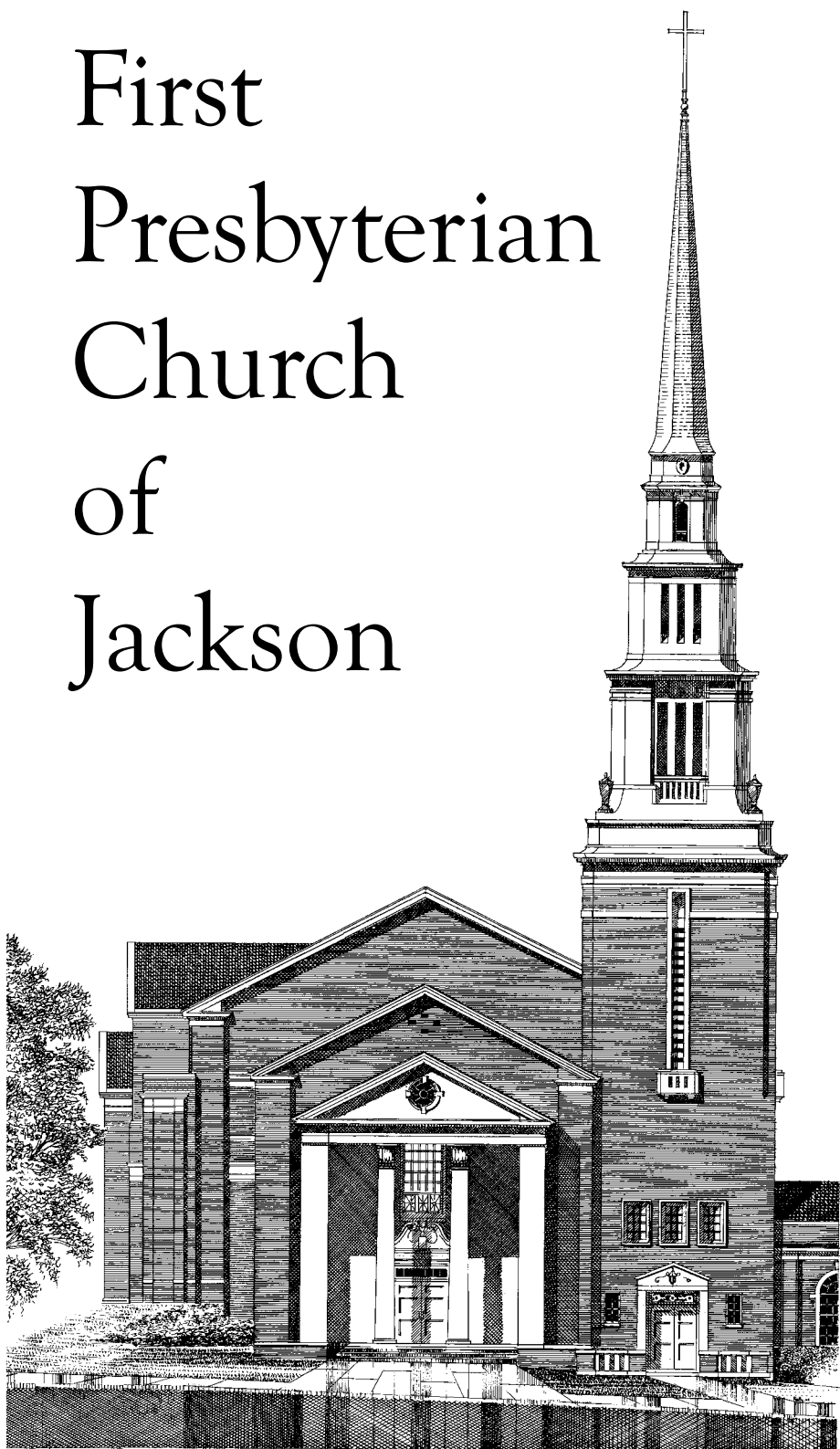


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventeenth 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 Prelude — "Let All Things Their Creator Bless"..... Alfred V. Fedak
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Christ Is Risen from the Dead" Russian Easter Liturgy

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 277 — "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology (Tune: *Hyfrydol*)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity,
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God; begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven:
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Offering

The Anthem — “Worthy Is the Lamb!” (*Messiah*)..... G. F. Handel
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
and hath redeemed us to God by His blood,
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
Blessing and honour, glory and power be unto Him
that sitteth upon the throne, And unto the Lamb,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Hymn — “See What a Morning”..... (see hymn insert)

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:145-152 (pew Bible page 515)

The New Testament Reading — 1 Peter 1:3-8 (pew Bible page 1014)

The Sermon — Living Hope.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 286 (stzs. 1-3) — “Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

We acclaim Your life, O Jesus,
now we sing Your victory.
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,
but Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

The Postlude — “Festival Flourishes”..... Ovid Young

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed was first written in 325, building upon the Apostles’ Creed, in response to the needs of the church of the time. There were those who rejected the clear teaching of Jesus’s divinity. Therefore, the creed emphasizes the divinity of Christ. He is affirmed to exist before all worlds. He is not a creature, having been made, but he is begotten, being of the one and same substance as the Father. He is not, as some said, of a “similar substance,” meaning he is like God; rather, Jesus is of the same substance, meaning he is God. Jesus is pre-existent and equal with God. It is by Christ that all things have been made.

Then, in 381, the creed was revised largely to highlight the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Finally, in the 6th century, a final clause “and the son” was added, to emphasize that the Holy Spirit proceeds not only from the Father but also from the Son. This creed clearly shows the closeness, the glory, and the equality of our triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

See What A Morning



1. See, what a morn - ing, glo - r'ously bright,
2. See Mar - y weep - ing, "Where is He laid?"
3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days,



With the dawn-ing of hope in Je - ru - sa-lem;
As in sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb;
Through the Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain-ty.



