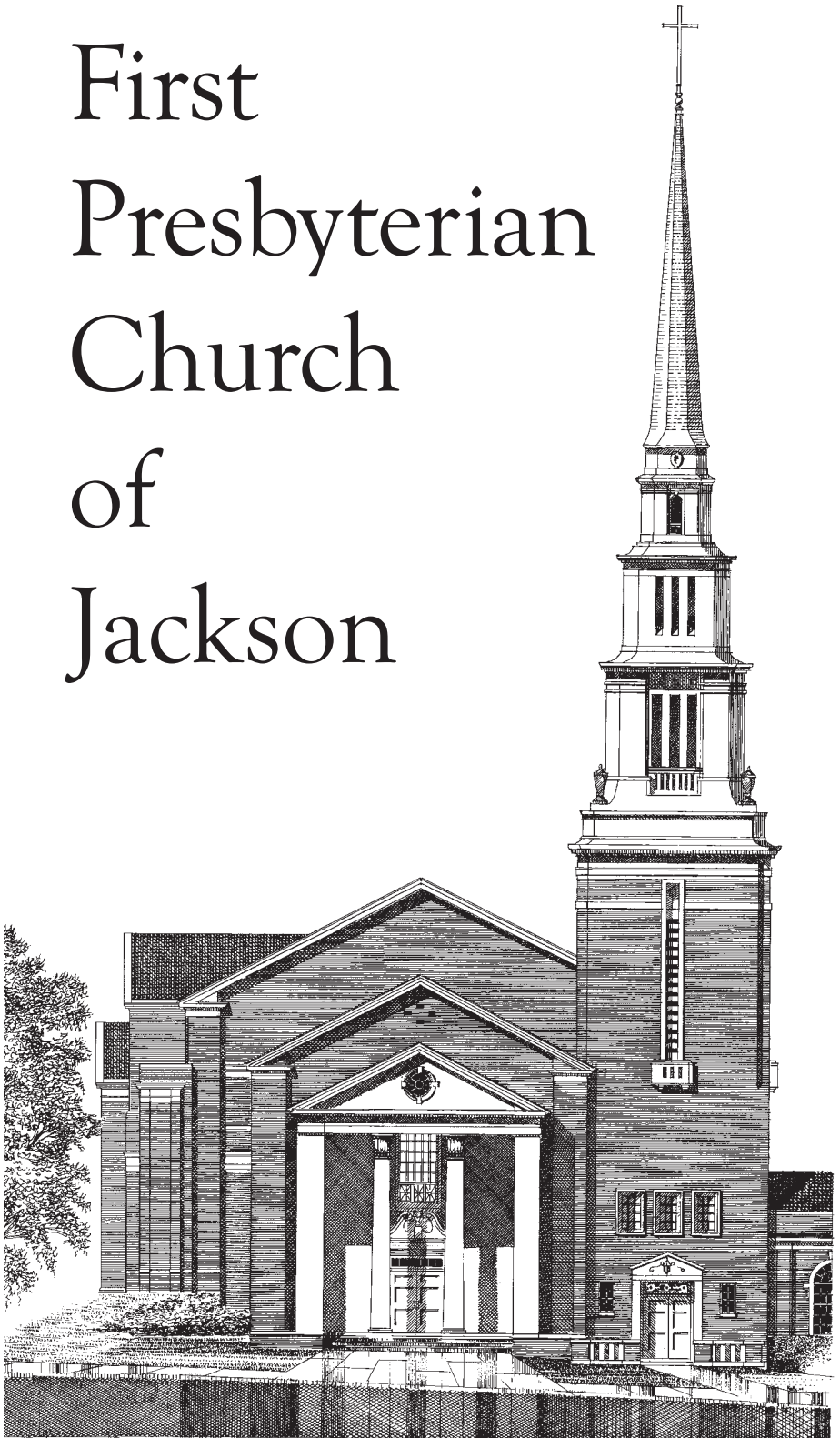


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth Day of August, Two Thousand Twenty-One
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Executive Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Give Me Jesus" Southern Spiritual
Hillary Watkins, Soprano; William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — "Who Is On the Lord's Side?" Carradog Roberts

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 2 — "O Worship the King"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology Tune: *Hyfrodol*
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory.
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

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 — "Not What These Hands Have Done" David Schwoebel
with Kathryn Edwards, Pianist
Not what my hands have done, can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.
Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
Your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sins erase.
No other work but Yours, O Lord, no other blood will do;
No strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through;
I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.

The Hymn No. 669 — "Commit Now All Your Grievs"

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 11:1 (pew Bible page 869)

The Sermon — Before the Throne: Lord Teach Us to Pray..... Dr. Strain

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

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been thou forever will be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!”

