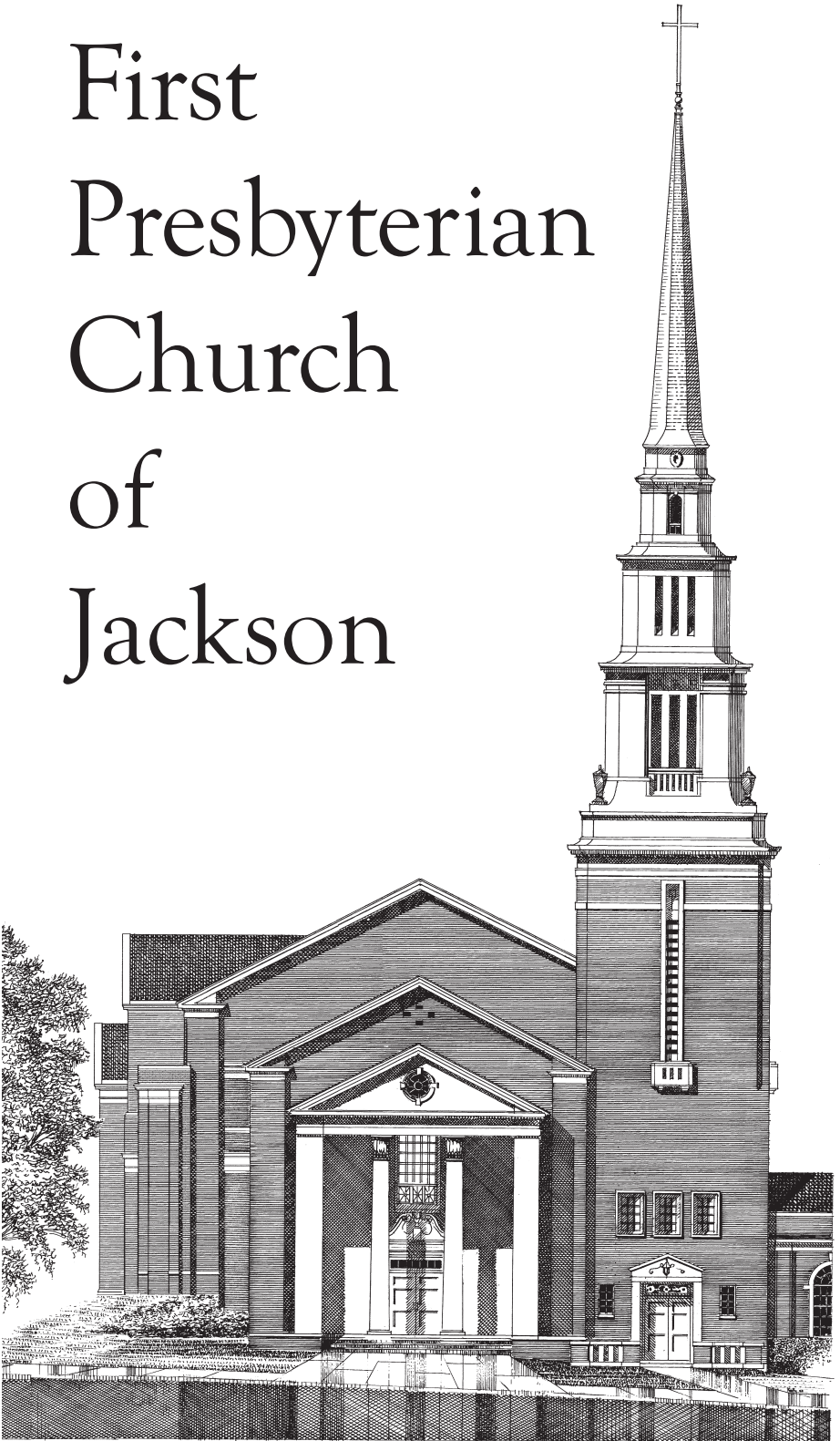


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirteenth Day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Two  
MORNING WORSHIP  
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister  
The Reverend Mr. Jamie Peipon — Assistant Minister of Music & Worship

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "When He Cometh"..... Dale Wood  
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Praise to the Lord" ..... G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 66 — "God Is Known among His People"

## 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 end throughout all eternity

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father;  
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against Your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
And there is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent;  
According to Your promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake;  
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life;  
To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.  
Modernized version of prayer from Edward VI's *Book of Common Prayer* (1552)

The Assurance of Pardon

The Recognition of the Shorter Catechism Recitation (11:00 a.m.)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

**The Anthem** — “Hallelujah, Amen” (*Judas Maccabaeus*)..... G. F. Handel  
Hallelujah, Amen.  
O Judah, rejoice, O Judah, in songs divine,  
With Cherubim and Seraphim, harmonious join.  
Hallelujah, Amen.

**The Hymn No. 580** — “Lead On, O King Eternal”

**The Pastoral Prayer**

## **HEARING GOD’S VOICE**

**The Scripture Reading** — Psalm 119:129-136 ..... (pew Bible page 515)

**The Scripture Reading** — Joshua 7:1-26..... (pew Bible page 182)

**The Sermon** — **The Place of Promise: Achan Lost the Battle of Ai....**Dr. Strain

**The Hymn No. 645** (stzs. 1-3) — “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize will be;  
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

**The Postlude** — “Song of Zechariah” .....Ralph V. Williams

# 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!

## SHORTER CATECHISM RECITATION

*"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."  
Psalm 119:11*

Catechism memory work is introduced and learned in our Children's Sunday School classes as well as in the Catechism Class on Sunday Evenings. The Catechism is a summary of what the Bible teaches and committing it to memory is invaluable in the life of a child (and for adults too). It builds a solid foundation for a life of faith.

