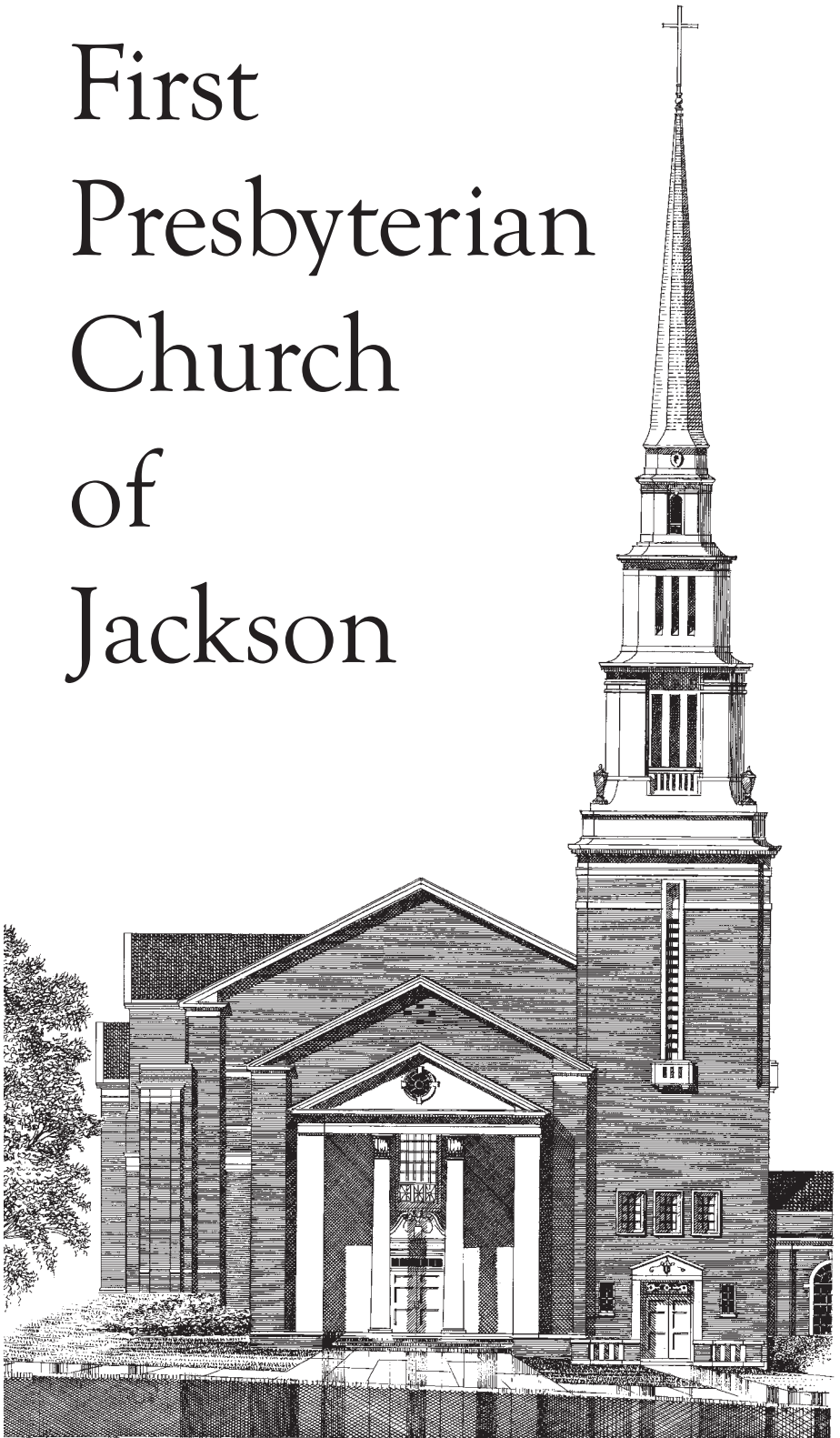


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Ninth 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. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Adagio” (*Concerto Grosso No. 12*)..... Arcangelo Corelli  
Shellie Kemp, Violin I    Ausra Jaseniviciute, Viola  
Bonnie Brown, Violin II    Nancy Bateman, Cello  
Rae Shannon, Harpsichord

The Introit — “Praise Ye the Lord” .....G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 498 — “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;  
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.  
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,  
Set stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession — Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

**If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?**

But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

**I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;**

**my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel  
from all His iniquities.

The Assurance of Pardon

The Anthem — “O Praise the Lord” (from *Vesperae Solennes*).....W. A. Mozart  
With Gena Everitt, Soprano

O Praise Jehovah, all ye nations.

