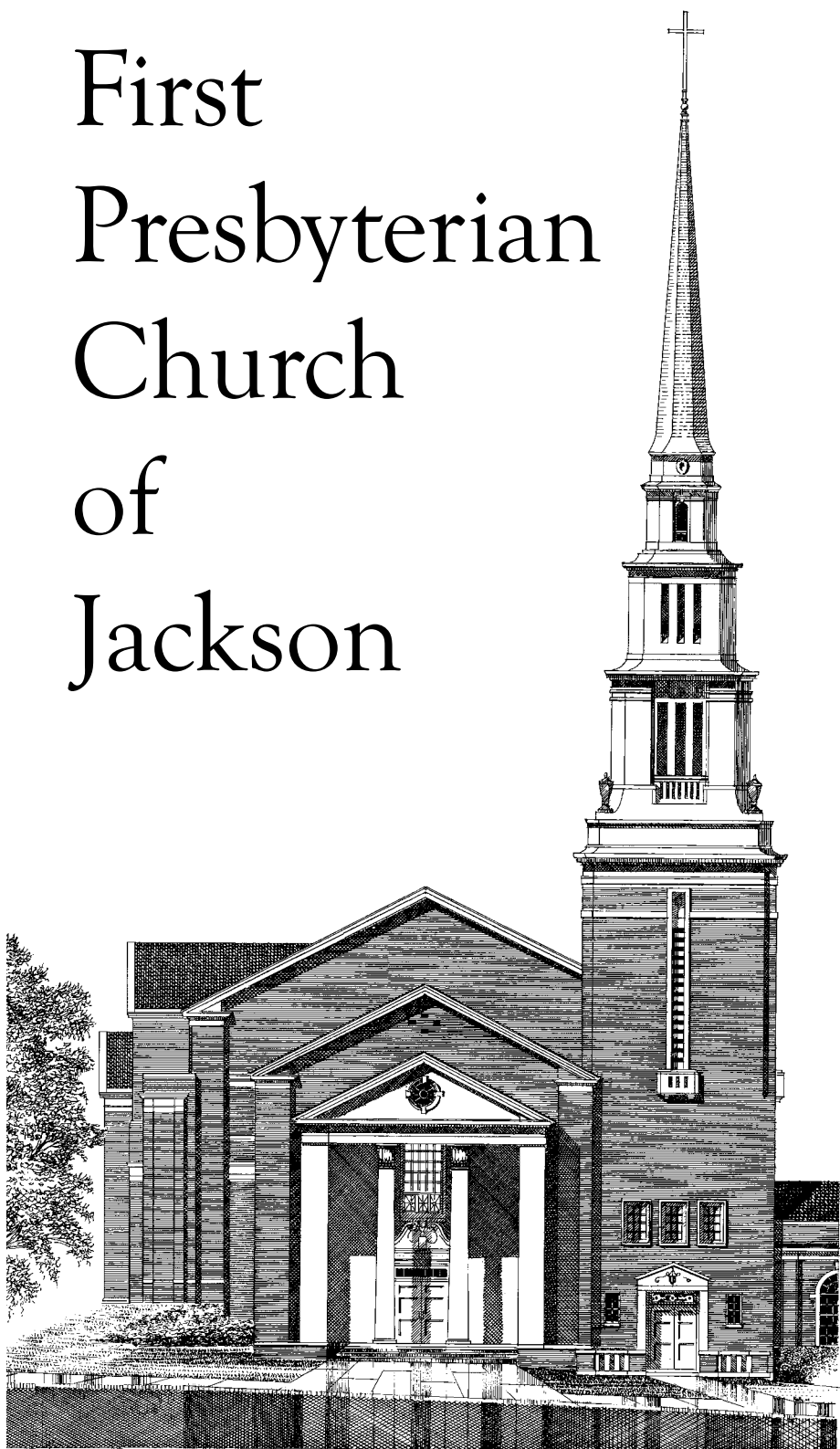


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"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Beautiful Savior”..... Michael Burkhardt
Rae Shannon, organ

