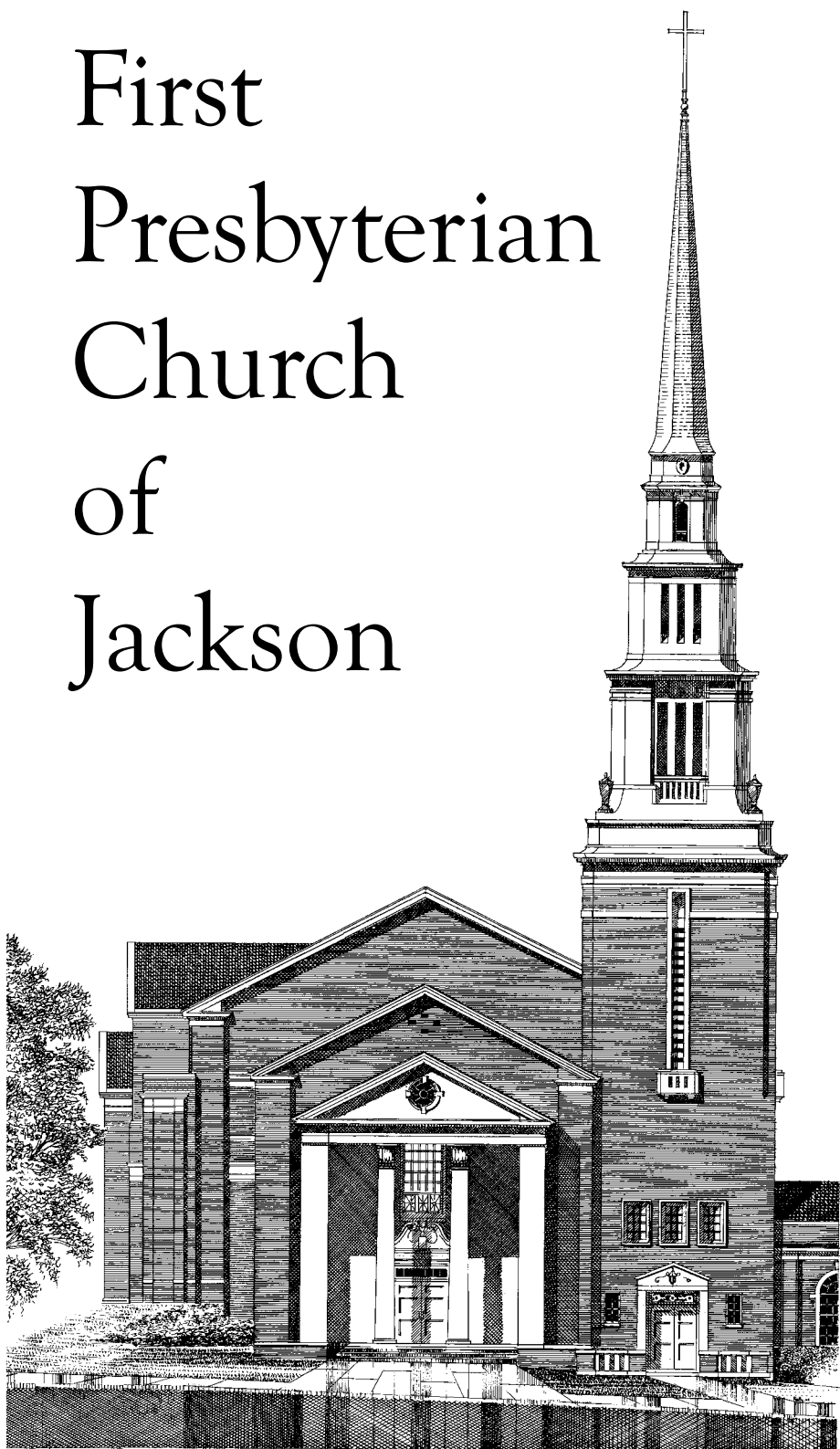


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*"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth Day of February, 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 — "Let All Things Now Living"..... Duane Funderburk  
Shellie Kemp, Violin; Nancy Bateman, Cello; Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — "Almighty God of Our Fathers"..... Will James  
Jamie Peipon, Director

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 263 — "Lift High the Cross"

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology ..... (Tune: Darwall)  
All praise we give to God, the Holy Trinity.  
We praise the Father, Son and Spirit joyfully.  
Creator God, our Shepherd, Savior, Lord and King;  
To Thee we sing.

