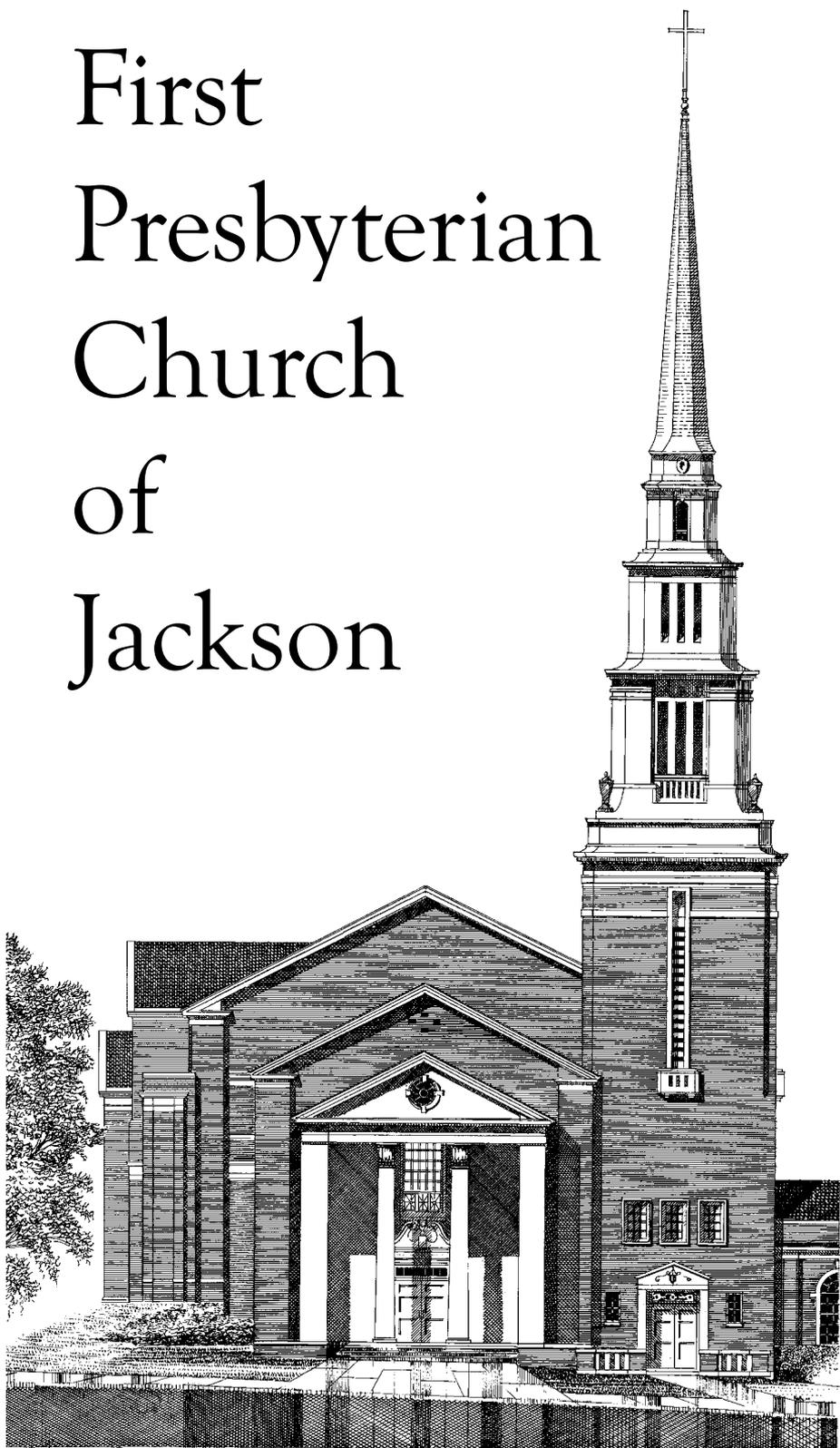


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Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Ninth Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Two  
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 — "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"..... Wilbur Held  
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Rise Up! Arise!" (*St. Paul*)..... Felix Mendelssohn

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 53 — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

## 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 — "Surely, He Hath Borne Our Grievs" (*Messiah*).....G. F. Handel  
Surely, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows!  
He was wounded for our transgressions.  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.  
(Isaiah 53:4-5)

The Pastoral Prayer

# HEARING GOD'S VOICE

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Joshua 1:1-18 ..... (pew Bible page 178)

**The Sermon** — The Place of Promise: Going on and Going in .....Dr. Strain

**The Hymn No. 378 (stzs. 1-3)** — “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

## **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 and 4)** — “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

## **The Benediction**

### **The Congregational Response**

O that with yonder sacred throng

we at His feet may fall:

We'll join the everlasting song,

and crown Him Lord of all;

We'll join the everlasting song,

and crown Him Lord of all;

**The Postlude** — “Tuba Tune” ..... C.S. Lang

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# GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

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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. 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  
Mr. Stephen A. Biggs — Director of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “Evening Meditation” ..... Eduardo Monon  
Emily Williams, Violin I    Thorburn McGee, Viola  
Bonnie Brown, Violin II    Zachary Horne, Cello

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 301 — “Join All the Glorious Names”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Before the Throne of God Above” ..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer ..... Mr. Larry Houchins

The Offering — “All Praise to Thee” ..... Tallis/Wymond  
The Student Choir

All praise to Thee, My God, this night, for all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.  
Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, the ills that I this day have done;  
That with the world, myself and Thee, I, ere, I sleep in peace may be.  
O may my soul on Thee repose, and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;  
Sleep that may me more righteous make to serve my God when I awake.  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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

Q68. How many offices does Christ fulfill as the promised Messiah? A: Christ fulfills three offices.

