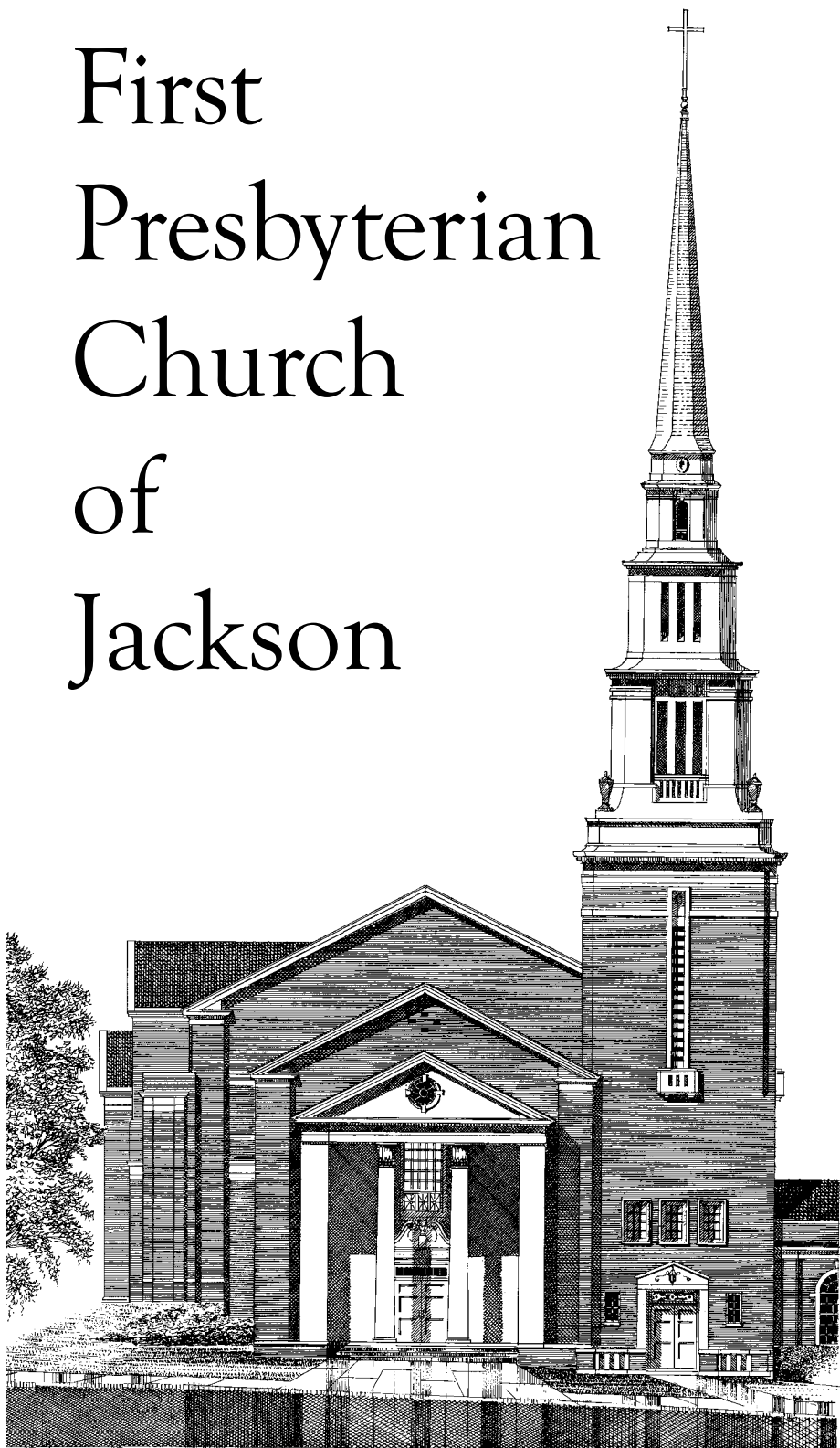


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth Day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-One
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 Greetings and Announcements (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — "God's Time Is Best" J.S. Bach
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Almighty God of Our Fathers" Will James
Sarah Little, Guest Director

The Call to Worship — Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

The Hymn No. 167 (Stzs. 1-4) — "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The 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

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 — “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” Gilbert Martin

Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine:
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire; purge me with Your holy fire.
Holy Spirit, power divine, fortify this will of mine;
By Your will I strongly thrive, bravely bear, nobly strive.
Holy Spirit, right divine, make my conscience wholly Thine;
Be my guide, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free. Amen.

The Hymn No. 353 (Stzs. 1-4) — “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 114 (Pew Bible page 510)

The New Testament Reading — 2 Peter 1:1–4 (Pew Bible page 1018)

The Sermon — Grace to Remember: Precious Promises Dr. Strain

The Hymn 460 (Stzs. 1-4) — “Amazing Grace!”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me! mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

The Postlude — “He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him” J.S. Bach

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed was first written in 325, building upon the Apostles' Creed, in response to the needs of the church of the time. There were those who rejected the clear teaching of Jesus's divinity. Therefore, the creed emphasizes the divinity of Christ. He is affirmed to exist before all worlds. He is not a creature, having been made, but He is begotten, being of the one and same substance as the Father. He is not, as some said, of a "similar substance," meaning He is like God; rather, Jesus is of the same substance, meaning He is God. Jesus is pre-existent and equal with God. It is by Christ that all things have been made.

