

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Eighth 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. David L. Felker — Executive Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Be Thou My Vision”..... James Curnow
Michael Beasley, Trumpet; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Praise Ye the Lord” (*Coronation Anthems*)..... G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 38 — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology (Tune: Austria)

Glory be to God the Father, and to Christ His only Son;
Praise we too the Holy Spirit, binding all the church as one:
As it was in the beginning now and evermore shall be;
Glory, honor, praise and blessing all creation sings to Thee!

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 — “Here I Am, Lord”..... Schutte/Page

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand would save.

I, Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord...?
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord...?

The Hymn No. 465 — “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 6:25–7:6..... (pew Bible page 811)

The Scripture Reading — Galatians 1:1–5..... (pew Bible page 972)

The Sermon — **Grace and Glory: Grace and Peace**.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 252 (stzs. 1 & 3) — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Postlude — “Festive Trumpet Tune”..... David German



GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

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!

**"THROUGH HIM WE HAVE ALSO OBTAINED
ACCESS BY FAITH INTO THIS GRACE IN WHICH WE STAND,
AND WE REJOICE IN HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD."
ROMANS 5:2**

GRACE AND *Glory*

**THE POWER & PROSPECT
OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

**2022-2023
CHURCHWIDE
TEACHING THEME**



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
Jackson, Mississippi

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
Mr. Christopher S. Moody — Discipleship Intern

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

The Prelude — “Pavane” M. Ravel
The FPC String Quartet

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 173 — “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Claude Harbarger, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Nocturne” William Hofeldt

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

Q130. What sign is used in baptism? A: Washing with water.

Q131. What does this washing with water represent? A: That we are united to Christ and cleansed from sin by his blood.

Q132. Into whose name are we baptized? A: Into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Meditation and Prayer... Mr. Stephen Biggs, Director of Students & Families

The Hymn (stzs. 1 & 2) — “I Run to Christ” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 10:1–24 (pew Bible page 868)

The Sermon — On the Way to Jerusalem: Into *His* Harvest Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure escape.

“Deliver me, I cry to Him,” Temptation yields to grace.

I run to Christ when plagued by shame and find my one defense.

“I bore God’s wrath” He pleads my case, My Advocate and Friend.

The Postlude — “Andante” (*String Quartet No. 3*) Franz J. Haydn

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 28, 2022

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| 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship | Sanctuary |
| 9:30-9:55 a.m. | Grace & Glory Fellowship | LH |
| 10:00 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) |

Monday, August 29, 2022

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| 9:30 a.m. | Circle Bible Teacher Training | WH 204 |
| 9:30 a.m. | WIC Council Training Meeting | PH |
| 11:30 a.m. | Women's Leadership Training Lunch | MH 205 |

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

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| 9:30 a.m. | French Camp Quilters | Library |
| 6:00 p.m. | MOMS Evening Interest Meeting | MH 205 |

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

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| 9:00 a.m. | MOMS Welcome Back Coffee pt. 2 | MH 205 |
| 12:00 p.m. | FPCYM Parent's Prayer Lunch | Whole Foods |
| 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 |
| | Evangelism Training | WH 202 |
| | First Pres Forum: Human Sexuality | MH |
| | Prayer Meeting and Bible Study | PH |
| | 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 | YH |
| 7:15 p.m. | Senior High Girls Small Group | Rose's House |
| 7:15 p.m. | 12th Grade Guys Small Group | El Charro |

Thursday, September 1, 2022

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| 9:00 a.m. | Women's Bible Study Leadership Training | PH |
| 9:30 a.m. | French Camp Quilters | Library |
| 5:00 p.m. | 10th Grade Guys Small Group | Cane's in Flowood |

Saturday, September 3, 2022

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| 7:30 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast | WH 202 |
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Sunday, September 4, 2022

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| 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 | Niland's House (425 Westport Way) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES

We are calling all FPC men to join us this fall semester for a 10-week Tuesday morning study at 6:30 a.m. beginning Tuesday, September 6. Join us for a big breakfast and fellowship across age and stage in our big church, followed by a study of the first five books of the Bible led by David Strain. Guests are most welcome – help us spread the word! Register online so we can plan for breakfast at fpcj.ms/men.

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.

TALENT BANK SURVEY

Some of you may have noticed the signs in the foyer that have **Talent Bank** written in big letters at the top. For those who aren't yet familiar with this, it is a survey for church members to complete, either through our church app or via the QR code on the signs. This survey enables you to share with us your gifts, abilities, and interests so that we can connect you with opportunities to serve. When a need arises, we will inform you, and you may decide if you're available to help at that particular time.

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.

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

Virginia – Serving with International Xchange Organization in Asia; for more information, please contact the Mission department.

Lifeline Children’s Services – Serving women in crisis pregnancy and families through adoption and crisis support, Lifeline is supported through Mission to Jackson through the Benevolence Committee. For more information, contact John Noblin at john.noblin@lifelinechild.org, or visit the website lifelinechild.org.

GRACE AND GLORY — FELLOWSHIP THIS MORNING

Stop by Lowe Hall this morning on your way to Sunday school. We will have coffee, snacks, and information about our 2022–2023 church-wide teaching theme: ***Grace and Glory: The Power and Prospect of the Christian Life***. We will close the fellowship time at 9:55 so that everyone will have time to get to their Sunday School class.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY — SEPTEMBER 4

Next Sunday, all children’s Sunday School classes will be promoted to their new grades. During Sunday School, children from two-years old through sixth grade will sing, hear a Bible lesson, and learn Bible and Catechism memory work. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 10:40. Parents, please pick up your child from Sunday School by 10:45 a.m. If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105.

CHILDREN’S CHURCHTIME

Next Sunday, September 4, we will kick-off the new year for Children’s Church-time. This class, held in M135 during the 11 a.m. worship service for children age three and four, is designed to prepare children for attending worship with their parents. FPC volunteers lead the program which includes a Call to Worship, Doxology, Lord’s Prayer (led by an Elder), Bible story, and closing prayer. The children also have snack time and play time. With questions, please contact Matthew Turnage at matthewturnage@gmail.com or Taylor Turnage at tcgibbes@gmail.com.

TWIN LAKES 50+ ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — SEPTEMBER 10

We are praising God for 50+ years of faithful ministry at Twin Lakes Camp & Conference Center! Join us for a special celebration Saturday, September 10. We have planned a fun-filled day for our church family at Twin Lakes. For more information and to register, visit fpcj.ms/tl50, or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



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.