

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-First 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. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Open My Eyes" arr. Charles Callahan
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Who Is on the Lord's Side?" Carradog Roberts

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 2 — "O Worship the King"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never end throughout all eternity.

The Commissioning of the Ukraine Team

The Offering

The Anthem — "By the Waters of Babylon" Philip James

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept
when we remember thee, O Sion.
As for our harps we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein;
For they that led us away captive required of us a song:
"Sing us one of the songs of Sion!"
Jerusalem!
How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.
Jerusalem!
By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept
when we remembered thee, O Sion.
Jerusalem!

Psalm 147

The Hymn No. 712 — "O God of Love, O God of Peace"

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — 2 Thessalonians 3:6–18..... (pew Bible page 990)

The Sermon.....Dr. Strain
Until Jesus Comes: Do not Grow Weary in Doing Good

The Hymn No. 672 (stzs. 1, 3, & 4) — “Trust and Obey”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

The Postlude — “Love Divine” (Blaenwern) arr. Stephen Cleobury

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. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — “Invocation”.....S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 342 — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

The Invocation

The Offering

The Offertory — “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Lee J. Webb, Mandolin; Jamie Peipon, Piano

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 9:37–62 (pew Bible page 867)

The Sermon — On the Way to Jerusalem: Down, and Out.....Mr. Lowry

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

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 (stzs. 1–3) — “Behold the Lamb”..... (hymn sheet)

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

The Postlude — “Saraband” A. Corelli

GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

WELCOME

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together during our evening worship service. 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, which it displays, is 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.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 21, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
12:00 p.m.	FPDS New Student Luncheon	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)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Ball Home (418 Hampton Court)

Monday, August 22, 2022

6:00 p.m.	MOMS Leadership Training	MH
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Tuesday, August 23, 2022

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
7:15 a.m.	FPCYM Madison Breakfast	Chick-fil-a in Madison

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

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	MH
	D Groups	Various Locations
	First Pres Forum: Human Sexuality	MH
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	PH
	Evangelism Training	WH 202
	Women's Ministry Bible Study	WH 204
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups	Baird Center Gym

Thursday, August 25, 2022

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
9:30 a.m.	Women In Need (Prison Ministry) Training Seminar	PH
12:00 p.m.	MOMS Mentor Training Lunch	MH
12:00 p.m.	Mission to North America Committee	WH 202

Saturday, August 27, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	WH 202
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Sunday, August 28, 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)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Rutledge Home (101 Ridge Street)

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

Midweek

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR MIDWEEK
SCHEDULE FOR THE
FALL 2022 SEMESTER
KICKS OFF
WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 24.

Midweek is an opportunity to break from your usual weeknight routine and to join our church family for a refreshing evening of fellowship and spiritual formation between Sundays. Our meal, 5 to 6, is a casual time with families and friends gathering at a table together to share a meal. After supper, at 5:55, we gather for a time of singing and announcements before departing to Midweek programs at 6.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Discipleship Groups

discipleship@fpcjackson.org
Our D Groups are our church's small-group ministry, providing multi-generational discussion on Scripture, helpful books, or other relevant studies applicable to the Christian life. If you are new to D Groups, we'll find a spot that will encourage and challenge you!

First Pres Forum:

Lectures on Human Sexuality

Led by David Strain & Ligon Duncan

discipleship@fpcjackson.org
The topics of homosexuality, transgenderism, and same-sex attraction are increasingly presenting themselves in media, corporate life, and our own interactions with friends and family. How should we as Christians think about these issues? From August 24 to October 5, David Strain and Ligon Duncan will discuss the topics of marriage, desire, temptation, sanctification, and repentance to give a biblical understanding of these matters.

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Each week we meet together for Bible study and corporate prayer.

The Prayer Meeting is open to all ages and provides an opportunity to pray together for God's blessing on his people and on the mission of the church. Any specific prayer requests can be sent to prayer@fpcjackson.org.

Evangelism Training:

How to Share the Certainty of Christ in an Uncertain World

discipleship@fpcjackson.org
Do you want to tell others about Jesus Christ but are not sure where or how to begin? Learn to share Christ for the first time; learn a clear, simple, scripture-based presentation of the gospel; and renew your zeal to share Christ at this elective.

Women's Bible Study Luke: Encountering Jesus

lisao@fpcjackson.org
Join us on Wednesday evenings this fall for a study of the Gospel of Luke, in which real people encounter the real Jesus. This study is geared toward women of all ages and stages, with a common goal of pointing each other to Christ through Bible study and gospel conversations.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Nursery

infants - age three

Children's Choirs

age four - fifth grade

Sixth Grade Fellowship

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Junior High D Groups

seventh - ninth grades

Senior High D Groups

tenth - twelfth grades

For more details about Midweek at First Presbyterian Church, pick up a copy of the blue Fall 2022 Midweek book or visit fpcjackson.org/midweek.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Coby & Pamela McGinty – serving with MTW at the University of Cape Town in South Africa in various areas of campus ministry (developing leaders, training student workers, discipleship and counseling); email: coby@mcginty.com

Wright & Elizabeth Busching – serving as a church planter with the Florida Church Planting Network in Tampa, FL; email: wbusching@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of David B. Wilson, Sarah G. Wilson, and Elizabeth W. Wilson from their children.

WELCOME FPDS NEW STUDENTS!

This morning we are excited to welcome the families of our new FPDS students, including the families of our K3 class, as they join us for worship at 11 a.m. and for a luncheon in Patterson Hall afterwards. Please welcome these families and join us as we pray for them and the 2022–2023 school year.

EVENING COMMUNION TONIGHT

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

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, September 18. Spaces are still available for the 8:30 a.m. worship service only. To make your reservation, please contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org.

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.

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

MOMS Bible Study: Hosea - God's Unfailing Love

Now with two options for Bible study:

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. | Welcome Back Coffee - August 31

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. | for working moms | Interest Meeting - August 30

Midweek Bible Study: Luke Encountering Jesus

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

MARK: A Call To Discipleship

Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.

COLOSSIANS: Christ Is Lord Over All

Monthly Circle Bible Studies meet monthly at various times and locations.

For more information and to register, visit fpcj.ms/women.