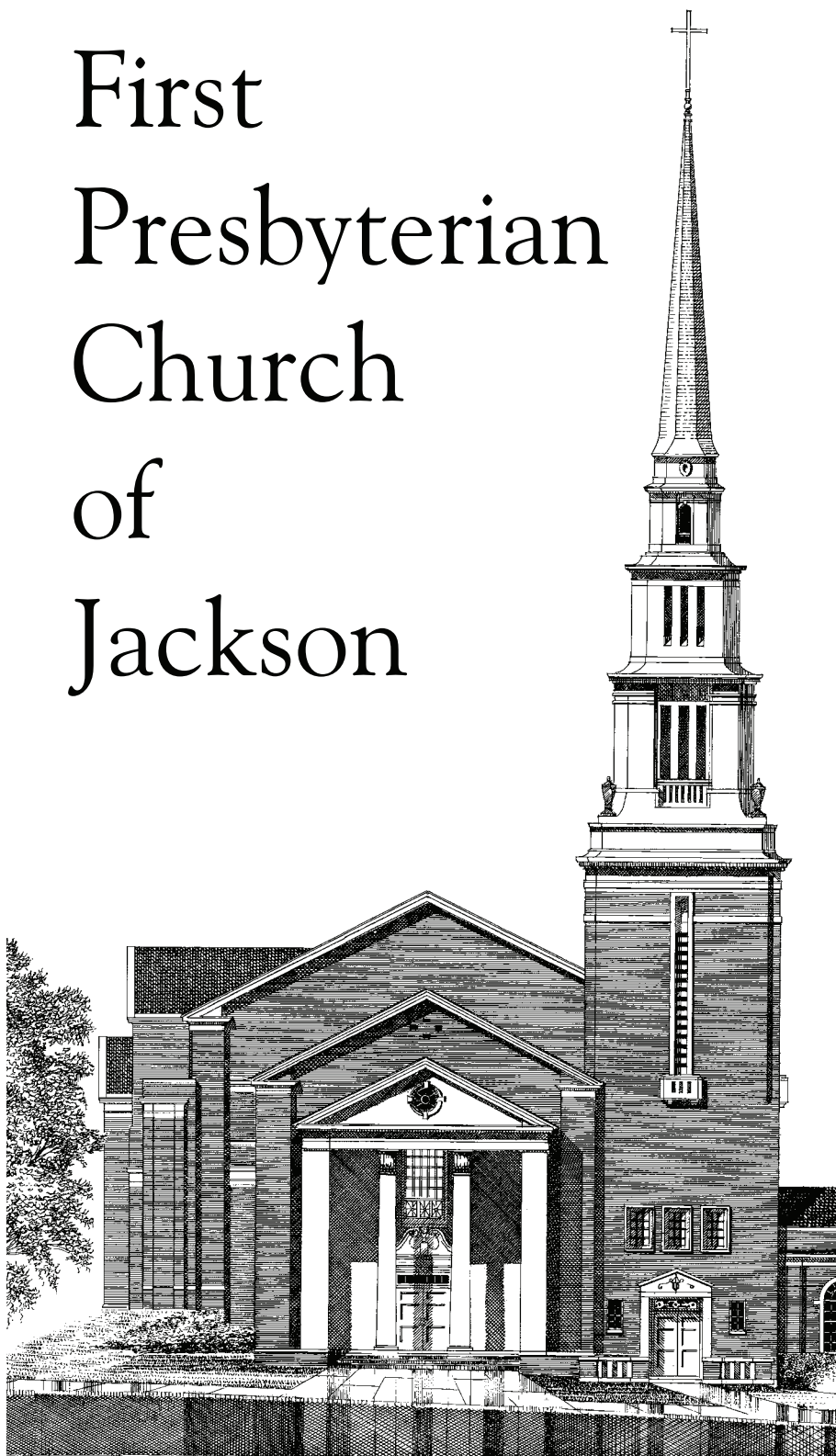


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth 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. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Prelude — "Invocation".....S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organ

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

The Introit — "Worthy Is the Lamb" (*Messiah*)G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 16 (Stzs. 1-4, 6) — "Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"

1. Come, let us sing unto the Lord
new songs of praise with sweet accord;
for wonders great by him are done,
his hand and arm have vict'ry won.
2. The great salvation of our God
is seen through all the earth abroad;
before the heathen's wond'ring sight
he has revealed his truth and right.
3. He called to mind his truth and grace
in promise made to Israel's race;
and unto earth's remotest bound
glad tidings of salvation sound.
4. All lands, to God lift up your voice;
sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;
with voice of joy and loud acclaim
let all unite and praise his name.
6. Let earth be glad, let billows roar
and all that dwell from shore to shore;
let floods clap hands with one accord,
let hills rejoice before the Lord.

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering — "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling" Gilbert Martin

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling O sinner, come home.
Pleading for you and for me! mercies for you and for me!
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
O, for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me;
Tho' we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home, ye who are weary come home,
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling. Calling, O sinner, come home!

The Hymn No. 468 — “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

1. My faith has found a resting place,
from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain

Refrain:

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.

3. My heart is leaning on the Word,
the written Word of God:
salvation by my Savior’s name,
salvation thro’ his blood.

Refrain

2. Enough for me that Jesus saves,
this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him,
he’ll never cast me out.

