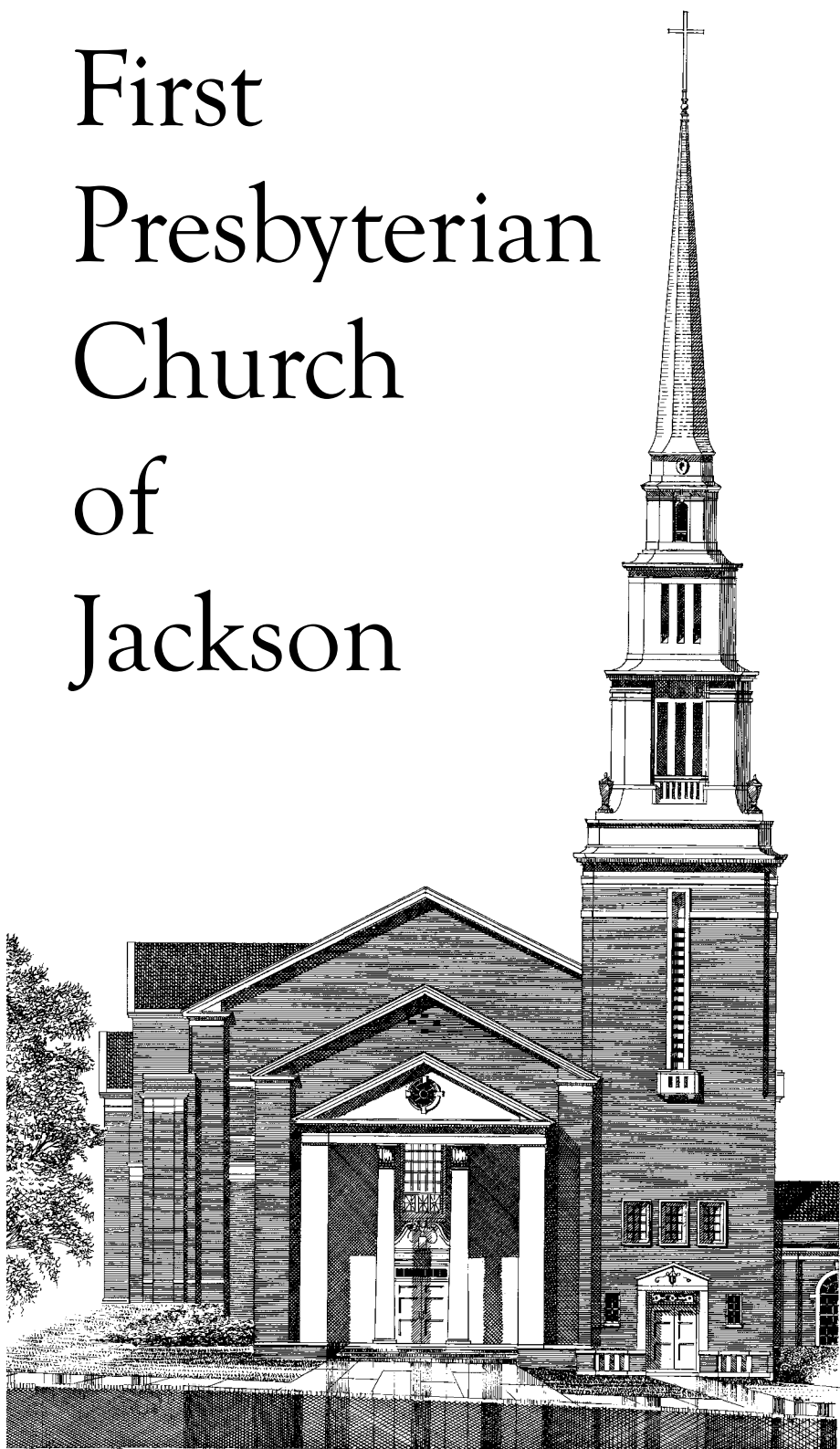


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Sixth 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 Mr. David L. Felker — Executive Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "God Himself Is Present" Michael Burkhardt
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "I Was Glad When They Said unto Me" C. Hurbert H. Parry

The Call to Worship — Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, He is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people,
and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; Bless His name.
For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
And His faithfulness to all generations.

The Hymn No. 32 — "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The DoxologyTune: Hyfrydol

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer as our gift;
Young and old, Your praise expressing, our glad songs to You we lift.
As the saints in heav'n adore You; We would join their glad acclaim;
As Your angels serve before You, so on earth we praise your name.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

O most great, most just and gracious God;
You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity;
And yet You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ
to all that repent and believe in Him.
We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.
We have neglected and abused Your holy worship.
We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors.
We have not sought first Your kingdom.
You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ
and offered us pardon and salvation in Him; but we have turned away.
We have run into temptation;
and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!
In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope.
Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of your Son,
and in the end receive us into Your glory,
through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Richard Baxter (modernized language)

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “Fairest Lord Jesus” Charles Forsberg

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav’n can boast.

