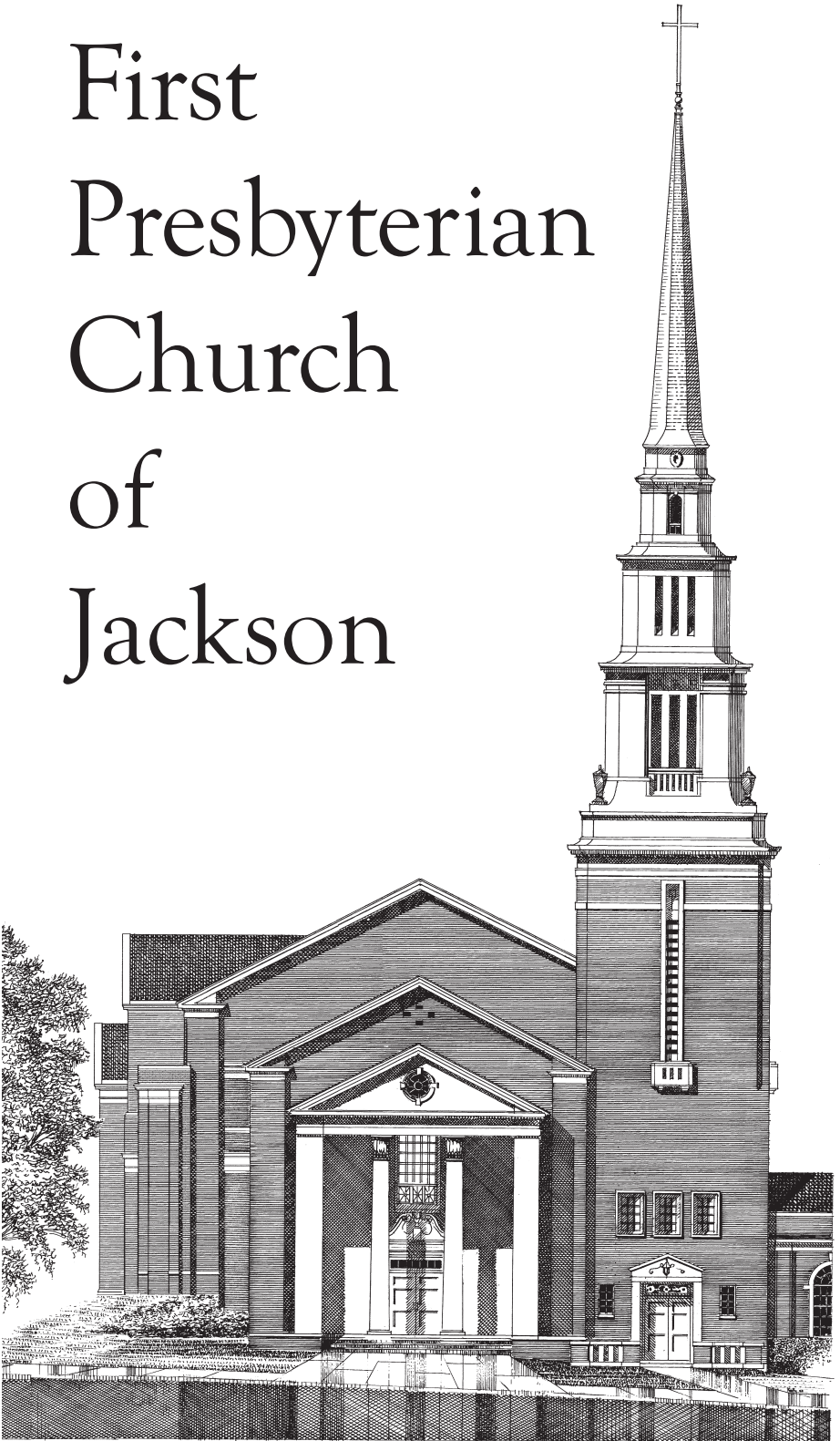


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fourth 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. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Recognition of the Shorter Catechism Recitation (8:30 a.m.)

The Prelude — "May Love Be Ours"Mary Beth Bennett
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Behold, Now, Praise the Lord"Everett Titcomb

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 115 — "All Creatures of Our God and King"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology(Tune: "The Old 100th")
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

O most great, most just and gracious God;
You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity;
And yet You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ
to all that repent and believe in Him.
We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.
We have neglected and abused Your holy worship.
We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors.
We have not sought first Your kingdom.
You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ
and offered us pardon and salvation in Him;
but we have turned away.
We have run into temptation;
and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!
In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope.
Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of your Son,
and in the end receive us into Your glory,
through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Richard Baxter (modernized language)

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”arr. Dan Forrest

The Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation.
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with His love He befriend thee!

The Congregation and Choir

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him.

The Hymn No. 122 — “God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 119:153-160 (pew Bible page 516)

The Scripture Reading — Joshua 13:1-33..... (pew Bible page 188)

The Sermon — **The Place of Promise: Inherit the Earth**Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 111 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “This Is My Father’s World”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the world seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

The Postlude — “The Kingsfold Trumpet”..... Alfred V. Fedak

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.

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 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, Samuel Kemp will receive his Bible for recitation of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, which consists of 107 questions and answers.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
Mr. Stephen A. Biggs — Director of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “Prelude in C” (Op. 28)Frederic Chopin
The String Ensemble

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 571 — “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Dr. John McVey

The Offering

The Offertory — “Meditation”Alexander Borodin
The String Ensemble

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

Q103. What is the ninth commandment? A: The ninth commandment is “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Q104. What does the ninth commandment teach you? A: Never to lie, but to tell the truth at all times.

The Meditation and Prayer Mr. Daniel Tortorici, Young Adults Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1-3) — “Thy Mercy, O God” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 5:29-6:11 (pew Bible page 861)

The Sermon — Making Disciples: All Eyes on Him Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

The Postlude — “Ode to Joy” Ludwig van Beethoven

FPC THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, April 25, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Circle Bible Teacher Meeting.....	WH 204
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Tuesday, April 26, 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 27, 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 28, 2022

9:45 a.m.	Revelation Women's Bible Study	MH
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Saturday, April 30, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, May 1, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Visitors & Newcomers Luncheon.....	the Felker Home (4159 Navajo Rd.)
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 Henderson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Kids

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.

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...”*

Sebastian & Isabel Heck – serving as church planters in Heidelberg, Germany.
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John & Taylor Blevins – serving as a church planter at Christ Church Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN. Website: www.cometochrist.church
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Kuwait – We are currently praying through the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 48 on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Kuwait. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Kuwait.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Bill May — April 13, 2022

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Wideman.

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.

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. Please RSVP to ccare@fpcjackson.org.

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.