Praise Him all Ye peoples:

For all His loving kindness is evermore.

And His truth, the truth of Jehovah, endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

world without end, Amen.

The Hymn No. 3 (Stzs. 1, 2, 5, and 6) — “Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

The Pastoral Prayer

## HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:17–24..... (pew Bible page 512)

The New Testament Reading — Matthew 6:9–13..... (pew Bible page 811)

The Sermon — Before the Throne: Our Father ..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 725 — “The Lord’s Prayer”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
and life is worth the living,  
just because He lives.

The Postlude — “Allegro” (*Water Music*).....G. F. Handel

# GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

## WHY DO WE HAVE A PRAYER OF CONFESSION?

The Christian is one who has been given truth to confess. The heart of our confession is the good news that God has come in the flesh to redeem helpless sinners from our natural state of sin and misery. But it is the bad news of our natural sin and misery that makes the good news intelligible. This is why it is necessary and truly beneficial that we, as God's people, corporately confess our sins in worship. Corporate confession is one way that we reorient ourselves to the shocking reality of the kindness, mercy, and inestimable love of God—"for even while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Our confession of sin also reminds us that we are ever dependent on His grace, because, in this life, we are ever struggling with the darkness of our own sinful hearts. The Bible is crystal clear that even though we've been justified by the blood of Christ, as long as we are on this earthly pilgrimage, we will always be at war with our sin (Col. 3:5). When we confess our sins together, we stop hiding, and we allow the light of God's grace to expose our deeds. And it is in this act of confession that His mercy renews us, fixes our eyes once again upon Christ, and cleanses our consciences to serve the Lord with gladness, joy, and hope—hope that even we can be made clean by the precious blood of Christ!

## 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.

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach

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

The Prelude — “Nocturne” (From *String Quartet No. 2*) ....Alexander Borodin

Bonnie Brown, Violin I      Zakary Joyner, Violin II  
Thorburn McGee, Viola      Zachary Horne, Cello  
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”..... (hymn sheet)

The Invocation

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

The Greetings

The Missionary Report ..... Doug & Masha Shepherd (MTW)

The Evening Prayer ..... Mr. Harper Keeler

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

Q50. How could Christ suffer? A: Christ, the Son of God, became a man so that he could obey and suffer in our place.

Q51. For whom did Christ obey and suffer? A: For all whom God the Father gave to Christ.

The Meditation and Prayer..... Mr. David Felker

The Hymn No. 30 (Stzs. 1-6) — “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Eccles. 1:1–11; 12:8–14 (pew Bible page 553)

The Sermon — The Most Predictable Story Told .....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

The Postlude — “Postlude on ‘St. Ann’”.....Dudley Buck

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, August 29, 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.	Insight .....	The Biggs Home

## Wednesday, September 1, 2021

6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups.....	Various
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study .....	PH
	Families Count .....	SC 215
	Evangelism Training .....	WH 202
	Grandparenting.....	MH
	Women's Bible Study: Philippians: Joy Inexpressible.....	WH 204
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs .....	Various
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship .....	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups .....	YH

## Saturday, September 4, 2021

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	Zoom meeting
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## Sunday, September 5, 2021


8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship .....	Sanctuary
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

## THE EQUIPPED MOM SEMINAR

We are excited to host another Equipped Mom Seminar in partnership with the Center for Pregnancy Choices on September 18 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This seminar will lead new and expectant moms through sessions about labor and delivery, lactation, infant care, car seat safety, and postpartum. We are in need of volunteers to help in a variety of ways. If you would be willing, please email Mary Ellison at honeysuckle2g@gmail.com.

## CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL 2020-2021 VOLUNTEERS

The Children's Ministry is thankful to God for the willingness of these volunteers to invest their time in the lives of our Sunday School children over the past year. Please thank them for their service to the Lord, the church, and the children of FPC.