4. My great Physician heals the sick,
the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed,
for me his life he gave.

Refrain

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 102 (see guide)

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 17: 6-19

⁶ “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Sermon — *The High Priestly Prayer: A Prayer for Sanctification...* Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 649 (Stzs. 1 and 2) — “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

1. More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea,

2. Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek;
give what is best:
this all my prayer shall be,

Refrain:

more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

Refrain

The Benediction

The Postlude — “Grand Choeur” Alexandre Guilmant

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach
Mr. Stephen A. Biggs — Director of Students & Families

The Prelude — “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” Joseph Parry
Daniel Jones, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

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

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 587 — “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

1. Who is on the Lord’s side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world’s side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord’s side? Who for him will go?
By thy call of mercy, by thy grace divine,
we are on the Lord’s side, Savior, we are thine.
2. Not for weight of glory, not for crown and palm,
enter we the army, raise the warrior psalm;
but for Love that claimeth lives for whom he died:
he whom Jesus nameth must be on his side.
By thy love constraining, by thy grace divine,
we are on the Lord’s side, Savior, we are thine.
3. Jesus, thou has bought us, not with gold or gem,
but with thine own life-blood for thy diadem:
with thy blessing filling each who comes to thee,
thou hast made us willing, thou has made us free.
By thy grand redemption, by thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord’s side, Savior, we are thine.
4. Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
but the King’s own army none can overthrow:
round his standard ranging, vict’ry is secure;
for his truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully enlisting by thy grace divine,
we are on the Lord’s side, Savior, we are thine.

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 597 — “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv’n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.

The Greetings

The Pastoral Prayer

The Young Children's Devotional

The Hymn — "For All the Saints"

1. For all the saints,
who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus,
be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...
2. Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...
3. O may Thy soldiers,
faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
And win with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu...
4. The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm
of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...
5. But lo! There breaks
a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
rise in bright array;
The King of glory
passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu...
6. From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 2:5-18..... (see guide)

The Sermon — *Hebrews*: Through Death He Destroyed Death Dr. Hartman

The Benediction

The Postlude — "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"..... Thomas Olivers

VISION

First Presbyterian Church of Jackson
exists to glorify God
by making disciples
on the North State Street corridor,
in the greater Jackson area,
and around the world.

SCRIPTURE READING — PSALM 102

- Hear my prayer, O LORD;
let my cry come to you!
- 2 Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!
Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call!
- 3 For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.
- 4 My heart is struck down like grass and has withered;
I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my flesh.
- 6 I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,
like an owl of the waste places;
- 7 I lie awake;
I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.
- 8 All the day my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a curse.
- 9 For I eat ashes like bread
and mingle tears with my drink,
10 because of your indignation and anger;
for you have taken me up and thrown me down.
- 11 My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.
- 12 But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.
- 13 You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her;
the appointed time has come.
- 14 For your servants hold her stones dear
and have pity on her dust.
- 15 Nations will fear the name of the LORD,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.
- 16 For the LORD builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory;
17 he regards the prayer of the destitute
and does not despise their prayer.
- 18 Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:
19 that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
20 to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,
21 that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,
and in Jerusalem his praise,
22 when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.
- 23 He has broken my strength in midcourse;
he has shortened my days.
- 24 “O my God,” I say, “take me not away
in the midst of my days—
you whose years endure
throughout all generations!”
- 25 Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
- 26 They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
27 but you are the same, and your years have no end.
- 28 The children of your servants shall dwell secure
their offspring shall be established before you.

SCRIPTURE READING — HEBREWS 2:5-18

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?”

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³ And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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...”*

O-Chan & Asami Odate – Serving in Japan as a pastor and church planter.
Email: praisingguitarist@gmail.com.

The Mustard Seed – The Mustard Seed, supported through Mission to Jackson, is a Christian organization seeking to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities.

IN MEMORIAM

Tex Ritter, Jr. — August 19, 2020

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.
- Download our app on IOS and Android (FPC Jackson) and click “giving.”
- Send your offering through the mail to the church office.
- Give by text: Text “fpcjackson” to 779-77.

MISSION FIRST SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Mission First is still in need of a few items: dry erase markers, dry erasers, and hand sanitizer (large containers or pump dispensers). 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.

STORIES OF FAITHFULNESS PODCAST

In the month of September, our Stories of Faithfulness podcast will feature medical professionals whose stories tell of God’s sustaining power during difficult times. Check out new episodes Thursdays at fpcj.ms/stories.

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.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY MIDWEEK BOOK STUDY

Join us for this Midweek study of Paul David Tripp’s book, a compilation of short meditations written through the lens of Psalm 27. This study is geared toward women of all ages and stages, with a common goal of pointing each other to Christ through Bible study and Gospel conversations. We will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (launch date and location to be determined). Study leaders will be Dees Guidry and Beverly Harmon. To sign up, email Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org.

MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING

Join us Wednesdays in the Sanctuary, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. We will have a brief time of encouragement from God’s Word and then focus on a specific prayer topic each week. If you have specific requests, please email them to prayer@fpcjackson.org. We will practice social distancing in the Sanctuary, and no registration is required. If you are unable to join us in person, email discipleship@fpcjackson.org to commit to pray with us from a distance.