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis  
The Introduction of New Members  
The Questions of Membership  
The Prayer  
The Declaration  
The Blessing

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — "Blessed Are the Men" (*Elijah*).....Felix Mendelssohn  
Blessed are the men who fear Him,  
They ever walk in the ways of peace.  
Through darkness riseth light to the upright.  
He is gracious, compassionate, He is righteous.  
Blessed are the men who fear Him.

Psalm 112: 1, 4

The Hymn No. 597 — "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

The Pastoral Prayer

# HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — Joshua 5:13-6:27 ..... (pew Bible page 181)

The Sermon.....Dr. Strain

The Place of Promise: Joshua Didn't Win the Battle of Jericho

The Hymn No. 642 (Stzs. 1-4) — “Be Thou My Vision”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heavenly Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Postlude — “Our Great Savior” .....Duane Funderburk



## THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

*Why must we be members of a local church?* The Bible uses metaphors to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another (Romans 12:5). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into His community of the Trinity. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption by Whom we are made members of the family (Romans 8:15-17). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. So, why must we become members of a local church? It is because, having been united to Christ, we are necessarily united to all those who are united to Him. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

*Who can be a member of the church?* Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord's Table can be a communing member of First Presbyterian Church. Children of believer(s) are, by virtue of their birth in a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant. However, they may not partake of the Lord's Table as a way to protect them from eating and drinking judgment upon themselves, if they were to do so in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Hence, our children are called non-communing members of the church. We hope that all our covenant children would embrace the gospel and become communing members. While only the communing members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, all members of the church family are, however, entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church.

## QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The first three of five questions seek to show to us our hellish plight before God, bring us to a point of desperate need for the person and work of Jesus, and rely upon the life-giving power in none but the Holy Spirit alone. We would do well to bring these grand truths of the gospel in our prayers every day. While the first three questions speak of our relation to each person of the Godhead, the next two questions speak of our relation to the Church of God which the Father loves, the Son died and rose to save, and the Spirit now indwells. Since each Person of the Trinity is interested and invested in the Church, we who are called by His name must do likewise. May we who are members of the covenant community pray for the welfare of the Church and of First Presbyterian Church. May we seek to live lives in which the gospel has pervaded every sphere. May we be growing disciples seeking to learn more of our God, His great majesty, and His magnificent Fatherhood. May we grow as committed members by regularly worshipping and seeking to gather with our family as often as opportunities provide us. May we be humble followers submitting to the wise leadership and discipline of those who care for our souls. May we grow to love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## NEW MEMBERS

On February 6, 2022, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship:

Anna Kathryn Brown	Janis Miller
Brooks Buffington	Cate Nall
Sarah Buffington	Charles Rees
Andrew Byrd	Mary Garner Rees
Emilie Byrd	Johnny Sallis
Justin Goebel	Zay Speed
Kristin Goebel	Lenny Wilkinson
Tyler Jordan	Jessica Wilkinson
Lawrence Martin	Noble Wilkinson
Karys McEwen	Belle Grace Wilkinson
Thorburn McGee	

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care  
Mr. Daniel J. Tortorici — Young Adults Intern

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

The Prelude — “Be Thou My Vision” ..... Folk Tune  
Morgan Yeates, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 571 — “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness” ..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer ..... Mr. Spence Flatgard

The Offering

The Offertory — “Hymn of Mercy” ..... Dan Forrest  
The Student Choir; Jamie Peipon, Director; Caitlin Vickery, Accompanist

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

**Q86. What is the second commandment?** A: The second commandment is “You shall not make for yourself a carved image - any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

**Q87. What does the second commandment teach you?** A: To worship God only as he commands, and not to worship God by using statues or pictures.