John Allgood  
Beth Allgood  
CC Allgood  
Beth Archer  
Jimmy Armstrong  
Fran Askew\*  
Ken Ball\*  
Will Barbour\*  
Nicki Barbour\*  
Buddy Bartling†  
Linda Bartling†  
Stewart Boyd  
Melissa Boyd  
Debbie Brock  
David Case  
Betsy Chestnut†  
Stuart Clarke\*  
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Arthur Davis  
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Kim Downing  
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Kathryn Edwards  
Auston Edwards  
Rachel Edwards  
Parker Ellison  
Mary Ellison  
Lauren Felker  
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Lou Flatgard  
Tracy Ford†  
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Cassie Graves  
Anthony Hall  
Julia Hall  
Rusty Hawkins  
Kerri Hawkins  
Dee Dee Hester  
John Eric Hester  
Jan Hyde†  
Julie Jordan  
Wendy Kelley  
Dallis Ketchum  
Christy Ketchum  
Crane Kipp  
Nan Kipp  
Mary Jordan Lamar  
Willem Lamar  
Helen Lewis  
Matt Little  
Sarah Little  
Mike Manning  
Lelia Manning\*  
John McBride  
Karen McBride  
Margaret McPhillips\*  
Rhonda McRae  
Gina McRae  
Tom Myers  
Anne Myers  
Teri Newcomb  
Larry Noblin  
Elizabeth Noblin  
Nathan Oakley  
Deborah Oakley  
Lee Owen  
Ann Owen

Virgil Payne  
Ella Payne  
Bill Payne  
Judy Payne  
Lynn Pearson  
Fred Perrett  
Becky Perrett  
Bobbie Pharo  
Jim Prince†  
Janie Purvis  
Linda Richards†  
Katy Roberson  
Amy Allison Russ\*  
Weston Russ\*  
Allison Simmons  
Taylor Smith  
Lori Smith  
Lorien Smith  
Wade Smith\*  
Ashley Smith\*  
Cindy Snowden  
Jeff Sumrall  
Kimberly Sumrall  
Margaret Tohill  
Hugh Trussell  
Matthew Turnage  
Taylor Turnage  
Charlotte Turner  
Treasure Tyson  
Val Vickery\*  
Margaret Wadsworth  
Coles Wilkins\*  
Adams Yerger  
Jordan Yerger

\*Substitute Teachers

†Special Friends Teachers

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

**Professor H** – Serving with Mission to the World in Asia, Professor H. researches and develops curriculum used in many situations by believers around the world. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

**Samuel & Sarah Tyson Husband** – serving as church planters in Memphis, TN. Email: samuel.husband@ruf.org.

**Saudi Arabia** – We have been praying for the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 14th on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Saudi Arabia. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at [opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp](https://opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp) to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Saudi Arabia.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. William David Payne, Sr. by their children.

## ELDER ELECTION

On July 25, 2021, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, approved a resolution to proceed with the election of new ruling elders. The nomination period will close on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. For more information and to make a nomination, please visit [fpcj.ms/elder-election](https://fpcj.ms/elder-election).

## ECCLESIASTES SERMON SERIES

Tonight we will begin a new Sunday evening sermon series through the book of Ecclesiastes. The book of Ecclesiastes deals “head-on” with some of the harsh realities of life, with unmet expectations and painful disappointments. But the writer of Ecclesiastes doesn’t offer us clichés or catch phrases; instead, he takes us to what really matters: a relationship with God and a life lived in light of eternity. Please make plans to join us for worship on Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m.

## 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](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).

## WOMEN’S MINISTRY FALL BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

MOMS Bible Study: Ephesians - Wednesday mornings - beginning Sept. 8

Philippians: Joy Inexpressible - Wednesday evenings

Majoring on the Minor Prophets - Thursday mornings - beginning Sept. 9

Revelation - Thursday mornings (start date to be determined)

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

For information and to register, visit [fpcjackson.org/women](https://fpcjackson.org/women) or the church app.

## SEW AND SOW BEGINNER SEWING LESSONS

Sew and Sow will meet on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in SC 211 beginning September 14. A four-week beginner sewing class will be offered in addition to ongoing outreach projects. A nursery is available upon request. To sign up, email Sharon Teh at [sewbusy321@hotmail.com](mailto:sewbusy321@hotmail.com). There are sewing supplies that you will need to purchase before September 14.