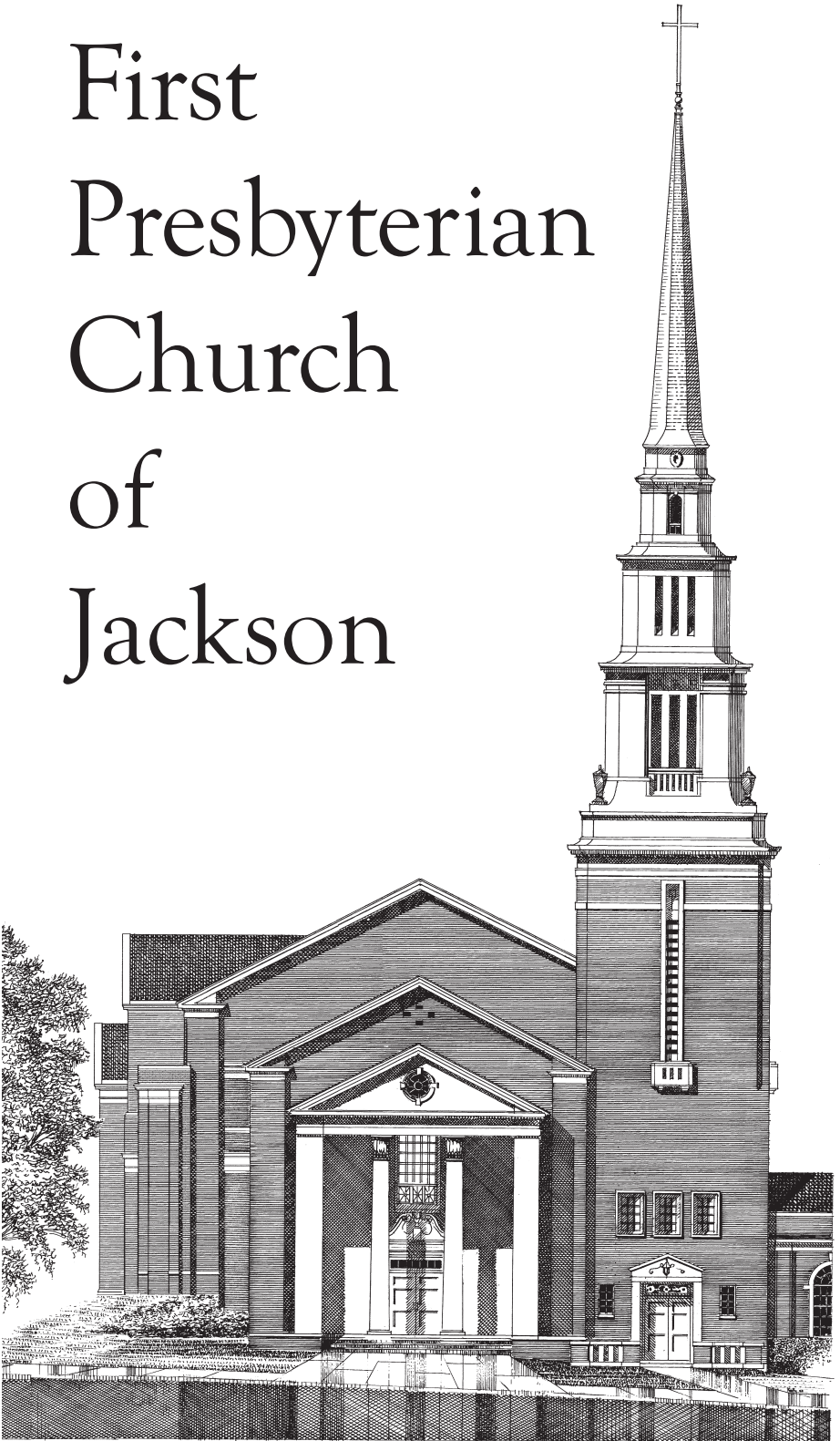


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"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Second 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 — “Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me” James Pethel
Rae Shannon, organ

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

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 164 — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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 Corporate Prayer of Confession — Psalm 130
Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel
from all His iniquities.

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “Ancient Words” DeShazo/Courtney
Ancient words, ever true.
Ancient words, long preserved, for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope,
In this world where-éer we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you,
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.
Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart O let the ancient words impart.
Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you,
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.
Ever true.

The Hymn No. 535 — “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — Matthew 5:1-12..... (pew Bible page 809)

The Old Testament Reading — Joshua 18 & 19 (pew Bible page 192)

The Sermon.....Dr. Strain

The Place of Promise: How Long Will You Put Off Going In?