Q69. What are they? A: The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.

Q71. How is Christ your priest? A: Christ died for my sins, and continues to pray for me.

Q74. Why do you need Christ as your priest? A: Because I am guilty of breaking God's law.

The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. James Post, College Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1-4) — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” ..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 1:5-56.....(pew Bible page 855)

The Sermon — Glad Tidings: Dead Ends Revisited.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer;  
heav'n's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
hope soon change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

The Postlude — “Postlude Festivo”.....S. Karg-Elert

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
4:45 p.m.	Communicant Class	MH
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Insight	Rutledge Home (101 Ridge Street, Madison)

## Monday, January 10, 2022

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Becky Ivison
10:00 a.m.	Circle 3	WH 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4	Parlor
12:00 p.m.	Circle 14	MH
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer

## Tuesday, January 11, 2022

9:00 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	SC 211
10:00 a.m.	Circle 9	WH 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 11	Home of Frenchie Graham
10:30 a.m.	Circle 12	St. Catherine's
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class (ESL)	PH

## Wednesday, January 12, 2022

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	MS
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	Contact Children's Ministry
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups	YH
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups	Contact Discipleship Ministry
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	PH
	Evangelism Training	WH 304
	Foundations Class	WH 204
	Women's Ministry Bible Study	WH 202

## Thursday, January 13, 2022

9:15 a.m.	Minor Prophets Women's Bible Study	PH
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## Saturday, January 15, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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## Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
4:45 p.m.	Communicant Class	MH
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CIRCLES MEET THIS WEEK

Circles are groups of women who meet the second week of each month (September through May) for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. For more information, please contact [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES

*MOMS Bible Study — Psalms: A Lifetime of Prayer*

Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

*Midweek Women's Bible Study — Luke: Encountering Jesus*

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

*Thursday Women's Bible Study — Minor Prophets*

Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.

For more information, and to register visit [fpcj.ms/wbs](http://fpcj.ms/wbs) or the church app.

## CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS

Crafts for Missions will be crafting an ornament to send to our church-supported missionaries. No special skills are required. We will meet in SC 211 from 9-11 on Tuesdays, February 1 through March 1. A nursery can be provided upon request. Please contact Sharon Teh for more information at [sewbusy321@hotmail.com](mailto:sewbusy321@hotmail.com) or 601-946-1517.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

An intercessory prayer group is meeting on Sunday evenings from 5:00-5:45 in WH 202, directly across the corridor from Miller Hall. Anyone interested in participating in ongoing intercession for this congregation, the Presbyterian Church in America, our nation, and the progress of the gospel around the world is welcome. For more information you may contact the Congregational Care office at [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org) or 601-973-9112.

## GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

GriefShare is a ministry of support and encouragement for those grieving the death of a loved one. Using the Bible and the shared experience of others, participants will discover how to navigate the profound difficulties of bereavement. Our next 13-week GriefShare course will begin Wednesday, January 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. To register, please contact Lynn Smith at 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

## SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, weekly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism meet for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Nell Chinchen** – serving as director of communications for the four radio stations which fall under African Bible College. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

**Bentley & Sarah Love Crawford** – Serving as RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University. E-mail: [bentley.crawford@ruf.org](mailto:bentley.crawford@ruf.org).

**Tajikistan** – We are currently praying through the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 33 on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Tajikistan. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at [opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp](http://opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp) to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Tajikistan.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mary Jane Wilburn — December 19, 2021

Mr. Jon Henry — December 25, 2021

Dr. David Wasson — December 28, 2021

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jan and George May.

## MIDWEEK PROGRAMS BEGIN JANUARY 12

We are so excited to kick off our spring Midweek programs this Wednesday, January 12! Midweek dinner will be held at 5 p.m. in Miller Hall, and our programs for adults, children, and youth begin at 6 p.m.

### *Programs for Adults*

#### **Discipleship Groups**

small groups | [discipleship@fpcjackson.org](mailto:discipleship@fpcjackson.org)

#### **Prayer Meeting & Bible Study**

Email prayer requests to [prayer@fpcjackson.org](mailto:prayer@fpcjackson.org).

#### **Evangelism Training**

How to Share the Certainty of Christ in an Uncertain World

#### **Foundations Class with Dr. David Strain**

For members and visitors | Register by emailing [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Luke: Encountering Jesus | Register by emailing [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).

#### **First Pres Forum with Dr. John Fesko**

Begins January 26

#### **Families Count**

Family restoration and preservation ministry,  
contact Chase Wynn at 662-397-0579 for more information.

Begins February 23

#### **Engaged & Newlywed Class**

Begins March 23