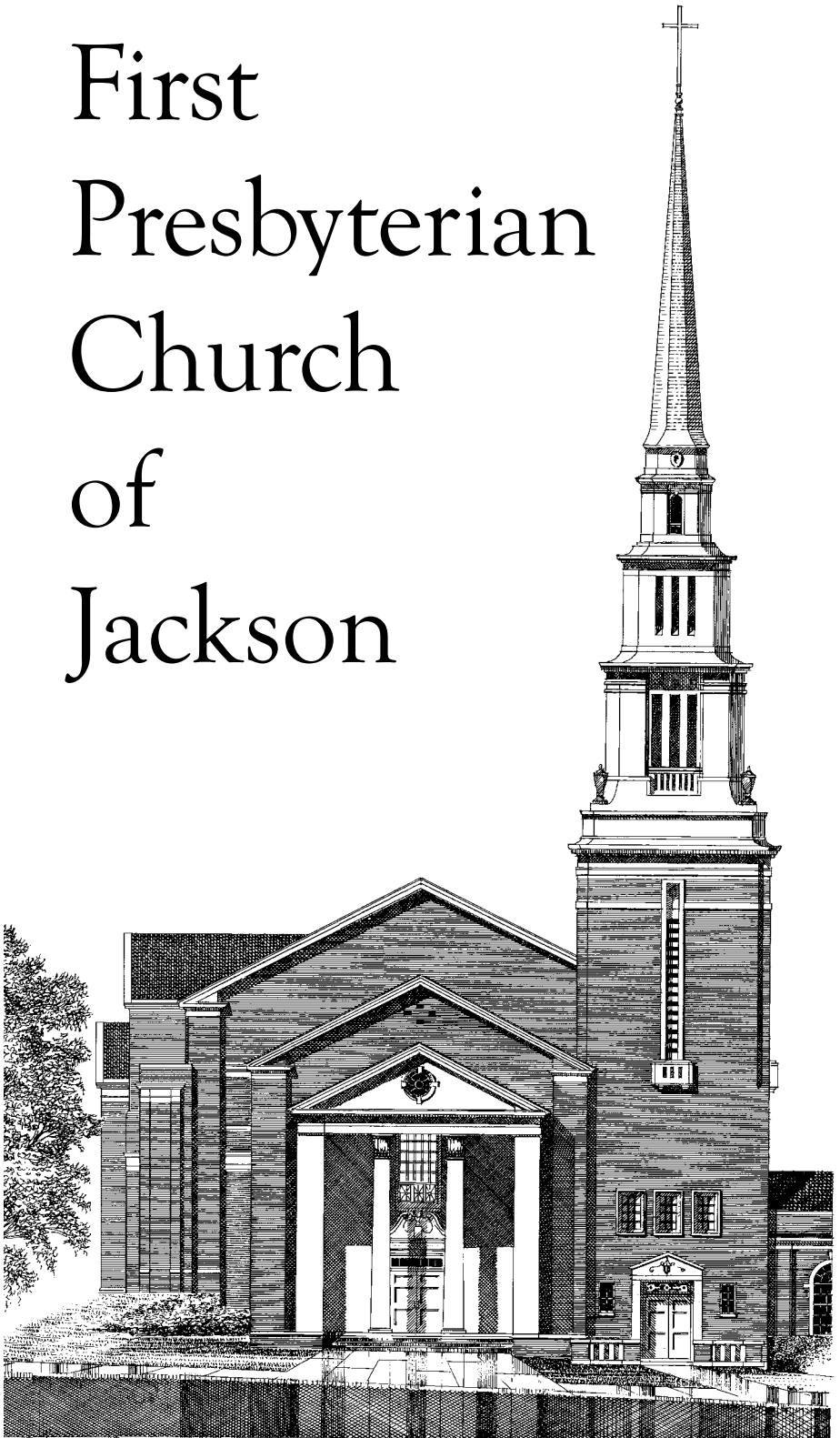


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Nineteenth Day of June, 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 — “Jesus, Once of Humble Birth” arr. James C. Kasen
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” ... R. Vaughan Williams

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 18 (stzs. 1-4) — “Ye Holy Angels Bright”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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 Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis
The Introduction of New Members
The Questions of Membership
The Prayer
The Declaration
The Blessing

The Offering

The Anthem — “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Benjamin Harlan

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand:
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart, with tears two wonders I confess;
The wonder of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other Sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross!

The Hymn No. 521 — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Joshua 23:1-16..... (pew Bible page 197)

The Sermon — The Place of Promise: Finish the Race!.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 529 (stzs. 1 & 3) — “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

The Postlude — “Jesus Shall Reign”..... Albin C. Whitworth

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.

THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

Why must we be members of a local church? The Bible uses metaphors to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another (Romans 12:5). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into His community of the Trinity. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption by Whom we are made members of the family (Romans 8:15-17). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. So, why must we become members of a local church? It is because, having been united to Christ, we are necessarily united to all those who are united to Him. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

Who can be a member of the church? Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord’s Table can be a communing member of First Presbyterian Church. Children of believer(s) are, by virtue of their birth in a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant. However, they may not partake of the Lord’s Table as a way to protect them from eating and drinking judgment upon themselves, if they were to do so in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Hence, our children are called non-communing members of the church. We hope that all our covenant children would embrace the gospel and become communing members. While only the communing members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, all members of the church family are, however, entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church.

