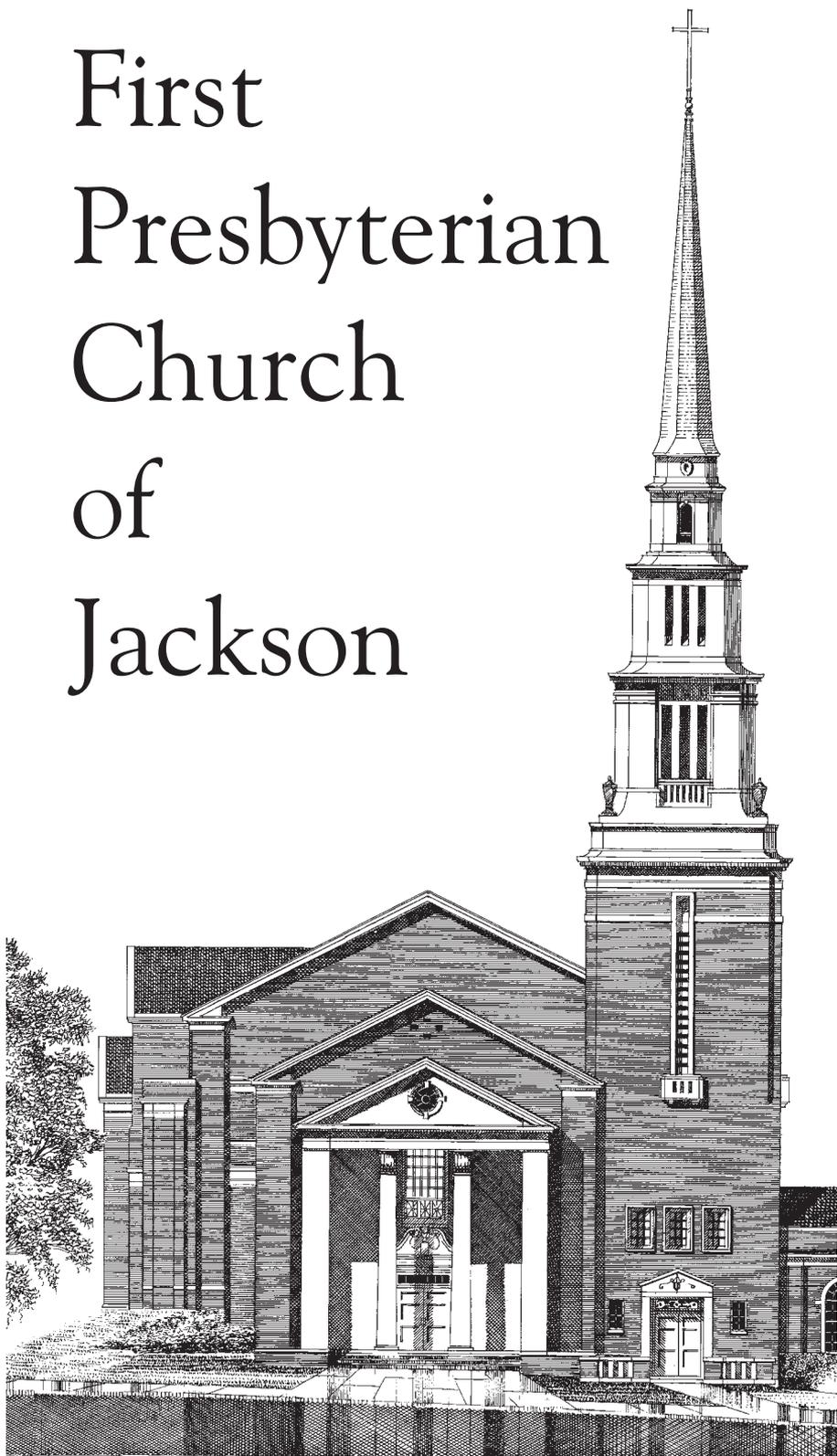


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of November, Two Thousand Twenty

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley — Executive Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Canzona” Richard Purvis
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Martin Luther

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 38 — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God; begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven:
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Offering

The Anthem — “O Come Everyone That Thirsteth” (Elijah) ...Felix Mendelssohn

O come everyone that thirsteth,
O come to the waters, O come to Him.
Hear and your souls shall live forever.
O come everyone that thirsteth, O come to Him!

The Hymn No. 44 — “How Great Thou Art”

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When thro’ the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Isaiah 63:15 - 64:12

- ^{63:15} Look down from heaven and see,
from your holy and beautiful habitation.
Where are your zeal and your might?
The stirring of your inner parts and your compassion
are held back from me.
- ¹⁶ For you are our Father,
though Abraham does not know us,
and Israel does not acknowledge us;
you, O Lord, are our Father,
our Redeemer from of old is your name.
- ¹⁷ O Lord, why do you make us wander from your ways
and harden our heart, so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.
- ¹⁸ Your holy people held possession for a little while;
our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary.

