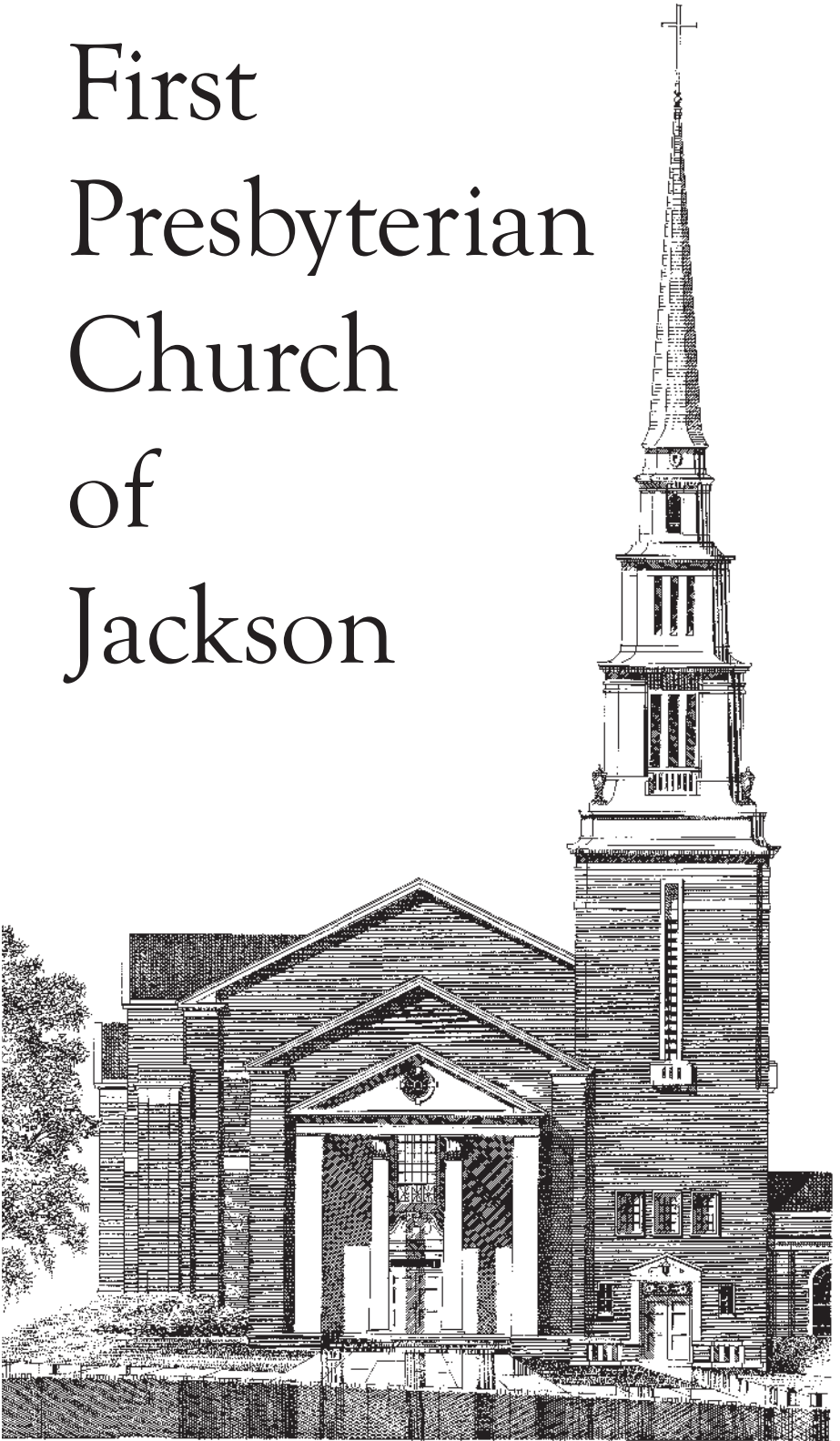


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirty-First Day of July, Two Thousand Twenty-Two  
MORNING WORSHIP  
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister  
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “By the Waters of Babylon”..... J.S. Bach  
The First Presbyterian Brass Ensemble; Jamie Peipon, Director

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

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 498 — “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell,  
come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Modernized version of prayer from Edward VI's  
*Book of Common Prayer* (1552)

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “We Believe”..... John Purifoy

We believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day, He rose again and ascended into heaven.  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit and the worldwide Church,  
The communion of all the saints, the forgiveness of ev'ry sin,  
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**The Hymn No. 646** — “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

**The Pastoral Prayer**

## **HEARING GOD’S VOICE**

**The Scripture Reading** — Matthew 5:31-6:4..... (pew Bible page 810)

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

**The Sermon** — **Until Jesus Comes: Worthy of His Calling**..... Dr. Strain

**The Hymn No. 301** (stzs. 1 & 4) — “Join All the Glorious Names”

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

My Savior and my Lord, My Conqu’ror and my King.  
Thy scepter and Thy sword, Thy reigning grace, I sing.  
Thine is the power, behold I sit in willing bonds beneath Thy feet.

