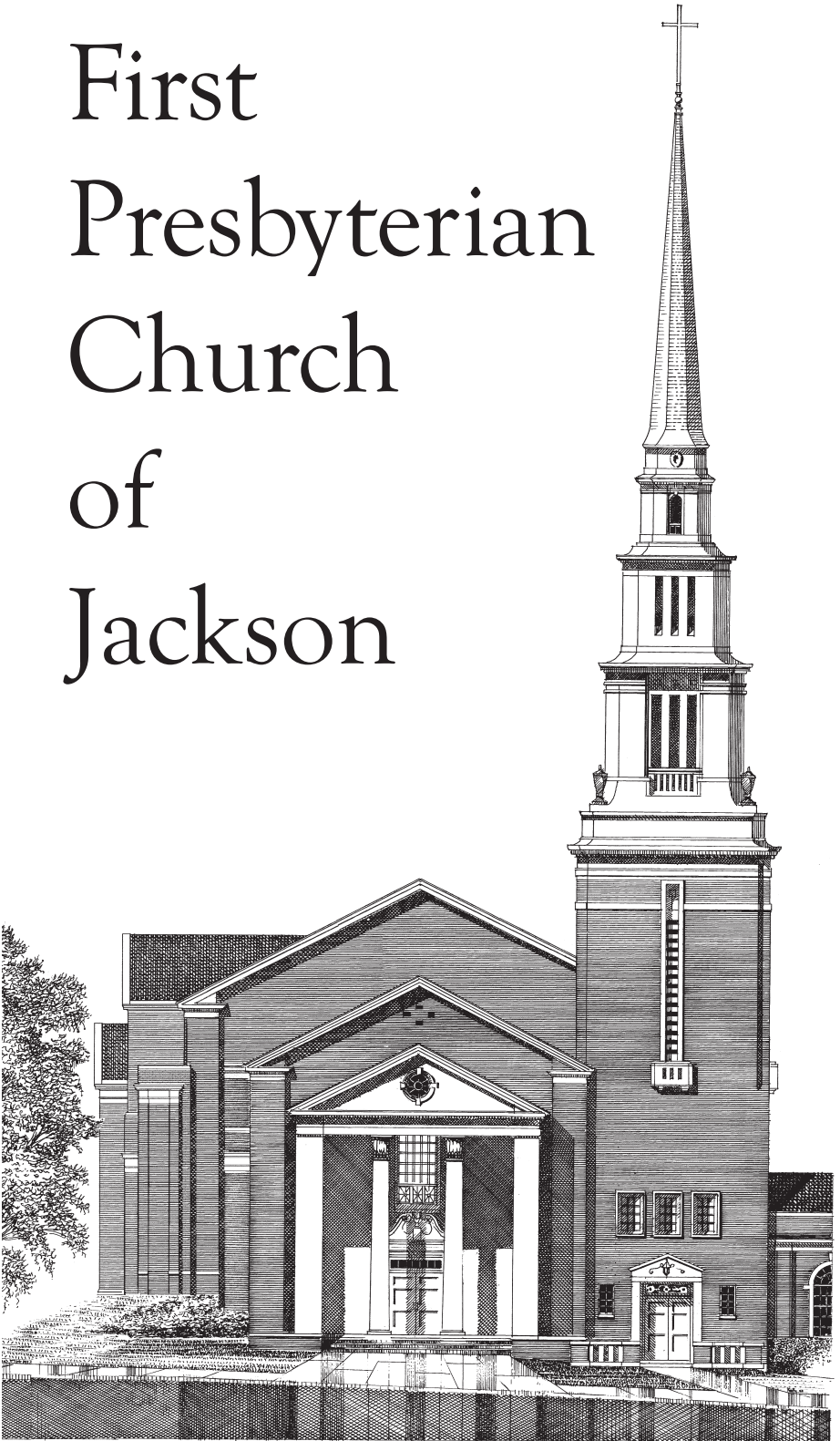


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Tenth 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. Wiley Lowry — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Christ, Who Is My Life”..... Johann Gottfried Walther
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Almighty God of Our Fathers”..... Will James

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 235 — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates”..... William Matthias
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors,
and the king of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord strong in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors,
and the king of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — Joshua 11:1-12:23 (pew Bible page 187)

The Sermon — The Place of Promise: The Northern WarDr. Strain

The Hymn No. 378 (stzs. 1-3) — “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Hymn No. 296 (stzs. 1 and 4) — “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe.

And crown Him Lord of all;

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The Postlude — “In Christ There Is No East or West”.....Spiritual

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

THE LORD'S TABLE

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ are for the entire covenant community.

CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

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](tel:955-77) 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. David L. Felker — Executive Minister

Mr. William Skinner — Congregational Care Intern

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

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

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 64 — “God, the Lord, a King Remaineth”

The Invocation

The Choral Hymn — “All Creatures of Our God and King”

The Choristers Choir (Third-Fifth Graders); Sarah Little, Director

The Hymn — “Arise, My Soul, Arise” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Dr. Jimmy Moore

The Offering

The Offertory — “Mercy Tree” Neale/Nordhoff
The Student Choir; Caitlin Vickery, Accompanist

On a hill called Calvary stands an endless mercy tree.
Every broken, weary soul find your rest and be made whole.
Stripes of blood that stain its frame shed to wash away our shame.
From the scars, pure love released: salvation by the mercy tree.
In the sky between two thieves hung the blameless Prince of Peace,
Bruised and battered, scarred and scorned, sacred head pierced by our thornes.
“It is finished,” was His cry, the perfect lamb was crucified.
His sacrifice, our victory: our Savior chose the mercy tree.
Hope went dark that violent day. The whole earth quaked at Love’s display,
Three days silent in the ground, this body born for heaven’s crown.
On that bright and glorious day when Heaven opened up the grave:
He’s alive and risen indeed! Oh, praise Him for the mercy tree!
Death has died, love has won; hallelujah, hallelujah!
Jesus Christ has overcome; He has risen from the dead.
One day soon we’ll see His face; every tear, He’ll wipe away.
No more pain or suffering; praise Him for the mercy tree.
Death has died, love has won, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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

Q99. What is the seventh commandment? A: The seventh commandment is
“You shall not commit adultery.”

Q100. What does the seventh commandment teach you? A: To be pure in heart,
language, and conduct, and to be faithful in marriage.

The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. Wesley Rule, Discipleship Ministry Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1 and 2) — “I Run to Christ” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 3:14-21 (pew Bible page 977)

The Sermon — Rooted and Grounded in the Love of God..... Mr. Felker

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure escape.
“Deliver me” I cry to Him, temptation yields to grace.
I run to Christ when plagued by shame
And find my one defense:
“I bore God’s wrath,” He pleads my case,
My advocate and Friend.

The Postlude — “Agincourt Hymn” John Dunstable

FPC THIS WEEK

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.	Insight	The Anderson Home (63 St. Andrews Dr.)

Monday, April 11, 2022

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Pamela Houchins
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
12:00 p.m.	Circle 14.....	MH
6:00 p.m.	Joint Officers' Meeting	MH
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer

Tuesday, April 12, 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
10:00 a.m.	Circle 11.....	The Cedars
10:30 a.m.	Circle 12.....	St. Catherine's
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class (ESL)	PH

Wednesday, April 13, 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
	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 14, 2022

9:45 a.m.	Revelation Women's Bible Study	MH
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Friday, April 15, 2022

All Day	Church Office Closed	
6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary

Saturday, April 16, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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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)

Navigating RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH UNCHARTED WATERS

APRIL 20 & 21 | ELLEN DYKAS, SPEAKER

You don't have to look far these days to find headlines about relationships, gender, sexuality, and identity topics in the news and on social media. With so much said on these topics, it can be hard to know what to think, what to do, and where to turn.

Ellen Dykas serves as Women's Ministry Coordinator for Harvest USA, a national ministry focused on gospel-centered discipleship and teaching regarding sexuality and gender. Join us April 20 & 21 as she encourages us to think Biblically about these headline-grabbing topics and points us to the only One we can turn to for answers—Jesus. Please register on the FPC website or app.

Ms. Dykas will have a period of questions and answers in each session. If you would like to submit questions, please email them in advance to womenandchildren@fpcjackson.org.

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

Join us for one or two sessions—or all three!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mary Baldwin – Serving with GEM (Greater Europe Mission) in Greece, Mary serves at the Greek Bible College and also works with New Life Ministry. Email: mary.baldwin@gemission.org.

Young Life of Jackson – Supported through Mission to Jackson, Young Life seeks to share the gospel, lead adolescents to Christ, and help them grow in their faith.

Malaysia – We are currently praying through the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 46 on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Malaysia. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Malaysia.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Jane Ann Moore — April 1, 2022

COMMUNION

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

CIRCLES MEET THIS WEEK

Circles are groups of women who meet the second week of each month (September through May) for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. A list of meeting times and locations is included in FPC This Week. For more information, please contact lisao@fpcjackson.org.

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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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

Vacation Bible School is one special time in our year when dozens of men and women from every corner of the church come together to serve. It takes an army of volunteers to make VBS happen each year! It is a beautiful way to see the Body of Christ at work and to interact with fellow church members who don't normally cross your path. If you would like to help with various 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.