The Hymn No. 538 — “More about Jesus Would I Know”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:41–48..... (pew Bible page 513)

The New Testament Reading — Matthew 6:9–15..... (pew Bible page 811)

The Sermon — Before the Throne: Our Daily Bread Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 146 (Stzs. 1-3) — “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
that He may touch mine eyes and make me see:
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
and in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

The Postlude — “God of Grace”.....Paul Manz

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!

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 — “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”..... Pritchard/Wymond

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “In the Cross Alone I Glory” (hymn sheet)

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Jesus, I Come” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Dr. David Elkin

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

Q54. What is meant by the atonement? A: Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.

The Meditation and Prayer..... Mr. Jamie Peipon, Assistant Minister of Music

The Hymn No. 402 — “Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ecclesiastes 3–4 (pew Bible page 554)

The Sermon — You Can Try to Hold the Breeze Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Response

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes:
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

The Postlude — “Andante” (*Fireworks Music*) G. F. Handel

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for children age 3 and 4.....	MB 135
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	The Ohnstad home (128 Chippewa Circle)

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Sew and Sow	MH 203
9:00 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
6:45 p.m.	Internationals (ESL)	PH

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
5:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups.....	Contact Discipleship Ministry
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	PH
	Evangelism Training	WH 202
	Families Count	SC 211
	Grandparenting	MH
	Women's Bible Study: <i>Philippians: Joy Inexpressible</i>	WH 204
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	See Children's Ministry Guide
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups	YH

Thursday, September 30, 2021

7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Casseroles for Crusaders Drop-off	MH
9:15 a.m.	Minor Prophets Women's Bible Study	MH 205 A

Saturday, October 2, 2021

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	Zoom meeting
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Sunday, October 3, 2021


8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for children age 3 and 4.....	MB 135
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight....	The Barbour home (2208 Culleywood Road)

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

CASSEROLES FOR CRUSADERS

To show our love and support for a new school year, FPC's Women's Ministry is Calling All Cooks to make casseroles for FPDS teachers and staff. The drop-off day for casseroles is this Thursday, September 30. To sign up to help and for more information, email Anne Toy Gathings at atgathings@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL EVENT — OCTOBER 5

Please join us on October 5 for *The Privilege and Priority of Prayer* with speaker Megan Hill. There will be a morning session from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. and an evening session from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. These are two separate sessions which can stand alone or go together beautifully. We will enjoy a meal at each one and welcome Megan Hill who will speak to us on becoming people of prayer. The cost of each session alone is \$8. If you would like to sign up for both, the cost is \$12. You may sign up on the FPC website or app. Payment will be collected at the door. Nursery is available upon request at the time of registration.

COMMUNICANT FALL MEET AND GREET

The Communicant Fall Meet and Greet is Sunday, October 3 at 9:45 in Lowe Hall and is for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders and their parents who would like more information on becoming a communing member. To register your student, contact Kimberly at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105 by September 27.

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...”*

Mel & Martha Pike – Serving with Mission to the World in Ukraine as a church planter and pastor-mentor. Email: rmpike@gmail.com.

Martin & Elizabeth Antoon – Serving as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Savannah College of Art and Design. Email: martin.antoon@ruf.org.

Myanmar – We have been praying for the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 18th on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Myanmar. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Myanmar.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the wedding of Sara Brantley and Trey Moss and are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. William Oscar Brantley, grandfather of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carlton Crenshaw, grandparents of the bride, and Mrs. Lynda Hastings Lipe, grandmother of the groom.

FPCYM GUYS PAINTBALL

Junior High and Senior High Guys, sign up to come play paintball with us at Timber Creek on October 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$32 per person. Sign up can be found on the FPC app or website. For more information, please contact Stephen Biggs at 601-720-0092 or stephenb@fpcjackson.org.

JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT

Join us for the Junior High Fall Retreat 2021, November 5–7, at Timber Creek Camp in Pulaski, MS. The early bird registration ends September 27. Register through the FPC app or website. For more information, please contact Rose Ohnstad at 601-850-6697 or roseo@fpcjackson.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

The deadline for First Presbyterian Day School priority enrollment for church members is October 31. This applies to new students who will be in grades K3 through sixth in the 2022–2023 school year. To apply, go to fpds.org (under admissions/ apply now). If you are new to the church or even a long-time member, we invite you to visit our school. For more information or to schedule a tour, visit “admissions” at fpds.org or contact the school office at 601-355-1731.