Then, in 381, the creed was revised largely to highlight the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Finally, in the 6th century, a final clause "and the son" was added, to emphasize that the Holy Spirit proceeds not only from the Father but also from the Son. This creed clearly shows the closeness, the glory, and the equality of our triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College

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

The Prelude — “Be Not Afraid”Courtney/Forrest
Dr. Dave Snyder, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 478 — “I Love to Tell the Story”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Thy Mercy, My God” (Hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Missionary Report Jonathan and Maggie Iverson (MTW)

The Evening Prayer Mr. Jack Crawford

The Offering

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

Q19. What else did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies? A: He gave them souls that will last forever.

Q20. Do you have a soul as well as a body? A: Yes. And my soul is going to last forever.

Q21. How do you know your soul will last forever? A: Because the Bible tells me so.

**The Meditation and Prayer... Austin Lenox, Students & Families Ministry Intern

The Hymn (Stzs. 1 & 2) — “O Great God” (Hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Nehemiah 6:15–7:3..... (Pew Bible page 402)

The Sermon — Finished with the Help of Our God Mr. Sinclair

The Benediction

The Response — “O Great God”

Help me now to live a life, That's dependent on Your grace.

Keep my heart and guard my soul, From the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised, With my ev'ry thought and deed.

O great God of highest heav'n, Glorify Your name through me.

The Postlude — “Postlude on *Italian Hymn*” John Longhurst

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 30, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various Locations
6 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

	No Midweek Activities or Dinner other than	
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite

Saturday, June 5, 2021

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	WH 202
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Backyard Bible School Kickoff	Miller Hall

Sunday, June 6, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various Locations
6 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	The Brown Home (615 Old Agency Rd, Ridgeland)

LH—Lowe Hall MH—Miller Hall SC—Study Center
WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Join us for *What's She Doing Here? The Messy Women in Jesus' Genealogy*, a six-week study on Thursday mornings this summer from 10:00–11:30 (June 17–July 22). We will gather to discuss weekly homework and watch video lectures by Susan Tyner. Sign up on the FPC website or app.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER/SISTER/FRIEND PICNIC

Join us for an indoor picnic in Miller Hall on June 22 at 11:30 with speaker, Lisa Turner, Director of Women's Ministry at Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis. The cost is \$8. There is a child's meal option of Chick-fil-A and pizza, and playground is available for boys age 12 and under. Sign up on the FPC website or app or call 601-973-9115.

SEW AND SOW SUMMER SEWING CAMP

Sew and Sow will offer a summer sewing camp July 12-16 from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Beginners are welcome! The cost of the camp is \$5. Children ages eight and under should be accompanied by an adult. A nursery is available upon request. To sign up, contact Sharon Gatlin at 601-497-5807 or shargatl@gmail.com. You may also sign up on the website or app.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB

We invite you to a summer book club on July 20 from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. in Miller Hall. We will enjoy a meal together, and Shirley Windham will lead our discussion of *A Place to Belong: Loving the People God Loves*, by Megan Hill. The cost of the meal is \$8, and copies of the book are available for purchase in the bookstore. Sign up on the website or app or email lisao@fpcjackson.org.

REACH

BUILDING FOR A PURPOSE

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO OUR BUILDING CAMPAIGN AND THE FUTURE OF OUR MINISTRY. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE YOUR PLEDGE, YOU CAN STILL DO SO BY FILLING OUT A PLEDGE CARD OR VISITING OUR WEBSITE.

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

Sebastian & Isabel Heck – Serving as church planters in Heidelberg, Germany.
Email: sebheck@mac.com

Wil & Mary Jett Nettleton – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX.
Email: wil.nettleton@ruf.org

North Korea – The World Watch List is an annual report on the global persecution of Christians ranking the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Number one on the list is North Korea. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane and Leon Lewis by their children and their families.

BACKYARD BIBLE SCHOOL 2021

Join us at Backyard Bible School! The last day to sign up is June 1 (register on the website or app). Come join the fun at the Kickoff on Saturday, June 5, from 9–3 in Miller Hall. This event is where BBS children pick up materials needed for June 7, 8, and 9. Stop by the photo booth and other activities to collect swag bag items and enjoy a free snow cone.

SUMMER MIDWEEK — BEGINNING JUNE 16

Our Midweek ministry is an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual formation with ministry opportunities for the whole family. Our summer Midweek ministry kicks off on June 16, and we have six teaching elective options for adults:

Revisiting the Problem of Anxiety — Cory Brock

Hope Exchange: Mercy Ministry Training for Each of Us — Levi Gill

Foundations Class — David Strain and other FPC ministers
Learn the basics about our church and the PCA denomination. This class is specifically geared to newcomers, but any church members are welcome to attend. Register by emailing ccare@fpcjackson.org.

Engaged and Newlywed Class — various staff and local counselors
Register by emailing youngadults@fpcjackson.org.

Teacher Training — Dr. Charlie Wingard
This training is for anyone who teaches at FPC or is interested in doing so in the future. Whether you teach Sunday school, a D Group, women's Bible study, or a small group, take advantage of this resource!

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

For more information visit fpcjackson.org/midweek. With any questions, contact discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

BROADCAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer with the FPC Broadcast Ministry. Anyone over the age of 16 is qualified for this work and no experience is necessary. We will provide you with all the training you need. If you can play a video game or take a photo with a smartphone, you can volunteer for this ministry. Email Trey Porter at tvroom@fpcjackson.org to volunteer.