Fold - ed the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
Hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name;
Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise



As the an - gels an-nounce, "Christ is ris - en!"
It's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life again!
To the King crowned with pow'r and au-thor - i-ty!



See God's sal - va - tion plan, Wrought in love,
The voice that spans the years, Speak-ing life,
And we are raised with Him, Death is dead,



borne in pain, paid in sac - ri-fice,
stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us,
love has won, Christ has con - quered;



Ful - filled in Christ, the Man,
Will sound till He ap - pears,
And we shall reign with Him,



For He lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
For He lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
For He lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
Dr. R. Anthony Doggett — Senior Minister's Intern

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

The Prelude — "O Blessed Jesus".....S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 267 — "The Day of Resurrection!"

The Invocation

The Hymn — "In the Cross Alone I Glory"..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening PrayerDr. David Elkin

The Offering

The Offertory..... Mr. Zachary Horne, Cello

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

Q101. What is the eighth commandment? A: The eighth commandment is "You shall not steal."

Q102. What does the eighth commandment teach you? A: Not to take anything that belongs to someone else.

The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. Gary Sinclair, FPDS Chaplain

The Hymn (stzs. 1-3) — "Free from Guilt and Free from Sin"..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 5:1-32.....(pew Bible page 860)

The Sermon — Making Disciples: Jesus Calling.....Mr. Lowry

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,
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 — "Final Chorus" from *St. Matthew Passion*..... J. S. Bach

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 17, 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)

Tuesday, April 19, 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 20, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Navigating Relationships: The Unending Bending of Gender...	MH
9:30 a.m.	GriefShare	Parlor
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.	Navigating Relationships: Same-Sex Attraction.....	MH
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups.....	Various Locations
	First Pres Forum	WH 204
	Evangelism Training	WH 302
	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 21, 2022

9:45 a.m.	Revelation Women's Bible Study	MS
11:30 a.m.	Navigating Relationships: Toxic Relationships.....	MH

Friday, April 22, 2022

5:00 p.m.	Junior High Spring Retreat Registration	MH
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Saturday, April 23, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, April 24, 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

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 to 955-77 to learn more about how to get connected to the life of our church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

In June, we will launch a new Sunday School class targeting individuals in their late 20s. This is in large part due to the encouraging growth in the Young Adults ministry in the last 5+ years. Are you at FPC, fit in this age range, and looking to find community within a large church family? Do you have family or friends in Jackson who fall in this age demographic who are not currently in a church? Please contact us for more information or to relay names as we build this Sunday School community. For more information, contact discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Call upon God!

We have the great privilege of talking to God, and we know that He hears us. But we don't just pray with our "wishlist" like it's our birthday and we're asking for presents. As believers, our prayers include: adoration, praising God; confession, asking for forgiveness; thanksgiving; expressing gratitude; and supplication, asking for God to supply our needs. Join us June 6-10 as we learn how to **Call upon God**. Register now on the FPC website or church app!

We are still in need of volunteers. If you would like to help with various pre-VBS tasks or help the week of VBS, June 6-10, please contact VBS Director Christy Ketchum at christyketchum78@gmail.com.

RYM 2022

FPCYM is taking Junior High and Senior High trips to RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries) this summer at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach. Register online on the church website or app.

Junior High — June 27-July 1, \$375 | Senior High — July 11-16, \$450

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.

UNDERSTANDING & ENGAGING WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS 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. | \$12 taken at the door

Register online for one or two sessions—or all three!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Kevin & Maria Bidwell – serving as church planters with Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales in Sheffield, England. Email: kevinjbidwell@me.com.

Pioneer Ministries – This ministry, supported through Mission to Jackson, prepares young people spiritually, emotionally, and educationally to serve Christ in their communities and to become self-supporting, upstanding, and contributing citizens. For more information, email pminis3659@aol.com.

Indonesia – We are currently praying through the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 47 on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Indonesia. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Indonesia.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the foyer are from the wedding of Sarah Garner Elkin and Caleb Wood Craig. They are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary McDowell Elkin and Norman “Buddy” Garner, grandparents of the bride; and in honor of Shirley Garner and Thomas Elkin, grandparents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. CL Craig and Dr. and Mrs. John Ronck, grandparents of the groom.

MAKING DISCIPLES

Evening Sermon Series — Luke 5-8

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Beginning tonight, we will resume our study, According to the Gospel of Luke, with the account of Jesus calling His first disciples, and in the weeks to follow, we will find Jesus teaching and equipping His disciples and then sending them out to carry on His mission. Please join us on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. as we look to the next section of Luke’s Gospel and to the basics of Christian discipleship.

TWIN LAKES FELLOWSHIP — THIS WEEK!

This week FPC will host the annual Twin Lakes Fellowship, a ministerial fraternal devoted to the encouragement of Gospel ministry and ministers, and to the promotion of healthy, biblical church planting. The fellowship will meet for three days of exhortation, encouragement, rest, and restoration with a group of over 200 Reformed pastors. We would like to invite church members to join us at Twin Lakes for our Worship Services Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7 p.m. with keynote speaker, Dr. Craig Troxel. For more information, please contact receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

FPC will host a luncheon on May 1 for visitors and newcomers at the Felker home following the 11 a.m. service. We are thankful for so many new faces at our church over the last few months and would love a chance to get to know you better! If you are new to the church or looking for a church home, please join us for a casual lunch fellowship to hear more about our church. For more information, please contact care@fpcjackson.org.