The Meditation and Prayer....Mr. Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

The Hymn — “Jesus I Am Resting, Resting” ..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 4:14-44 .....(pew Bible page 859)

The Sermon — Glad Tidings: Kingdom Come .....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Ever lift Thy face upon me, as I work and wait for Thee;  
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, Earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting, Fill me with Thy grace.  
Jesus I am resting, resting, In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

The Postlude — “Fantasy in C” ..... J. S. Bach

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, February 20, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship .....	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts.....	Baird Center Gym
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
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 Anderson Home (63 St. Andrew's Drive)

## Tuesday, February 22, 2022

9:00 a.m.	French Camp Quilters .....	Library
9:00 a.m.	Crafts for Missions .....	SC 211
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class (ESL).....	PH

## Wednesday, February 23, 2022

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study .....	MH
9:30 a.m.	GriefShare .....	Parlor
10:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study .....	SC 213
5:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner .....	MH
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups.....	Contact Discipleship Ministry
	First Pres Forum .....	MH
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.....	PH
	Evangelism Training.....	WH 304
	Families Count .....	SC 211
	Foundations Class.....	WH 204
	Women's Ministry Bible Study.....	WH 202
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.....	Baird Center Gym

## Thursday, February 24, 2022

9:45 a.m.	Revelation Women's Bible Study .....	MH
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## Saturday, February 26, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting .....	WH 202
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## Sunday, February 27, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship .....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
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 Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd.)

LH—Lowe Hall MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite PH—Patterson Hall  
SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

# HOW SHALL THEY HEAR?

## Global Mission Conference 2022

March 2-6, 2022

This year's Mission Conference theme is *How Shall They Hear?* Drawing from Romans 10:13-15, the conference will remind us that "faith comes by hearing." Salvation depends on the proclamation of the gospel. Given this fact, the Apostle Paul's pressing question ought to disturb us deeply: "How Shall They Hear?" Please join us in praying for the Mission Conference this year, that God would use it, not only to help fund global mission, but to awaken in our hearts a renewed zeal for the salvation of the lost to the ends of the earth.

### FLAGS IN THE SANCTUARY

#### NORTH SIDE

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Malawi  
Myanmar  
Pakistan  
Peru  
Poland  
Romania

Scotland  
South Africa  
Taiwan  
Thailand  
Tunisia  
Uganda  
Ukraine

### SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, March 2

5:00 p.m. Midweek Welcome Dinner with Greek cuisine  
6:00 p.m. *How Shall They Hear?* – Opening Session  
6:00 p.m. Children's Mission Time

#### Thursday, March 3

11:45 a.m. Ladies' Mission Luncheon  
6:30 p.m. Men's Steak Supper Mr. Samuel Bolen

#### Friday, March 4

10:00 a.m. Twin Lakes Fun Day  
6:00 p.m. Sunday School Class Evening Dinners with Missionaries

#### Saturday, March 5

8:30 a.m. Saturday Session Dr. Richard Pratt

#### Sunday, March 6

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Dr. Richard Pratt  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Breakout Sessions  
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship Dr. Richard Pratt  
6:00 p.m. Dinner on the Grounds

For more conference details please visit [fpcj.ms/mission-conference](http://fpcj.ms/mission-conference).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Thomas & Erna Dreyer** – serving as a church planter with Reformed Church Randburg in Johannesburg, South Africa. Email: [thomas@c-cubed.org.za](mailto:thomas@c-cubed.org.za).

**Jackson Leadership Foundation** – supported through Mission to Jackson, JLF fosters spiritual, social, and economic transformation in Jackson’s under-resourced communities. Email: [sbolen@jacksonleadershipfoundation.org](mailto:sbolen@jacksonleadershipfoundation.org)

**Brunei** – We are currently praying through the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 39 on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Brunei. 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 Brunei.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Charlie Alexander — February 11, 2022

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by First Presbyterian Day School in honor of Grandparents Day 2022.

## COFFEE AND DONUTS IN THE GYMNASIUM

The FPDS Board invites you to join them for a brief fellowship in the new gymnasium of the James M. Baird Center this morning between first service and Sunday school. Coffee and donuts will be served.

## MEN’S MINISTRY PORCH NIGHT

Our Men’s Ministry Porch Night is on Tuesday evening, March 8. Groups of men will meet in several locations across the Jackson metro. As you sign up, we will assign you to a host home in your neighborhood or area of town. Sign up online at [fpcj.ms/men](http://fpcj.ms/men).

## NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Our next date for receiving new members will be Sunday, March 27. New member forms are due Wednesday, March 23. Email [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org) for more information.

## FPC PRINT DIRECTORY AND NEIGHBORHOOD INDEX

In addition to our FPC Digital Directory, which is available through the Shelby Next App, we also have a new print directory. If you prefer print format, please pick up a copy of the directory at the church reception desk. We ask that each household take no more than one.

## 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.