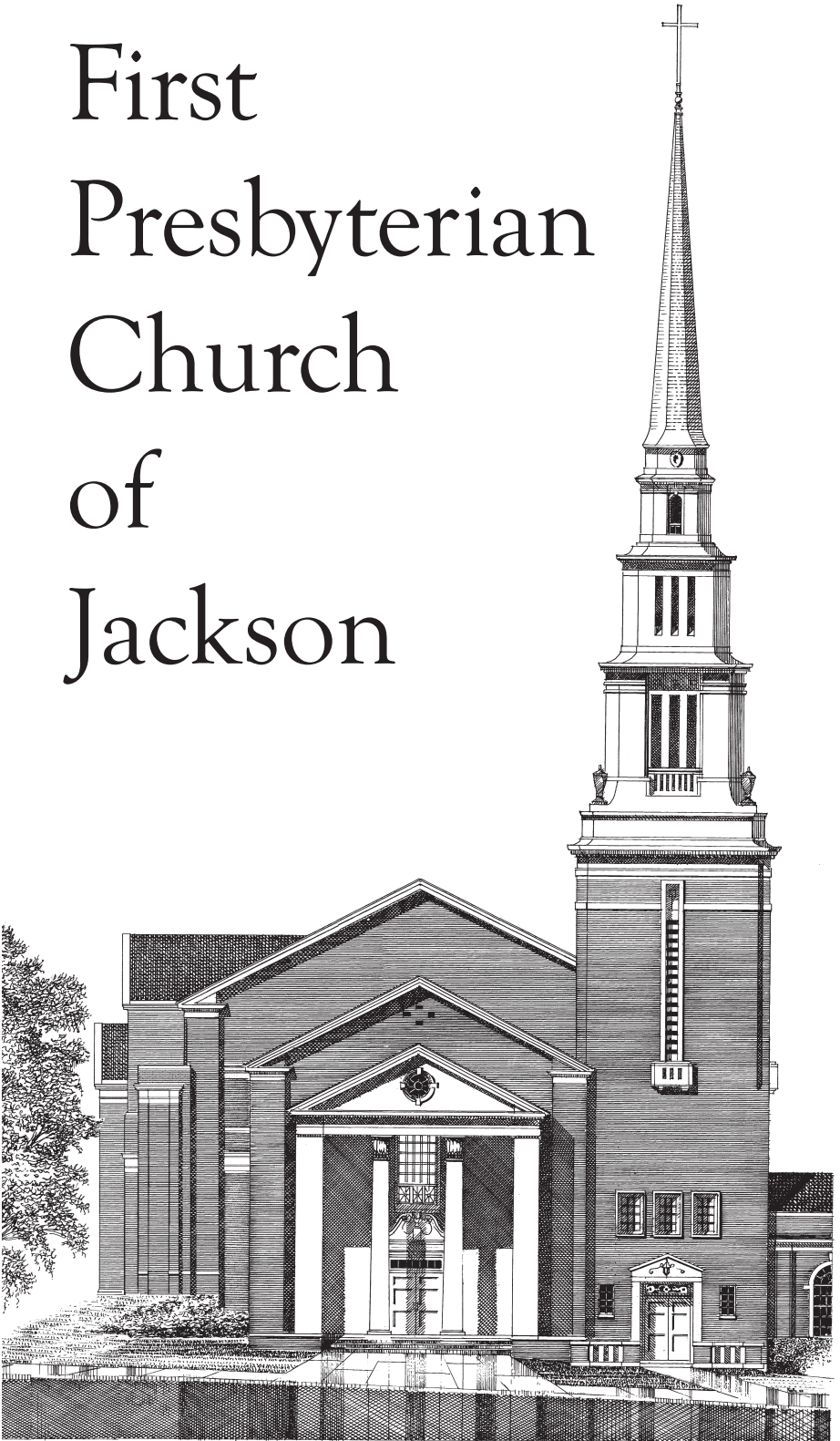


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Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth Day of June, 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 — "Love Unknown".....Matthew H. Corl  
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"...R. Vaughan Williams

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 700 — "Come, We That Love the Lord"

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology ..... (Tune: *Darwall*)  
All praise we give to God, the Holy Trinity.  
We praise the Father, Son and Spirit joyfully.  
Creator God, our Shepherd, Savior, Lord and King;  
To Thee we sing!

