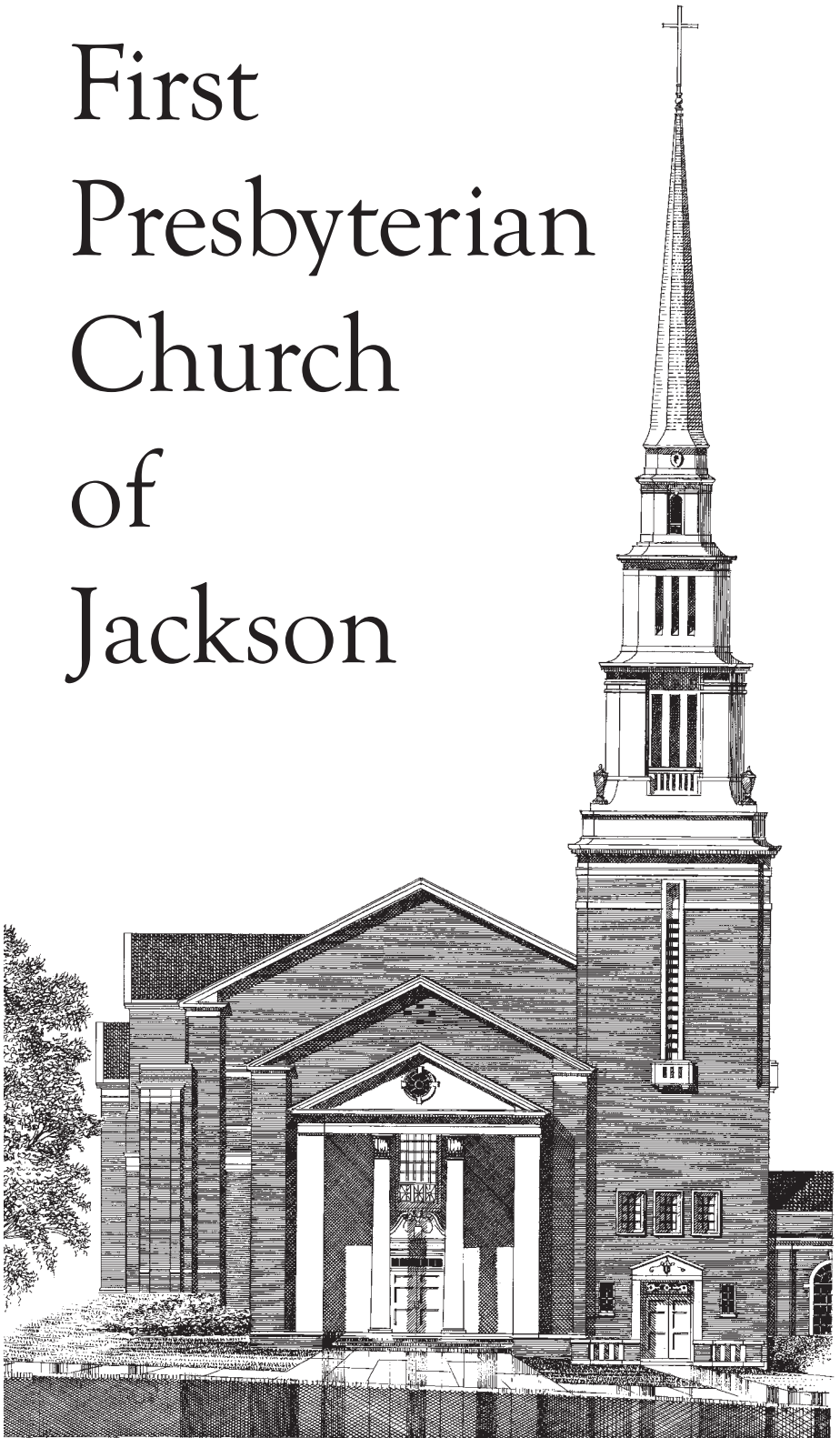


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Be Still, My Soul”..... Sibelius/Beebe
Thorburn McGee, Viola; Nancy Bateman, Cello; Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — “Awake, My Heart and Render Praise”..... Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 347 — “The Church's One Foundation”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout all eternity.

The Prayer of 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 Anthem — “To the Lamb on the Throne” Dan Forrest

Worthy the Lamb!

