

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Day of August, Two Thousand Twenty-Two
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon — Assistant Minister of Music & Worship

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Sanctus" Charles Gounod
Rae Shannon, Organ; Dr. Grace Shumaker, Piano

The Introit — "Let Thy Holy Presence" Paul Tschesnokov

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 347 (stzs. 1-5) — "The Church's One Foundation"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

All praise we give to God, the Holy Trinity.
We praise the Father, Son and Spirit joyfully.
Creator God, our Shepherd, Savior, Lord and King;
To Thee we sing!

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering

The Anthem — "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Mark Hayes
Kathryn Edwards, Piano

For the beauty of the Earth, for the beauty of the skies.
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night.
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight.
For the days of harmony linking sense to sound and sight.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
Alleluia! This our hymn of grateful praise!

The Hymn No. 500 — “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 6:5–24..... (pew Bible page 811)

The Scripture Reading — 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12..... (pew Bible page 989)

The Sermon — **Until Jesus Comes: Not Quickly Shaken**..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 521 (stzs. 1–3) — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

When He Shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

The Postlude — “Holy, Holy, Holy”..... Dan Miller

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles' Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its author, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is "Apostolic" in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: "Ghost" is employed where we would use "Spirit," the word "quick" where we would use "living," and "catholic" where we would use "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.

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.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon — Assistant Minister of Music & Worship
Mr. James R. Post — College Ministry Intern

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

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

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 12 — “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Here Is Love” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Paul Stephenson, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Psalm 19” A. Wright and C. Kellie
Samuel and Betsy Ball

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

Q126. How many sacraments are there? A: Two.

Q127. What are they? A: Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

Q128. Who appointed these sacraments? A: The Lord Jesus Christ.

Q129. Why did Christ appoint these sacraments? A: To distinguish His people from the world, and to comfort and strengthen them.

The Meditation and Prayer Mr. Grant Carter, Students & Families Intern

The Hymn — “When Trials Come” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 11 (pew Bible page 452)

The Sermon — The Lord’s Throne Is in Heaven Mr. Peipon

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

One day all things will be made new.
I’ll see the hope You’ve called me to.
And in Your kingdom paved with gold
I’ll praise Your faithfulness of old.
I’ll praise Your faithfulness of old.

The Postlude — “St. Anthony Chorale” Johannes Brahms

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 7, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
5:00 p.m.	New Members Received	PH
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)

Monday, August 8, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Staff Convocation	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Joint Officers Meeting.....	MH

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
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Wednesday, August 10, 2022

8:00 a.m.	FPDS First Day of School	
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 Hymn Sing	MH

Thursday, August 11, 2022

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
12:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting.....	WH 202

Friday, August 12, 2022

6:30 p.m.	Young Adults End of the Summer Block Party.....	1822 Laurel St.
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Saturday, August 13, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, August 14, 2022


8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:00 p.m.	Reception following Scott Miller's Ordination	MH
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	the Barbour Home (2208 Cullywood Rd.)


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

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, we hope you'll join us for MOMS this fall! This year we will have two options: one meeting every Wednesday morning and one for working women that will meet on the third Tuesday night of each month. MOMS is a Bible study for expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the sixth grade or below. A nursery is available, but space is limited. **Registration is now available at fpcj.ms/MOMS-2022.**

August 30, 6:30–7:30 p.m. — MOMS at Night Welcome & Interest Meeting
August 31, 9–10 a.m. — MOMS Welcome Back Coffee

WOMEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursdays, starting September 8, from 9:15–11 a.m. as Melissa Abraham, Debbie Dempsey, and Helen Lewis lead us through the book of Mark. The format will be large-group lecture and small-group discussion. This Bible study is for women of all ages and stages, but there will be a small group for mothers of adolescents. **Registration is now available at fpcj.ms/women.** For more information, email lisao@fpcjackson.org.

SERVE THE CHURCH IN CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is time to start thinking about a new year of Children's Sunday School, and we are recruiting adult volunteers to serve our children. The new year will begin on Promotion Sunday, September 4. If you enjoy working with children, then we have a spot for you! Volunteers fill a variety of roles including taking roll, helping with crafts, leading music, or being a "Table Buddy" who encourages children in learning scripture and catechism memorization. To volunteer or for more information, contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The goal of Children's Choirs on Wednesday evenings is to come alongside parents in teaching our children hymns and habits of worship. Children's Choirs meet on Wednesday evenings from 6–7 p.m. during the school year. If you're willing to give your time to help with Children's Choirs, please contact Genneysa Case at gdcase@comcast.net or 601-540-2370. We are particularly in need of accompanists for choir this year, but even if you're not musically inclined, you can still help!

GRACE & GLORY

The Power & Prospect of the Christian Life

Join us on Sunday morning, August 28, as David Strain will introduce our 2022–2023 churchwide teaching theme. Save the date for this exciting day in the life of our church!

TWIN LAKES 50+ ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — SEPTEMBER 10

We are praising God for 50+ years of faithful ministry at Twin Lakes Camp & Conference Center! Save the date for a special celebration Saturday, September 10.

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

Jake & Courtney Thomas – Serving with MTW as part of a church planting team in Thailand; email: 14jake.thomas@gmail.com.

Joel & Holly Wallace – Serving as the Director of Ministry Development, Engaging Disability with the Gospel (a ministry of Mission to North America); email: joel@engagingdisability.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary, from the wedding of Caroline May and Fent Mars, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kimberly Gamblin Mars, mother of the groom, and the flowers in the foyer are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. George W. May, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. Thomas Gamblin and Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Mars, grandparents of the groom.

MIDWEEK HYMN SING — AUGUST 10

Bring the whole family and enjoy a time of singing and fellowship Wednesday, August 10, in Miller Hall from 6–7 p.m. There will be no youth or children's activities that evening, however, nursery will be available.

CRATES FOR UKRAINE

Thank you to all those who registered for crates and purchased items to fill these crates! Your outpouring of love and support for our friends in Ukraine is incredible. The deadline for returning your crates is August 10, but we will gladly accept them as soon as you have them completed. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Lynn at 601-973-9125 or email jolynnm@fpcjackson.org.

BRIGHT LIGHTS BELHAVEN NIGHTS — AUGUST 13

First Presbyterian Church will again be part of our neighborhood event, Bright Lights Belhaven Nights on August 13, and we need volunteers. There are two time slots available: 4:30–7:30 and 7–10 p.m. Would you consider being a volunteer? Please email jolynnm@fpcjackson.org for more information or to sign up.

SCOTT MILLER ORDINATION & RECEPTION — AUGUST 14

Ordination – 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary • Reception – 7 p.m. in Miller Hall

KNOW THE TRUTH — AUGUST 20

Saturday Seminars for Maturing Your Faith

Take a deep dive into theology and grapple with unanswered questions of the faith at **Know the Truth: Saturday Seminars for Maturing Your Faith**. Our upcoming seminar is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., with brunch included, and will address the doctrine of “The Trinity.” To register, email bethht@fpcjackson.org or call the church office at 601-353-8316 before Tuesday, August 16. Bring your Bible and an appetite to learn!

NEW DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LAUNCH

On August 24 we resume our regular Midweek schedule, and a new D Group led by Scott and Abbey Miller will be launched. D Groups are a great way to build community and grow in Christ on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in joining a D Group and growing alongside members of different ages and stages, please contact Chris Moody at chrism@fpcjackson.org or 601-624-9405.