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis  
The Introduction of New Members  
The Questions of Membership  
The Prayer  
The Declaration  
The Blessing

The Offering

The Anthem — "Pilgrim's Song".....Ryan Murphy  
With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

My brethren, I have found a land that doth abound with fruit as sweet as honey;  
The more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined to shout and sing hosanna.  
My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior;  
And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.  
Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child; I am a child of glory;  
I am born from above, my soul is filled with love; I love to tell the story.  
My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior ....  
My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings, and contemplates the hour  
When the messenger shall say, 'Come quit this house of clay, and with bright  
angels tower.'  
My soul doth go where I may know the glory of my Savior;  
And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.

The Hymn No. 347 (Stzs. 1-4) — "The Church's One Foundation"

The Pastoral Prayer

# HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — 2 Peter 1:19-21 (Pew Bible page 1018)

The Sermon — Grace to Remember: A More Sure Word ..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 644 (Stzs. 1-2) — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love:  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

The Postlude — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ..... Robert Robinson



## GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

### THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

*Why must we be members of a local church?* The Bible uses metaphors to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another (Romans 12:5). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into His community of the Trinity. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption by Whom we are made members of the family (Romans 8:15-17). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. So, why must we become members of a local church? It is because, having been united to Christ, we are necessarily united to all those who are united to Him. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

*Who can be a member of the church?* Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord’s Table can be a communing member of First Presbyterian Church. Children of believer(s) are, by virtue of their birth in a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant. However, they may not partake of the Lord’s Table as a way to protect them from eating and drinking judgment upon themselves, if they were to do so in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Hence, our children are called non-communing members of the church. We hope that all our covenant children would embrace the gospel and become communing members. While only the communing members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, all members of the church family are, however, entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church.

## QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The first three of five questions seek to show to us our hellish plight before God, bring us to a point of desperate need for the person and work of Jesus, and rely upon the life-giving power in none but the Holy Spirit alone. We would do well to bring these grand truths of the gospel in our prayers every day. While the first three questions speak of our relation to each person of the Godhead, the next two questions speak of our relation to the Church of God which the Father loves, the Son died and rose to save, and the Spirit now indwells. Since each Person of the Trinity is interested and invested in the Church, we who are called by His name must do likewise. May we who are members of the covenant community pray for the welfare of the Church and of First Presbyterian Church. May we seek to live lives in which the gospel has pervaded every sphere. May we be growing disciples seeking to learn more of our God, His great majesty, and His magnificent Fatherhood. May we grow as committed members by regularly worshiping and seeking to gather with our family as often as opportunities provide us. May we be humble followers submitting to the wise leadership and discipline of those who care for our souls. May we grow to love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## NEW MEMBERS

On June 6, 2021, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship:

Fiona Margaret Randle  
Maren Plumlee Garvey  
John Allbritton Thomas  
Sarah Elizabeth Kahler Thomas  
Parker Talmadge Thomas

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Discipleship  
Mr. Stephen A. Biggs — Director of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “Amazing Grace”.....Duane Funderburk  
Bonnie Brown, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 705 — “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding”..... (Hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer ..... Mr. Wayne Husband

The Offering — “All Creatures of Our God and King”.....Molly Ijames

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

Q25. In the covenant of life, what did God require Adam to do? A: To obey God perfectly.

Q26. What did God promise in the covenant of life? A: To reward Adam with life if he obeyed God perfectly.

Q27. What did God threaten in the covenant of life? A: To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed God.

Q28. Did Adam keep the covenant of life? A: No. He sinned against God.

\*\*The Meditation and Prayer..... Mr. Josh Shideler, Discipleship Ministry Intern

The Hymn — “On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand”..... (Hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Nehemiah 9:1-10:27 ... (Pew Bible page 404)

The Sermon — Blessed Be Your Glorious Name..... Mr. Felker

The Benediction

The Response

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest?  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land.