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim
and publish abroad His wonderful name:
the name all victorious of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Worthy the Lamb!

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Worthy the Lamb!

God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, His presence we have,
the great congregation His triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Worthy the Lamb!

Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom, might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Worthy the Lamb!

The Hymn No. 302 — “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:25–32..... (pew Bible page 512)

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

The Sermon — Before the Throne: Hallowed Be Your Name..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 100 (Stzs. 1 and 4) — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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 — “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” ... R. Vaughan Williams

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

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

The Prelude — “Nocturne” (From *String Quartet No. 2*)Alexander Borodin
Bonnie Brown, Violin I Emily Williams, Violin II
Thorburn McGee, Viola Zachary Horne, Cello
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”..... (hymn sheet)

The Invocation

The Hymn — “In Christ Alone”..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Missionary ReportMr. Jeff and Mrs. Katie Saunders (MTW)

The Evening PrayerMr. Steve Edwards

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 ToldMr. 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, September 5, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for children age 3 and 4.....	MB 135
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary

Monday, September 6, 2021

Church office closed

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

7:00 p.m.	Internationals — American Partners Orientation	PH
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Wednesday, September 8, 2021

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study.....	Miller Hall
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups.....	Various
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.....	PH
	Evangelism Training.....	WH 202
	Families Count	MH 203
	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

Thursday, September 9, 2021

9:30 a.m.	Minor Prophets Women's Bible Study.....	Miller Hall
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Saturday, September 11, 2021

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	Zoom meeting
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Sunday, September 12, 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

INTERNATIONALS

American Partner Orientation September 7

Volunteers are needed for the Internationals Class which will meet in person this year with a simultaneous Zoom option. Through our American partners, our International partners may experience the grace of God and have their lives transformed. As a volunteer, you will enjoy an incredible blessing as you meet the “world” by simply sharing the love of Christ as an American Partner on any Tuesday night this fall. Last year, over 30 new International Partners from five different countries participated via Zoom along with former class members in town or back in their home countries. Find out more by visiting InternationalsClass.org, texting Kathryn or Steve Edwards at 601-668-7422, or emailing alice5176@aol.com. Orientation for new and current American Partners is Tuesday, September 7, from 7 – 8:15 p.m. in Patterson Hall.

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.

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 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. There are sewing supplies that you will need to purchase before September 14.

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.

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...”*

Jeff and Katie S – Serving with Mission to the World/RUF as a RUF Campus Minister. Please contact the mission department for more information.

Young Life of Jackson – Young Life seeks to share the gospel, lead adolescents to Christ, and help them grow in their faith. This ministry is supported through Mission to Jackson.

Maldives – We have been praying for the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 15th on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Maldives. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Maldives.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Today is a big day for the children at FPC! Promotion Sunday is when children move to the next department (age or grade) for Sunday programs. The following is an overview of Sunday morning programs.

Children’s Sunday School

In Sunday School, children age two through sixth grade will sing, hear a Bible lesson, and learn Bible and Catechism memory work. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 10:40 a.m. Parents, please pick up your child from Sunday School by 10:45 a.m.

2 year old.....	Room G105	MB
3 year old.....	Room M135	MB
4 year old.....	Room M101	WH
5 year old.....	Room M103	WH
1st Grade.....	Room 237	MB
2nd Grade.....	Room 235	MB
3rd Grade.....	Room 232	MB
4th & 5th Grade.....	Room 304	WH
6th Grade.....	Room 302	WH

*MB – Main Building WH – Westminster Hall

Children’s Churchtime

Children age 3 and 4 may attend Children’s Church during the 11:00 a.m. worship in room M135 (MB). This class is designed to prepare the children for attending worship with their parents. FPC volunteers lead the program which includes a Call to Worship, singing the Doxology, reciting the Lord’s Prayer led by an elder, hearing a Bible story, and a closing prayer. The children also have snack time and playtime. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Matthew Turnage at matthewturnage@gmail.com.

Covering Our Children in Prayer

Join us as we connect through prayer and abide by action beginning Sunday, September 12. This program connects our adult Sunday School classes with our Nursery, Children, and Youth Sunday School classes through weekly prayer. For more information, contact your Sunday School Class President or Kimberly at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org.

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.