The Introit — “Let Thy Holy Presence”..... Paul Tschnesnokoff

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 700 — “Come, We That Love the Lord”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, You do not change.
You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Word.
You call us to worship You in spirit and in truth,
but we confess that we often worship not Your true self
but who we wish You to be.
We too often ask You to bless what we do,
rather than seeking to do what You bless.
Forgive us for seeking concessions
when we should be seeking guidance.
Forgive us when our worship shapes You into what we want,
instead of shaping us into what You want.
Help us to meet You here,
that we might bow before Your unspeakable majesty
and so live for You now and ever in Christ. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “The Eyes of All” Jean Berger

The Hymn No. 95 — “Though Troubles Assail Us”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 119:161-168 (pew Bible page 516)

The Scripture Reading — Joshua 14:1-15..... (pew Bible page 189)

**The Sermon.....Dr. Strain
The Place of Promise: By Faith He Received What Was Promised**

The Hymn No. 695 (stzs. 1-3) — “By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

By grace! Be this in death my comfort;
Despite my fears, 'tis well with me,
I know my sin in all its greatness,
But also Him who sets me free.
My heart to naught but joy gives place
since I am saved by grace, by grace.

The Postlude — “Fanfare and Processional” Douglas E. Wagner

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!

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “Come, Ye Sinners”..... folk melody
The String Quintet

The Introit — “Let the Praise Go Round” arr. Hal Hopson
The St. Augustine School Choir
Daria Fuqua, director; Terry Dent, accompanist

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 38 — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 642 — “Be Thou My Vision”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Bill Stone

The Offering

The Offertory — “Ubi Caritas” Audrey Snyder
The St. Augustine Choir

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

Q105. What is the tenth commandment? A: The tenth commandment is “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.

Q106. What does the tenth commandment teach you? A: To be content with whatever God chooses to give me.

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

The Hymn No. 533 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 6:12-49(pew Bible page 862)

The Sermon — Making Disciples: Like Him.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
’Till I rest in peace with Thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To the cross where thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To thy precious, bleeding side.

The Postlude — “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” R. H. Prichard
The String Quintet

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 1, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
12:15 p.m.	Visitors & Newcomers Luncheon.....	the Felker Home (4159 Navajo Rd.)
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 Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

9:00 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	SC 211

Wednesday, May 4, 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.	Missions in May	
	Adults & Youth	MH
	Kids	Contact Children's Ministry

Saturday, May 7, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, May 8, 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](text:fpcjwelcome) to 955-77 to learn more about how to get connected to the life of our church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Vacation Bible School is also in need of teen helpers and adult volunteers. If you enjoy interacting with children and getting to know other FPC members we have a place for you! There is a need for table teachers (who guide children to their various activities and encourage them with their scripture memory verses), craft volunteers, song leaders, music accompanists and general floaters. If interested, contact VBS Director Christy Ketchum at christyketchum78@gmail.com.

GEYSER FALLS

Students, grab your towels! This June, we will head back to Geysers Falls! At the end of VBS, 7-12 graders are invited to go to Geysers Falls with FPCYM. We will leave from the YH at 12:30, and plan to be back at 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 and includes dinner. Plan for your student to bring a sack lunch after VBS cleanup on Friday, and send money for any snacks or extras in the park. Register online on the church website or app.

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

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

Rick & Terri Herr – Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators as Ethnic Radio Director and Field Systems customer relations, Terri works with Refuge 139 and Intercultural Communications. Email: rick-terri_herr@sil.org.

Latasha Allston – serving as campus staff with RUF at Jackson State University. Email: Latasha.allston@ruf.org.

Kenya – We are currently praying through the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 49 on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Kenya. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Kenya.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and are placed in loving memory of Frances Woodward Sudduth by her children.

VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON — TODAY

Visitors and newcomers, join us at the Felker home today 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.

EVENING COMMUNION NEXT WEEK

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

MISSIONS IN MAY — MIDWEEK PROGRAMS

At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Colossians 4:3-4

During the month of May, our Midweek programs for all ages will focus on Missions. We hope you will make plans to join us.

Adults & Youth

Kids

May 4	“Love Your City” with Wiley Lowry	Shower Power
May 11	Night of Prayer for Jackson	Ukraine
May 18	Mission First Report	Neighborhood Christian Center
May 25	Family Fun Night with Mission First for All Ages	

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 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.