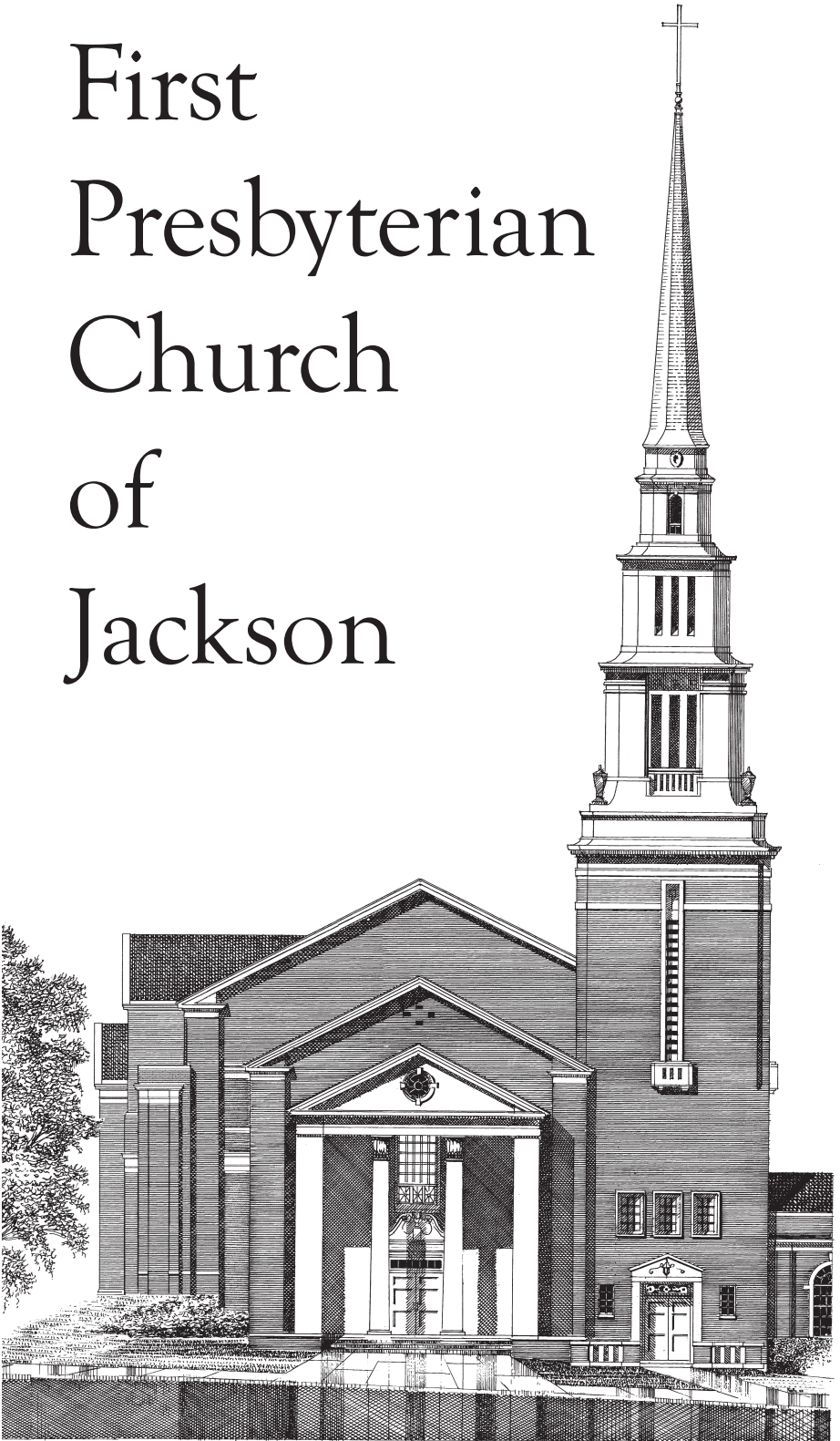


The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Day of April, 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 Recognition of the Shorter Catechism Recitation (11:00 a.m.)

The Prelude — “My Song Is Love Unknown”.....arr. Molly Ijames
Bonnie Brown, Violin; Nancy Bateman, Cello; Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — “I Was Glad When They Said unto Me”..... C. Hubert H. Parry

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 699 — “Like a River Glorious”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology..... (The Old 100th Psalm Tune)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Public Profession of Faith

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

The Offering

The Anthem — “Cantique de Jean Racine”..... Gabriel Faure

O Redeemer Divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal light of the earth and sky, we kneel in adoration,
O Saviour, turn on us Thy loving eye.
Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
And rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illumining,
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell!
O Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
Who here are gathered on penitent knee,
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory,
And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee.