The Postlude — “Toccatà Giacoso in D”Gilbert Martin



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 worshipping 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 August 1, 2021, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship:

Robert Bobo	Lauren Matheny
Michael Box	Hutch McClain
Julia Box	Anna Grace Osborne
Abby Box	Jim Strickland
Laura Box	Liz Strickland
Anna Box	Gracie Tortorici
Emerson Boyd	Cory Vincent
Kelsey Brand	Hannika Witherow
Byron Burkhalter	McLeod Woodson
Britt Burkhalter	Rand Woodson

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care
Mr. Josh J. Shideler — Discipleship Ministry Intern

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

The Prelude — “Will You Come and Follow Me?”..... arr. Charles Callahan
Shellie Kemp, Violin; William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 709 — “Now I Belong to Jesus”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “The Sands of Time Are Sinking” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Missionary Report Our Friends with MTW Enterprise Europe

The Evening Prayer Mr. Mark Windham

The Offering

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

Q46. **How, then, can you be saved?** A: By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.

Q47. **Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace?** A: His elect people.

Q48. **How did Christ fulfill the covenant of grace?** A: Christ obeyed the whole law for His people, and then suffered the punishment due for their sins.

Q49. **Did Jesus ever sin?** A: No. He lived a sinless life.

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

The Hymn — “O Church Arise”..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 12:1-12 (pew Bible page 920)

The Sermon — The Word of God Increases and Multiplies..... Mr. Dempsey

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

The Postlude — “Salvation unto Us Has Come”..... Max Reger

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 15, 2021

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

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

5:30 p.m. Midweek at Laurel Park..... Laurel Park in Belhaven

Saturday, August 21, 2021

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting..... WH 202

Sunday, August 22, 2021


8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. FPDS New Families LuncheonMH
9:45 a.m. Sunday School..... Various
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary

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

FPDS NEW FAMILIES LUNCHEON

We are excited to welcome the families of our new FPDS students, including the families of our K3 class, next week, August 22. They will join our congregation during the 11 o'clock service and then gather for lunch in Miller Hall. Please welcome these families next week and join with us in praying for the 2021-2022 school year.

BOYS AND MOMS BACK TO SCHOOL BOWLING BASH

Moms and sons of all ages are invited to an afternoon of bowling and fun on Saturday, August 21 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Fannin Lanes. The cost is \$10 per person. Sign up on the FPC website and app.

SERVE WITH OUR COVENANT CHILDREN

Children's ministry at our church would not happen without adult volunteers who teach and shepherd on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please volunteer to serve the church as a Sunday School teacher or Children's Choir volunteer.

Children's Sunday School begins September 5 for age three through sixth grade. Sunday school teachers have such an impact on the lives of both children and parents in our congregation. To volunteer contact Kimberly Wilkins kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105.

Children's Choirs will begin on Wednesday, August 25. Choir lasts from 6-7 p.m. and volunteers are only needed on a quarterly basis. No musical ability is required! To sign up for a six-week volunteer slot, please contact Genneysa Case at gdcase@comcast.net or 601-540-2370.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CRAFTS FOR A CAUSE

During the Midweek Summer Children's Program, instead of making a craft to take home, our children are making Christmas ornaments to raise money for Lifeline Children's Services. These ornaments will be sold during the Midweek at Laurel Park Kickoff for \$5 each, and 100% of money made from ornament sales will be given in support of the Lifeline Children's Services (un)adopted program.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

MOMS Bible Study: Ephesians - Wednesday mornings

Philippians: Joy Inexpressible - Wednesday evenings

Majoring on the Minor Prophets - Thursday mornings

Revelation - Thursday mornings

The Ups and Downs of the Christian Life - Circle Bible Studies

For information and to register, visit fpcjackson.org/women or the church app.

WELCOME

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. If you are a visitor, we would love to know more about you. Please complete the Visitor Information & Prayer Request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or in one of the baskets provided at the sanctuary exits. You can also text [fpcjwelcome](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...”*

Apam & Pamleiphy – Serving with Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship in India training national pastors. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

John & Taylor Blevins – Serving as a church planter at Christ Church Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN.

Website: www.cometochrist.church Email: john@johnblevinsiii.com.

Syria – We have been praying for the countries listed on the World Watch List. Syria is ranked 12th on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Syria.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Alice Reilly — August 2, 2021

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Frances and John Crawford's 60th wedding anniversary by their family.

MIDWEEK AT LAUREL PARK

Come out and bring a friend to Laurel Park Wednesday, August 18, from 5:30–7:30 for food, fun, live music, inflatables for the kids, and homemade ice cream as we kick off our Midweek activities for the fall semester. We'll have all our ministries and connection points within the church on display for you and those new to Jackson and First Presbyterian Church.

EVENING COMMUNION

Communion Sunday will be next Sunday, August 22, in the evening worship service. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free crackers will be available.

NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, October 3, 2021. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, September 22. If you have any questions, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

INTERN FAREWELL

In today's service we will recognize, thank, and say goodbye to Kevin Vollema. Kevin has interned with us for four years, most recently in Congregational Care. Kevin is joining the staff of Northpointe Presbyterian Church in Meridian, MS, and pursuing ordination as an associate pastor. We look forward to seeing how God will use him in his new role. Please pray for Kevin, his wife, Mary Lowry, and son, Jack.