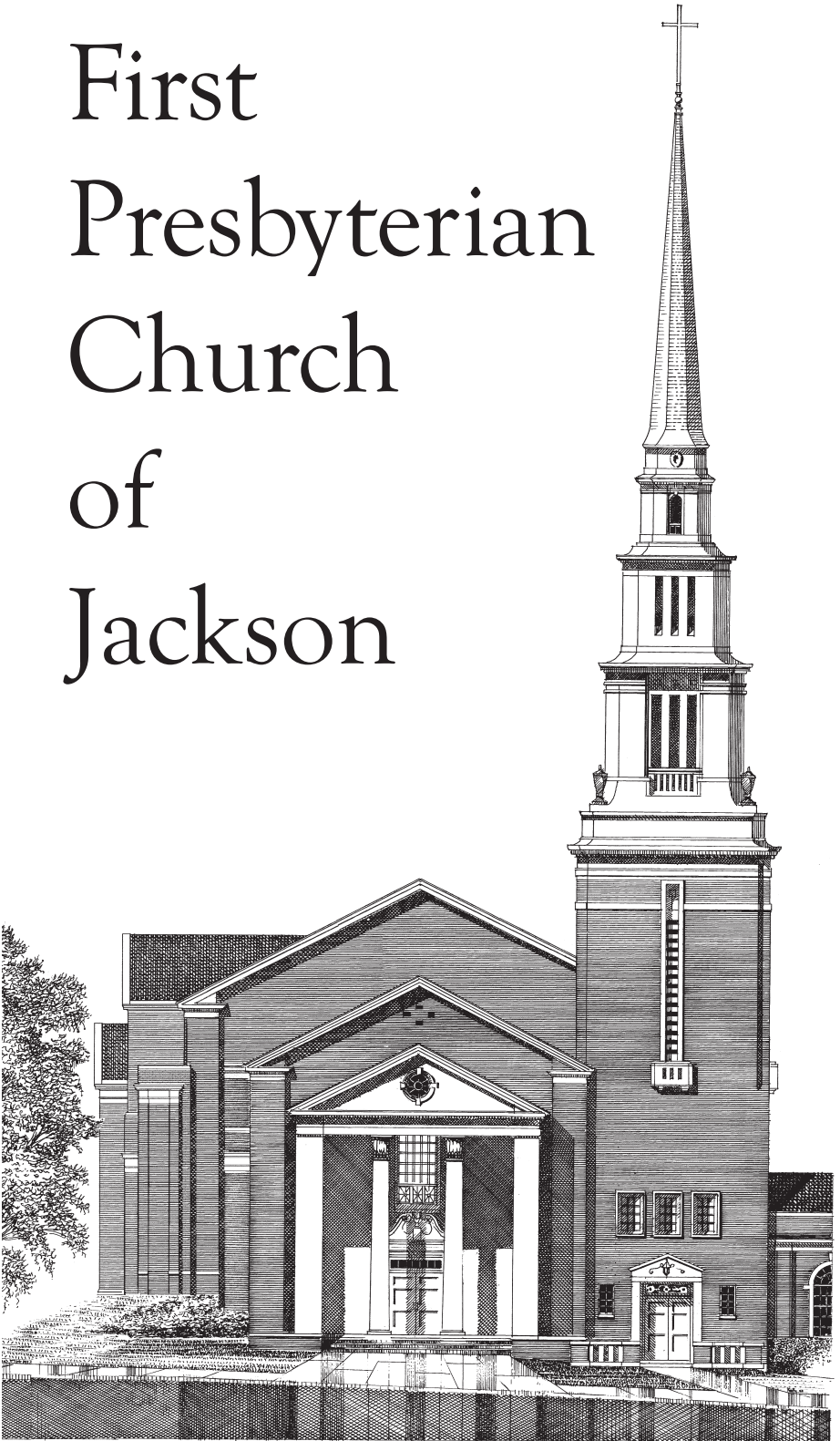


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Tenth Day of October, 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 — “Come, We That Love the Lord”..... Michael Shea
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Let Thy Holy Presence”..... Paul Tschesnokoff

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 100 — “Holy, Holy, Holy”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “Since by Man Came Death” (*Messiah*)..... G. F. Handel

Since by man came death,
By man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
1 Corinthians 15:21

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

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

The Sermon — Before the Throne: Lead Us..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 599 — “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Hymn No. 296 (Stzs. 1-4) — “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of All.
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The Postlude — “Allegro”..... Johann Gottfried Vierling

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. St. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

THE LORD'S TABLE

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ are for the entire covenant community.

CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

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](tel:955-77) 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 Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “The Power of the Cross” Getty/IJames
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 94 (Stzs. 1-4) — “How Firm a Foundation”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Hu Meena

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

Q57. How does God sanctify you? A: God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.

The Meditation and Prayer Mr. Gary Sinclair, FPDS Chaplain

The Hymn (Stzs. 1-3) — “Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ecclesiastes 7 (pew Bible page 556)

The Sermon — On the Search for Something True Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

In your truth you still direct me
By your Spirit through your Word;
And your grace my need is meeting
as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of your fullness you are pouring
Your great love and pow’r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless,
Drawing out my heart to Thee.

The Postlude — “Postlude on ‘All Is Well’” English Folk Tune

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 10, 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
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
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 Downing home (2201 Eastover Drive)

Monday, October 11, 2021

Circles Meet.....	Contact Women's Ministry
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Tuesday, October 12, 2021

	Circles Meet.....	Contact Women's Ministry
9:00 a.m.	Sew and Sow.....	SC 211
9:00 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Library
6:45 p.m.	Internationals (ESL).....	PH

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study.....	MH
10:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study.....	PH
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
	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, October 14, 2021

9:15 a.m.	Minor Prophets Women's Bible Study.....	MH 205
9:45 a.m.	Revelation Women's Bible Study.....	MH

Saturday, October 16, 2021

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	WH 202
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Sunday, October 17, 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
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
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 Cotten home (2202 Culleywood Road)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE

Women's Ministry Fellowship Groups

Women's Ministry Fellowship Groups will meet on October 26 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on patios and porches around the metro area in an effort to encourage relationships and help make our large church seem a little smaller! Sign up on the FPC website or app to join a group that meets at a location convenient to you!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL EVENT RESCHEDULED — NOVEMBER 16

Please join us on November 16 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 session 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. Payment will be collected at the door. If you were previously registered for the October 5 event, we are asking that you register again to ensure we have an accurate list of participants. You may sign up on the FPC website or app.

MEN'S MINISTRY PORCH NIGHT

Men, join us on November 4 around the Jackson metro area for a time of fellowship and a rich time of community. We will meet in various locations in groups building friendships and enjoying each other's company. To sign up, email discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

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. Register through the FPC app or website. Please contact Rose Ohnstad at 601-850-6697 or roseo@fpcjackson.org for more information.


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.

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

Jonathan & Maggie I – Serving as the International Director for MTW Asia-Pacific. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Gateway Rescue Mission – Gateway is supported through Mission to Jackson and has offered meals and shelter to the poor and homeless of Jackson since 1948.

Mauritania – We have been praying for the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 20th on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Mauritania. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Mauritania.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Virginia Campbell — October 1, 2021

STEWARDSHIP

BECOMING A PRAYING CHURCH

BEHOLD,
how good & pleasant it is when
brothers dwell in unity!

PSALM 133:1

Commitment Sunday for 2022 giving is Sunday, November 7. The Stewardship Committee has planned a stewardship curriculum for church members for the month of October and has written daily devotionals for the first week of November. Each Monday leading up to Commitment Sunday, we will send out a curriculum link in the First Word email. As you spend time in preparation for our Stewardship Commitment for 2022, review these thoughtful approaches to giving, based not on human opinion but on God's Word. You can also access these resources on our church app and on the website at fpcjackson.org/stewardship. This month, commit to reflecting on what God teaches about stewardship as your intimacy with Him grows.