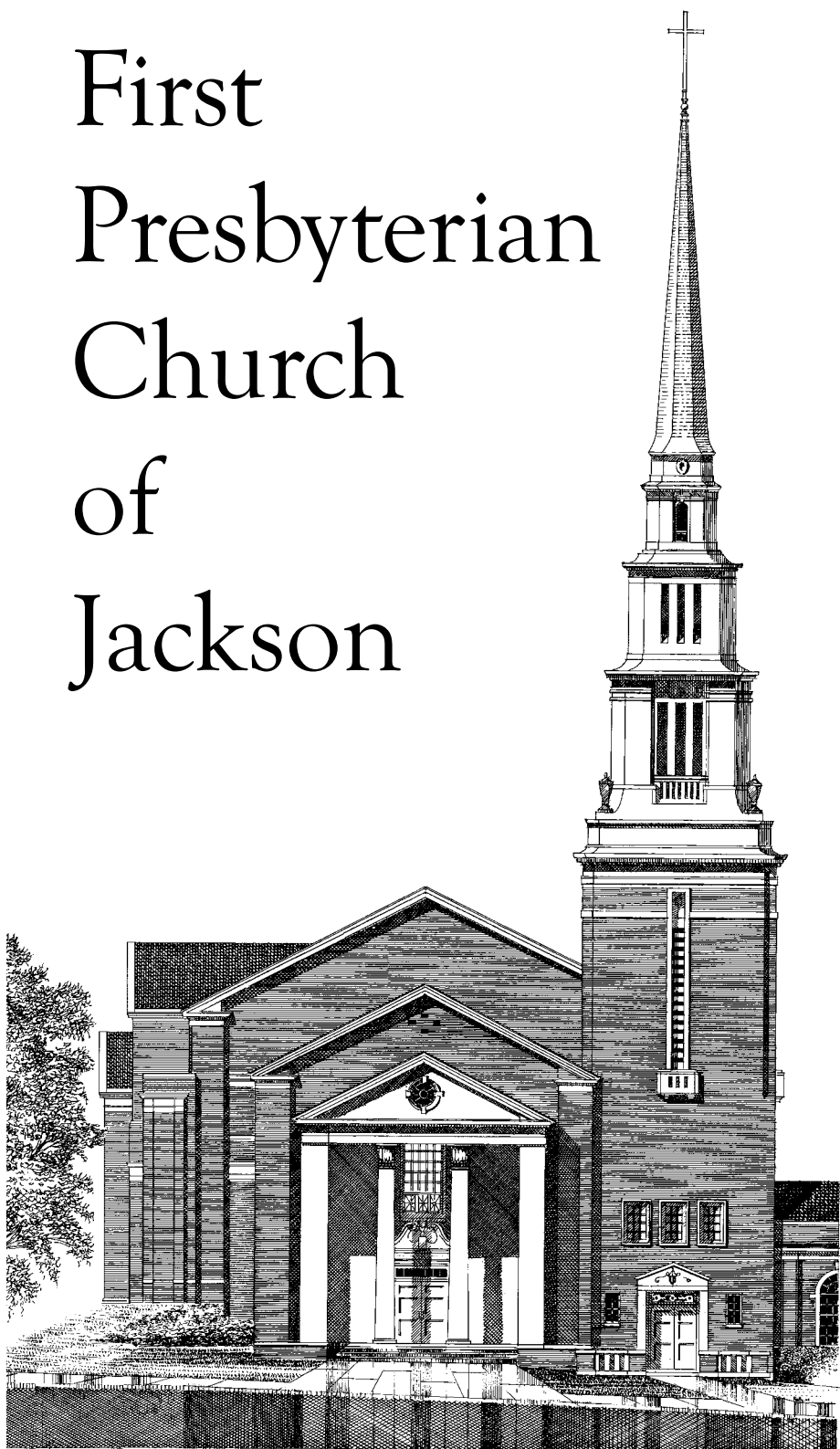


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
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 — "Pavane" (from Op. 50)..... Gabriel Faure
Bonnie Brown, Violin I Hristo Hristov, Viola
Emily Williams, Violin II Nancy Bateman, Cello

The Introit— "We Come, O Christ, To You".....John Darwell

The Call to Worship

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

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

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 Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families
The Biblical Promise
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Baptism
The Baptismal Benediction

The Hymn No. 189 (Stzs. 1, 4) — "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

The Offering

The Offertory— "I Will Arise".....Shaw/Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten-thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.
Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten-thousand charms.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Galatians 4:21-31 (pew Bible page 974)

The Sermon — **Grace and Glory: Slave or Free**Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 460 (Stzs. 1 - 3) — “Amazing Grace!”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