**The Postlude** — “Here I Am, Lord”..... arr. Cliff Taylor

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# GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

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## 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!

## 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. David L. Felker — Executive Minister  
Mr. Stephen A. Biggs — Director of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “A Scottish Prelude” ..... Traditional Scots  
Mike Beasley, Trumpet

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 709 — “Now I Belong to Jesus”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” ..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer ..... Mr. Harper Keeler, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “My Jesus, I Love Thee” ..... arr. Wymond  
The Men’s Ensemble

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

**Q124. What is the sixth petition?** A: The sixth petition is “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

**Q125. What does it mean to pray, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”?** A: We are asking God to keep us from being tempted and to make us strong enough to resist when we are tempted.

The Meditation and Prayer...Mr. Scott Miller, Director of Young Adults & College

The Hymn — “To You, O Lord, I Fly” (Psalm 16) ..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 16 ..... (pew Bible page 453)

The Sermon — Singing of Joy ..... Mr. Felker

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

I keep before me still the Lord whom I have proved;  
At my right hand He guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.  
Life’s pathway you will show, to your right hand will guide,  
Where streams of pleasure ever flow, and boundless joys abide.

The Postlude — “To Thee, Lord Jesus, Thanks We Give” ..... J. S. Bach

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, July 31, 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 Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

## Tuesday, August 2, 2022

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
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## Wednesday, August 3, 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.	Report from General Assembly with David Strain	
6:00 p.m.	Children's Midweek Summer Nights	Baird Center Gym & SC 211
6:00 p.m.	Junior High D Groups	YH
7:15 p.m.	Senior High Girls Small Group	Rose's House
7:15 p.m.	Senior High Guys Small Group	Stephen's House

## Thursday, August 4, 2022

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
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## Saturday, August 6, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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## 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)

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

## THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!

We cannot thank our children's Sunday school volunteers enough for the time and energy they devote to teaching our covenant children. This week, we would especially like to thank the volunteers who work with fourth, fifth, and sixth graders as well as our special friends class.

Fourth, Fifth,  
& Sixth Grades

**Ken Ball**

**Nancy Bateman**

**Betsy Ann Breazeale**

**Debbie Dempsey**

**Sarah Denney**

**Anneke Fesko**

**Cassie Graves**

**Matt Graves**

**Heath Jordan**

**Kristi Jordan**

**David Kimball**

**Bill Lash**

**Guy McClain**

**Emily McClain**

**Kirk McDaniel**

**Mary Jane McDaniel**

**Margaret McPhillips**

**Becky Mincey**

**Lynn Pearson**

**Spencer Ritchie**

**Petula Sinclair**

**Ashley Smith**

**Wade Smith**

**Hugh Trussell**

**Neil Witherow**

**Julia Wright**

Special Friends

**Buddy Bartling**

**Linda Bartling**

**Betsy Chestnut**

**Debbie Goelz**

**Jan Hyde**

**Jim Prince**

First Presbyterian Church

**CHILDREN'S  
Ministry**

### 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](mailto:kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org) or 601-973-9105.

### 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 [betht@fpcjackson.org](mailto:betht@fpcjackson.org) or call the church office at 601-353-8316 before Tuesday, August 16. Bring your Bible and an appetite to learn!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Ricky & Arely Kroeger** – Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Mexico, Ricky is a Bible translator in the Zapotec language. Email: ricky\_kroeger@wycliffe.org.

**Mike & Roxanne Winebrenner** – serving as a church planter at Christ Fellowship in Horn Lake, MS; email: mike.winebrenner@gmail.com

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sudie and Jimmy Manning, long-time church members, by their family.

## REPORT FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY — AUGUST 3

On August 3 during Midweek, David Strain will give us a report on the 49th General Assembly which was held in June in Birmingham, AL.

## FPDS PRAYER WALK — AUGUST 6

As the school year begins, please join us in praying over our school, staff, and students. This come and go event will be held August 6, 8:30-10 a.m.

## 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

FPC Jackson is assembling crates of supplies to be sent to the war relief efforts in Ukraine. The crates will be delivered by a team of FPC members who will travel to Krakow, Poland, at the end of August. Our goal is to send 40 crates to Ukraine with our team. Assembled crates are due before August 10. For more information and to sign up for a crate, visit [fpcjackson.org/crates-for-ukraine](http://fpcjackson.org/crates-for-ukraine). Contact [missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org](mailto:missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org) with questions.

## 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: 5-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-10 p.m. Would you consider being a volunteer? Please email [jolynn@fpcjackson.org](mailto:jolynn@fpcjackson.org) for more information or to sign up.

## 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 available at [fpcj.ms/MOMS-2022](http://fpcj.ms/MOMS-2022) beginning August 1.** For more information, email [moms@fpcjackson.org](mailto:moms@fpcjackson.org).

August 16, 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 available at [fpcj.ms/women](http://fpcj.ms/women) beginning August 1.** For more information, email [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).