The Hymn No. 654 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow You
That where You are in glory there shall Your servants be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

The Postlude — “Come Thou Almighty King”..... Don Hustad

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
Mr. Wesley B. Rule — Discipleship Ministry Intern

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

The Recognition of the Children's Catechism Recitation

The Prelude Dr. David Synder, piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 701 — "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!"

The Invocation

The Hymn (stz. 1) — "O Church Arise" (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Missionary Report Mr. Jamie Peipon

The Offering

The Offertory — "A Scottish Blessing" David Blackwell
The Student Choir; Jamie Peipon, Director

Be a light before to lead me; Be a guiding star above;
Jesus, May I always know Thee, may I always know Thy love.
There is no bird that soars the mountain, there is no deer upon the hill,
There is no creature of the forest, but shall sing Thy praises still.
Be a kindly shepherd for me, keep me safe through all my days;
Jesu, may I always know Thee, may I always sing Thy praise.
There is no life that swims the ocean, there is no creature of the sea;
There is no fish within the river, but proclaims its praise for Thee.
As the day falls into evening, as the night is lit with stars,
At the ending of life's journey may Thy heavenly peace be ours.
Let every creature in God's kingdom, let every life upon the shore,
Sing praise to God, the world's creator, sing praises now and evermore.

The Hymn (stzs. 2 & 3) — "O Church Arise" (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 8:1-21 (pew Bible page 864)

The Sermon — Making Disciples: Hearing and Doing Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

So Spirit come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

The Postlude — "Postlude on 'Darwall'" arr. Wymond

SERVICE GUIDE

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!

GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE



CHILDREN'S 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 evening, Crisler Wadsworth will receive his Bible for recitation of *The Children's Catechism*, which consists of 150 questions and answers.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 22, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

9:00 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
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Wednesday, May 25, 2022

10:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	SC 213
5:00 p.m.	Family Fun Night	Baird Center Gym
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS

Saturday, May 28, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, May 29, 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 leave your contact information in the "Welcome Pad" located at the end of your pew. We will follow up with you to introduce ourselves and tell you about ways to get plugged in to the church.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CALL UPON GOD

JUNE 6-10, 2022

**THEN YOU WILL CALL UPON ME AND COME AND PRAY TO ME
AND I WILL HEAR YOU. - JEREMIAH 29:12**

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!

Volunteers Needed!

Vacation Bible School would not happen each year without the amazing volunteer effort that goes behind it. It is a wonderful time to see the whole church body working together to teach our covenant children the truths of the gospel! Whether you are 17 or 70, we have a place for you at VBS! To volunteer, contact Christy Ketchum at christyketchum78@gmail.com.

All volunteers will be required to attend the VBS meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 5, at 2 p.m. Dr. Strain will give us words of

encouragement and pray for us before we head to our departments to decorate and prepare for the week ahead.

Snack Volunteers Needed!

During the week of VBS, our teachers need nourishment! Sign up to provide refreshments and bless the entire VBS team with some tasty treats by contacting Ann Lowrey Forster, at 601-664-8307 or annlowrey.forster@gmail.com.

Or you may sign up online at: perfectpotluck.com. Use the coordinator name: Forster and the password: fpcvbs2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Professor H – Serving with Mission to the World in Asia, Professor H. researches and develops curriculum used in many situations by believers around the world. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Samuel & Sarah Tyson Husband – serving as church planters in Memphis, TN; email: samuel.husband@ruf.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patsy Futvoye by her family.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT WITH MISSION FIRST — MAY 25

Join us this Wednesday night, May 25, at 5-7 p.m. at the Family Fun Night! Our church will host families from Mission First for a night of activities and fun with games, food, and ice cream! There is no cost, and there will be something for everyone in the family to enjoy. We need our church family's help to pull this off for our Mission First friends, so please sign up to volunteer by emailing wesleyr@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 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.

GEYSER FALLS

Students, grab your towels! This June, we will head back to Geyser Falls! At the end of VBS, 7-12 graders are invited to go to Geyser 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.

SENIOR ADULTS OUTING TO FRENCH CAMP — JUNE 16

Experience a day of fellowship while learning about the ministry and history of French Camp Academy. As part of the itinerary, you can expect a tour of the campus as well as a presentation and a charming lunch at the Council House Restaurant. A special treat will be a visit to the scale model of the town of French Camp recently built by George Holman. We will depart from the church campus at 9 a.m. and depart from French Camp at 3 p.m. To register for the event please email the Administrative Assistant for Congregational Care, Emily Eastman, at ccare@fpcjackson.org or call her office at 601-326-9243. The cost is \$35 and is payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please write “Senior Adult Trip” in the memo line. You can drop your check off at the Business office during regular office hours or mail it to First Pres. Please also plan to bring money for your meal.