This morning Charles Frank Fair Barbour (Charlie) will receive his bible for recitation of The Westminster Shorter Catechism.

## 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](https://www.fpcjacksonville.com) 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. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain  
Mr. Stephen A. Biggs — Director of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “Elevation in G” ..... Dom Paul Benoit  
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 498 — “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

The Invocation

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

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer ..... Dr. Holt Crews

The Offering

The Offertory — “Come Ye Sinners” ..... Gordon Young  
The Student Choir, Jamie Peipon, Director; Caitlin Vickery, Accompanist

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

**Q88. What is the third commandment?** A: The third commandment is “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

**Q89. What does the third commandment teach you?** A: To treat God’s name, word and works with reverence.

The Meditation and Prayer ..... Dr. Tony Doggett, Senior Minister’s Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1-3) — “Free From Guilt and Free From Sin” ... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Colossians 1:9-14 ..... (pew Bible page 983)

The Sermon — A Motivation to Pray ..... Mr. Sinclair

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Gone the darkness, come the Light,  
Gone the night, the day begins;  
Gone the wrong, my soul made right,  
Free from guilt and free from sin,  
Wash me in the Savior’s blood;  
Make me pure, without, within;  
Cleanse my heart and set me free,  
Free from guilt and free from sin,  
Free from guilt and free from sin.

The Postlude — “Sleepers Wake, a Voice Is Calling” ..... S. Karg-Elert

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, March 13, 2022

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

## Monday, March 14, 2022

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Holly Buchanan
10:00 a.m.	Circle 3	WH 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Circle 5	Home of Autumn Blaylock
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	MS
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer

## Tuesday, March 15, 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

## Wednesday, March 16, 2022

9:30 a.m.	GriefShare	Parlor
10:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	SC 213
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MS
6:00 p.m.	Families Count	WH 304A
	No Midweek Dinner or Other Activities	

## Thursday, March 17, 2022

9:45 a.m.	Revelation Women's Bible Study	MH
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## Saturday, March 19, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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## Sunday, March 20, 2022

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

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ENCOUNTER — JUNIOR HIGH SPRING RETREAT 2022

Sixth through ninth grade students, join us for Junior High Spring Retreat 2022, April 22-24, at Twin Lakes Camp in Florence, MS. This year we will join with nearby Presbyterian churches for a great weekend full of games, shared meals, and fellowship with other students. Our speaker is Kurt Cooper, from Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, AL. Registration ends April 1.

## THE FIRST WORD

The First Word is our weekly churchwide email. It goes out each Monday morning and includes a recap of the previous day's sermon as well as announcements about the life of the church. Start your week off with The First Word and stay plugged in with ministry at FPC Jackson! If you are not currently receiving this weekly email, please email Margaret McPhillips at [communications@fpcjackson.org](mailto:communications@fpcjackson.org).

## 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.

## WELCOMING NEW BABIES!

If you are expecting a new addition to the family, we want to know when the baby arrives! Please contact Lynn at [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org) to let her know the date of birth and the child's relationship to church members (names of parents and grandparents who are church members).

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION

During the months of February and March, the Children's Sunday School classes will collect items to stock the Mission First Early Learning Center's pantry. Items collected can include individual servings of: apple sauce, Chex Mix, Goldfish, chewy granola bars, fruit snacks, animal crackers, and cheese sandwich crackers (no peanut butter). Items may be placed in the Donation Bin near the Info Desk.


## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Planning for VBS 2022 is underway! If you are willing to volunteer, we have a place for you. If you would like to help with various VBS tasks in preparation for VBS and/or help the week of VBS, June 6-10, please contact VBS Director Christy Ketchum at [christyketchum78@gmail.com](mailto:christyketchum78@gmail.com).

## CONNECT WITH US!

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

**Becky White** – serving with Mission to the World in Asia. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

**The Pearson Foundation** – supported through Mission to Jackson, the Pearson Foundation provides mentorship and discipleship to students through in-school mentoring and faith-based community mentoring in cooperation with the city of Pearl Youth Court, as well as after-school tutoring and mentoring at three locations in Pearl. Email: [pearson39208@gmail.com](mailto:pearson39208@gmail.com).

**Cameroon** – We are currently praying through the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 42 on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Cameroon. 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 Cameroon.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Jimmy Armstrong — March 1, 2022

## LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE

### *Women’s Ministry Fellowship Groups*

Join us March 22, from 7-9 p.m., for our Women’s Ministry Fellowship Groups. These are small groups made up of women of all ages who desire fellowship with one another. These groups meet three times throughout the year in homes 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.

## 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.

## KNOW THE TRUTH

### *Saturday Seminars for Maturing Your Faith*

Take a deep dive into theology and grapple with unanswered questions of the faith at “Know the Truth: Saturday Seminars for Maturing Your Faith.” Our upcoming seminar is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., with brunch included, and will answer the question, “Who Is God?” To register, email [bethht@fpcjackson.org](mailto:bethht@fpcjackson.org) or call the church office at 601-353-8316 before Tuesday, March 22. Bring your Bible and an appetite to learn!

## RECEPTION FOR ED AND EMILY HARTMAN

Join us following the evening worship service on March 27 as we express our appreciation for Ed Hartman’s seven years of service to our congregation. Come wish Ed and Emily well as they make plans for this next exciting phase of their lives.