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The first three of five questions seek to show to us our hellish plight before God, bring us to a point of desperate need for the person and work of Jesus, and rely upon the life-giving power in none but the Holy Spirit alone. We would do well to bring these grand truths of the gospel in our prayers every day. While the first three questions speak of our relation to each person of the Godhead, the next two questions speak of our relation to the Church of God which the Father loves, the Son died and rose to save, and the Spirit now indwells. Since each Person of the Trinity is interested and invested in the Church, we who are called by His name must do likewise. May we who are members of the covenant community pray for the welfare of the Church and of First Presbyterian Church. May we seek to live lives in which the gospel has pervaded every sphere. May we be growing disciples seeking to learn more of our God, His great majesty, and His magnificent Fatherhood. May we grow as committed members by regularly worshipping and seeking to gather with our family as often as opportunities provide us. May we be humble followers submitting to the wise leadership and discipline of those who care for our souls. May we grow to love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

NEW MEMBERS

On June 5, 2022, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship:

Avery Dale*
James Galbraith*
Bobbye Garretson
Roland Garretson
Lucy Hogue*
Mike Khoe
Jeff Kennedy
Beth Kennedy
Rae Ann Lawrence
Kellon Lawrence
Maggie Merck
Erin Miller
Ryan Miller
Marian Morgan*
Anderson Payne*
Clark Smith*
Karla Sparks
Tom Sparks
Michael Vang
Nathaniel Webber
Briggs White*
David Whitten
Anne Elizabeth Zegel
Daniel Zegel

*Covenant child joining as a communing member

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational 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 — "Evening Meditation" Antonio Morendo
Emily Williams, Violin I Elizabeth Sinclair, Violin II Jennifer Biggs, Violin III
Thorburn McGee, Viola Zachary Horne, Cello

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 705 — "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 633 — "Father, We Thank You for the Night"

The Greetings

The Evening PrayerDr. Reid Cotten, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"..... Getty/Townend

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

Q116. What is the second petition? A: The second petition is "Thy kingdom come."

Q117. What does it mean to pray, "Thy kingdom come"? A: We are asking God to bring more and more people to hear, believe and obey his gospel.

The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. Wiley Lowry, Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care

The Hymn No. 128 (stzs. 1-5) — "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 10(pew Bible page 451)

The Sermon — Surviving the MuckMr. Dempsey

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

The Postlude — "A Trumpet Tune" William Ryan

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM RECITATION

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, Maury McPhillips and Caroline Thomas will receive their Bibles for recitation of *The Children's Catechism*, which consists of 150 questions and answers.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 19, 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.	Senior High Insight.....	the Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

9:00 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Tuesday Night Fellowship	Hutton Chapel

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

9:00-11:00 a.m.	Children's Ministry Pop-in Playdate	Baird Center Gym
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	
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.....	PH
	Foundations Class with David Strain.....	WH 204
	Gritty Marriage with Barb Martin.....	MH
6:00 p.m.	Children's Midweek Summer Nights.....	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups.....	YH

Saturday, June 25, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, June 26, 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.	Senior High Insight.....	the Ball Home (418 Hampton Ct.)
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Breakfast for Dinner..	the Henson 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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Paul & Lizzie Sanduleac – serving as church planters with IXO in Moldova;
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Austin & Kristen Braasch – serving as RUF Campus Minister at Ole Miss;
email: austin.braasch@ruf.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph M. Wadsworth.

The flowers in the Greeting Courtyard last Sunday were given to the glory of God and in commemoration of the 100th birthday of Frank H. Hagaman.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the PCA will be held in Birmingham, June 20-24, 2022. The following church leaders and pastors will attend this year as commissioners:

Bill Stone (Ruling Elder)	David Strain (Teaching Elder)
Ned Currie (Ruling Elder)	David Felker (Teaching Elder)
George Fair (Ruling Elder)	Wiley Lowry (Teaching Elder)
Craig Flowers (Ruling Elder)	Jamie Peipon (Teaching Elder)
Claude Harbarger (Ruling Elder)	
Alan Walters (Ruling Elder)	

Please join us in praying for them as they prepare to study, discuss, debate, and decide biblical and ministry issues.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER/SISTER/FRIEND DINNER — JUNE 28

It's Taco Tuesday and Mother-Daughter-Sister-Friend time! Join us on June 28 from 6-8 p.m. First, we'll have a fun art project led by Cindy Mercer, and then Rhonda Baird will encourage us with a word about the importance of prayer in our journey through this Christian life.

Mothers, bring your daughter and connect with other moms and daughters. Friends, bring your bestie or a neighbor you've been longing to connect with. This will be a light and lively evening with women of all ages. At a big church like ours, this event is the perfect way to make new friends and reconnect with old ones. The food will be provided by Sombra and include a menu of taco salad for the adults and soft tacos for the kiddos. The cost is \$12 per adult and \$8 per child. Please register on the FPC website or app.

NEW FACES IN THE STUDENT MINISTRY STAFF

Grant Carter grew up in College Station, TX, where he attended and met his wife, Anne Michal, at Texas A&M. He earned a degree in Sports Management before going on staff as an RUF intern for three years at Mississippi State, working under both Elliott Everitt and Joe Johnson. Grant will begin RTS classes this summer and will serve as an intern with the Students and Families department while in school. His wife, Anne Michal, is on staff with RUF at Mississippi College with Jeff Jordan.

Niland Fortenberry is from Tupelo, MS, and grew up attending Lawndale Presbyterian Church. While at Ole Miss, Niland was heavily involved in RUF and attended Christ Presbyterian Church. Niland graduated from Ole Miss with a degree in Accountancy and will spend this next year working as a full time staff member with the Students and Families department. In the fall of 2023 Niland will go on staff with PwC accounting firm in Nashville, TN.