- 19 We have become like those over whom you have never ruled,
like those who are not called by your name.
- 64¹ Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
5 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
8 But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.
10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness;
Zion has become a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.
11 Our holy and beautiful house,
where our fathers praised you,
has been burned by fire,
and all our pleasant places have become ruins.
12 Will you restrain yourself at these things, O Lord?
Will you keep silent, and afflict us so terribly?

The Sermon — *Awakening: How Revival Comes Part III* Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 585 (Stzs. 1, 5, and 6) — “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
5. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

The Benediction

The Postlude — “O God, Bestow Your Blessing On Us Now” D. Buxtehude

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 8, 2020

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship.....	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	Miller Hall

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

6:00 p.m.	Midweek.....	Various Locations
	<i>Adult Choir, D Groups, Evangelism Group, Prayer Meeting, and Women's Bible Study; Nursery and Children's Choirs; Junior High Midweek</i>	

AWAKENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2020-2021

At times not unlike our own, when revival seemed improbable and unlikely, God has been pleased to visit his people in seasons of extraordinary blessing. In such days, the preaching of the Word of God is given new power, deep conviction of sin penetrates the heart, believers are revitalized as the gospel comes to them with renewed sweetness and joy, and many are converted to Christ. Please join us as we continue to learn about the Awakening that only God can bring.

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.

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.

VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. You can text **fpcjwelcome** to 955-77 to learn more about how to get connected to the life of our church.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Pastoral Care
Mr. Stephen A. Biggs — Director of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “In Christ Alone” Getty/Townend
Zakary Joyner, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 629 — “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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| 1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer. | Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
take it to the Lord in prayer! |
| 2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer! | 3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there. |

The Invocation

The Hymn — “O Church, Arise”

1. O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is “Love!”
Reaching out to those in darkness.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.
3. Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
4. So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

The Greetings

The Prayer Dr. David Elkin

The Young Children's Devotional — The *Children's Catechism*

Q57. **How does God sanctify you?** A: God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.

The Meditation and Prayer Tony Doggett, Senior Minister's Intern

The Hymn — "Free From Guilt and Free From Sin"

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| 1. Dark the stain I cannot hide,
Stain of sin my guilt to prove;
Guilt my own, and foolish pride,
Pride, the reason for my sin,
Pride, the reason for my sin. | 2. Light of God came shining down.
Son of God, my soul to win;
Laid aside His heav'nly crown,
Paid the price for all my sin,
Paid the price for all my sin. |
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Refrain:

Wash me in the Savior's blood;
Make me pure, without, within;
Cleanse my heart and set me free,
Free from guilt and free from sin,
Free from guilt and free from sin.

Refrain

3. Love of God that lights my way,
Love displayed on Calvary;
Lamb of God my soul to save,
Gave His life to set me free,
Gave His life to set me free!

Refrain

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 12:1-17 (see guide)

The Sermon — *Hebrews*: Run with Endurance Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Response

Gone the darkness, come the Light,
Gone the night, the day begins;
Gone the wrong, my soul made right,
Free from guilt and free from sin,
Free from guilt and free from sin!
Wash me in the Savior's blood;
Make me pure, without, within;
Cleanse my heart and set me free,
Free from guilt and free from sin,
Free from guilt and free from sin.

The Postlude — "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Gordon Young

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Jeff and Katie S – Serving with Mission to the World as church planters in Japan. Please contact the mission department for more information.

Lee & Diane Hutchings – Serving as church planters with Grace Presbyterian Church in Canton, Ohio. Email: cleehutchings@gmail.com.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Katelyn Armstrong and Bill Magee, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Frank A. Finney, Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong, Mrs. Charline S. Magee, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Garner, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Morgan, parent and grandparents and of the bride and groom.

STEWARDSHIP 2021

As we prepare for the 2021 budget year, it is important that each member of our congregation support the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church. We can plan to do more gospel ministry with your commitment. If you have not turned in your stewardship commitment card for 2021, you may place it in the offering plate during today's worship services. You may also pledge electronically by visiting our church app and clicking on “Giving,” then “Pledge.” To date, we have received 176 stewardship commitments for a total of \$2,628,122.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE OUTSIDE EDITION

Join us on November 17, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., for outdoor small-group fellowship at various homes around the metro Jackson area. Sign up on the website or app or call 601-973-9115.

KEY QUESTIONS—SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 29

We all have questions about life, theology, and the challenges and complexities of our times. In the evening service sermon on Sunday November 29, David Strain will address your questions. Submit questions to ministersoffice@fpcjackson.org by Monday, November 23.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

FPC Jackson is looking for someone to lead our communications department. If you know of someone who might want to learn more about this position, please have them contact Ralph Kelley at ralphk@fpcjackson.org.

MIDWEEK PROGRAMS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Midweek programs and Sunday School classes have begun to meet on-site. Our November Sunday School electives are active on the online registration website. To register, please visit fpcjackson.org/registration/.

TWIN LAKES CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Twin Lakes wishes to be available to the families and ministries of our church, 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 PODCAST OF HOPE

Check out FPC's Stories of Faithfulness podcast on the church app and website at fpcj.ms/stories featuring stories and testimonies highlighting God's faithfulness.