The Hymn No. 359 (stzs. 1-4) — “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — Joshua 10:1-43..... (pew Bible page 185)

The Sermon — The Place of Promise: The Deep South.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 34 (stzs. 1 and 4) — “The God of Abraham Praise”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

He by Himself hath sworn, I on His oath depend;
I shall on eagles’ wings upborne, to heavens ascend.
I shall behold His face, I shall His power adore.
And sing the wonders of His grace forevermore.

The Postlude — “Immortal Invisible” arr. Duane Funderburk



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 begins at First Pres with the Children's Catechism in three-year-old Sunday School. That study continues throughout children's Sunday School and the Catechism Class on Sunday Evenings. The Catechism is a summary of what the Bible teaches in systematic question and answer form. Committing it to memory is invaluable in the life of a believer, as it helps to build a solid foundation for a life of faith.

This morning, Henry Jordan will receive his Bible for recitation of the Westminster Shorter Catechism, which consists of 107 questions and answers.

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.

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 worshiping 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

Anna Fair Barbour*

Kevin Camp

Sam Edwards

Laura Beth Edwards

Daniel Kerr

Anne Marie Kerr

Elizabeth Mann*

Caroline McPhillips*

Anna Clare Oates*

Caleb Pracht

Mikayla Pracht

Katherine Ritchie*

Henry Russ*

Stewart Russ*

Anna Shepard

Lucy Smith*

Chris Woods

Susan Woods

Porter Wyatt*

*Covenant child joining as a communing member

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain

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

The Prelude — “Just as I Am” Dale Wood
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 709 — “Now I Belong to Jesus”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Come, Ye Sinners (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Richard Ridgway

The Offering

The Offertory — “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
The First and Second Grade Choirs
Beth Archer, Director; Caitlin Vickery, Accompanist

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

Q97. What is the sixth commandment? A: The sixth commandment is “You shall not murder.”

Q98. What does the sixth commandment teach you? A: Not to take anyone's life unjustly and not to sin when I am angry.

The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. William Skinner, Congregational Care Intern

The Hymn — “Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Philippians 1:9-11 (pew Bible page 980)

The Sermon — The Fuel for Life TogetherMr. 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 power on me,
without measure, full and boundless,
drawing out my heart to Thee.

The Postlude — “Trumpet Tune” Frederick Swann

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 3, 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.	Rising Seventh Grade Parent Meeting	YH
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Insight	The Rutledge Home (101 Ridge Street)

Monday, April 4, 2022

9:30 a.m.	WIC Council Meeting	PH
6:00 p.m.	Senior Dinner	MH

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

9:00 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	SC 211
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class (ESL)	PH

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

9:30 a.m.	GriefShare	Parlor
10:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	SC 213
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.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups	Various Locations
	First Pres Forum	MH
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	PH
	Evangelism Training	WH 302
	Families Count	WH 304
	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, April 7, 2022

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

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, April 10, 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)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	The Anderson Home (63 St. Andrews Dr.)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Andrew J – serving with Allegro Organization Solutions in Asia. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Mark & Raylene Casson – serving as the director of Metanoia Prison Ministries. For more information, please email Mark at mcasson@pcanet.org or visit their website metanoiaprisonministries.org.

Mozambique – We are currently praying through the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 45 on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Mozambique. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Mozambique.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are from the wedding of Shawn Murin and Robert Owen and in loving memory of Charles and Virgie Murin, grandparents of the bride.

COMMUNION NEXT WEEK

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services next week. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available to pick up on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

JOIN US EASTER WEEKEND!

Good Friday Service 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 15	Easter Morning Services 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School	Easter Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Volunteers are needed for VBS 2022. 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.

Navigating RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH UNCHARTED WATERS

APRIL 20 & 21 | ELLEN DYKAS, SPEAKER

THE UNENDING BENDING OF GENDER
Biblical Clarity, Courage, & Compassion for Parents & Grandparents
Wednesday Morning Session | April 20 | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

COMPASSIONATE DISCIPLESHIP
For Christians Experiencing Same-Sex Attraction
Wednesday Evening Session | April 20 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

TOXIC RELATIONSHIPS
Identifying Idolatry in Key Relationships & Taking Refuge in Christ
Thursday Women's Lunch | April 21 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Register online for one or two sessions—or all of them!