The Postlude — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”.....William Bradbury

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, June 20, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship .....	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	The Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd.)

## Monday, June 21, 2021

12:00 p.m.	Youth Service Day .....	Mission First
3:00 p.m.	Junior High Summer Snow Cone Challenge.....	Nandy's Candy

## Tuesday, June 22, 2021

11:30 a.m.	Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Picnic .....	MH
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## Wednesday, June 23, 2021

10:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study.....	WH 204
5:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner .....	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime .....	Playground
5:50 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal .....	MS
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Electives	
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.....	PH
	Engaged & Newlywed Class.....	SC 210
	Foundations Class.....	WH 204
	Hope Exchange: Mercy Ministry Training.....	Company Rm
	Revisiting the Problem of Anxiety.....	MH
	Teacher Training with Dr. Charlie Wingard .....	WH 202
6:00 p.m.	Children's Summer Program .....	Various
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups.....	YH

## Thursday, June 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study .....	MH
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## Friday, June 25, 2021

4:00 p.m.	Senior High Lake Day .....	Lost Rabbit
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## Saturday, June 26, 2021

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	WH 202
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## Sunday, June 27, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship .....	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	The Anderson Home (63 St. Andrews Dr.)

LH—Lowe Hall MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite PH—Patterson Hall  
SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FPC DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

FPC has a digital membership directory that puts the contact information of our fellow church members right at our fingertips! All FPC members can access the FPC Digital Directory online at [fpcjackson.shelbynextchms.com](http://fpcjackson.shelbynextchms.com) or through the smartphone app. For more information visit [fpcj.ms/membership-directory](http://fpcj.ms/membership-directory).

The Digital Directory is very easy to use, but if you would like help accessing it on your laptop or smartphone, we will offer a Help Desk in June on the following days:

Sundays, June 20 & 27 — 9:30 to 10:00  
in Miller Hall & the Greeting Courtyard

Wednesday, June 23 — 5:30 to 6:00  
in Miller Hall

Bring your smartphone, tablet, or laptop computer; app store ID and password; and ShelbyNext username and password. Contact [kristinab@fpcjackson.org](mailto:kristinab@fpcjackson.org) with questions or for more information.

## 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](mailto:tvroom@fpcjackson.org) to volunteer.

## SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, weekly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism meet for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

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

**Foster & Laura Gullett** – Serving with Mission to the World in Italy as a pastor/church planter. Email: foster.gullett@gmail.com or laurahgullett@gmail.com

**Ro & Anna Taylor** – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Delta State University. Email: ro.taylor@ruf.org

**Libya** – 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 four on the list is Libya. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at [opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp](https://opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp).

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary, from the wedding of Jessica McKenzie Davis and Robert George Wasson, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DeWayne Smith, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. Billie Eugene Wasson, grandfather of the groom.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the PCA will be held in St. Louis, June 29-July 2, 2021. The following church leaders and pastors will attend this year:

Ned Currie (Ruling Elder)	David Strain (Teaching Elder)
Claude Harbarger (Ruling Elder)	Ralph Kelley (Teaching Elder)
Wayne Husband (Ruling Elder)	Billy Dempsey (Teaching Elder)
Bill Stone (Ruling Elder)	David Felker (Teaching Elder)
Tim Threadgill (Ruling Elder)	Gary Sinclair (Teaching Elder)
Mark Windham (Ruling Elder)	

Please join us in praying for them as they prepare to study, discuss, debate, and decide biblical and ministry issues.

## BACKYARD BIBLE SCHOOL AVAILABLE ONLINE

You may still host a Backyard Bible School for your children, grandchildren, and neighbors. The complete Bible School package of pre-recorded lessons, skits, songs along with coloring/activity pages are on the FPC website at [www.fpcj.ms/vbs](http://www.fpcj.ms/vbs). The church has a limited supply of free Bible School coloring/activity pages for pickup on the first floor Study Center across from the Pepsi machines. Contact Kimberly Wilkins [kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org) or 601-973-9105.

## WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Join us for a summer book club on July 20 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. 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. Copies are available for purchase in the FPC bookstore. You may register on the FPC website, app, or email [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).