The Postlude — “All Things Bright and Beautiful”..... Wm. Henry Monk

VOWS OF BAPTISM

In order for the congregation to more fully enter into the service of the sacrament of baptism and to refresh ourselves on our church membership vow, the following is provided for your convenience and information:

TO THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE SACRAMENT OF COVENANT BAPTISM WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO

Robert James Castro
son of Luis and Mary Clark Castro

James Robert House V
son of Josie and Bob House

Griffin Warner Love
son of Samuel and Kelly Love

Sophie Shannon Magee
daughter of Bill and Katelyn Magee

Molly Jane Matheny
daughter of Harrison and Lauren Matheny

Baker Kennedy Moss
son of Matt and Charlotte Moss

Douglas Rhorer 'Rho' Peaster
son of Matt and Taylor Peaster

Annie Love Popicg
daughter of Eli and Yancy Popicg

Bennett Bowen Thigpen
son of Bowen and Kailey Thigpen

Benning McCormick Webb
son of Lee J. and Molly Webb

The next baptism date is March 19, 2023. Spaces are available for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Please email emilye@fpcjackson.org to reserve a place.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care
Dr. R. Anthony Doggett — Senior Minister's Intern

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

The Prelude — "Calm as the Night"Bohm
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 616 — "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

The Invocation

The Hymn — "Thy Mercy, My God" (hymn sheet)

The Evening Prayer Dr. Zeb Henson, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
Lee J. Webb, Soloist

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

Q10. Where is God? A: God is everywhere.

Q11. Can you see God? A: No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

Q12. Does God know all things? A: Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

Q13. Can God do all things? A: Yes. God can do all his holy will.

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

The Hymn — "Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding" (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Proverbs 6:1-35(pew Bible page 530)

The Sermon — Life on the Way:Mr. Dempsey
Lessons from the Sluggard and the Fool

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

On such love, my soul, still ponder,
Love so great, so rich, so free;
Say, while lost in holy wonder,
"Why, O Lord, such love to me?"
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign eternally!

The Postlude — "Festival Postlude" Richard Purvis

**Children ages 4 through 3rd grade will be dismissed to a children's program and may be picked up after the service in room 133, just outside the sanctuary doors.



Midweek

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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MIDWEEK RETURNS THIS WEDNESDAY

January 18th begins our regular Midweek programming. This is a rich time of fellowship as families gather for a meal at 5:00 p.m. and then take advantage of several opportunities to learn and grow together. There are several existing D Groups, and Ty and Rebecca Hardy, along with Timmy and Lesley Smith will be planting a new D Group.

In addition to D Groups, there will be four electives offered this semester. If you are interested in joining a D Group or have questions about any of the electives, please email discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

Foundations Class

A class taught by David Strain for members and visitors who want to know more about our church, its ministries, and the doctrine and beliefs of our Presbyterian Denomination. To sign up, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

Grandparenting Matters

Come to our Grandparenting Matters midweek video seminar for a challenge and some encouragement about our unique roles as grandparents! To register, call Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or email her at emilye@fpcjackson.org.

Evangelism Training

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.

Ladies' Midweek Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a study of the Gospel of Luke, where real people encounter the real Jesus. This study is for women of all ages and stages. The small group study is facilitated by Allie Elkin and Elise Turner. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See signs in Greeting Courtyard
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
4:15 p.m.	Elder Training	MH
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202A
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary

(ages 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

7:15 a.m.	Madison Breakfast FPCYM	Chick-fil-a in Madison
9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	SC 211
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH
6:00 p.m.	MOMS@Night	MH

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
9:30 a.m.	GriefShare	Parlor
5:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
6:00 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups	Various Locations
	Foundations Class	WH 204
	Grandparenting Matters	PH
	Evangelism Training	WH 202B
	Women's Bible Study	WH 202A
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior and Senior High D Groups	YH

Thursday, January 19, 2023

9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	MH
12:00 p.m.	Mission to the World Committee	WH 202

Saturday, January 21, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, January 22, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See signs in Greeting Courtyard
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
5:00 p.m.	New Members Received	PH
4:15 p.m.	Elder Training	MH
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202A
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Rutledge Home (101 Ridge St.)

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER MEETING

For those who are in the membership process, there will be a meeting to receive new members next Sunday, January 22, at 5:00 p.m. in Patterson Hall. New members will be presented to the congregation on the following Sunday, January 29.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on January 27, at 11:30 a.m. in Patterson Hall. We will start off with a short program followed by lunch and a leisurely time of catching up with one another. The cost of the event is \$3 per person. We are asking all attendees with the last name starting with letters A-K to bring a side and those with L-Z to bring a dessert. The main dish will be provided by the church. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Join us for a sweet treat and even sweeter fellowship! Women's Ministry Fellowship Groups are small groups made up of women of all ages who desire fellowship with one another. These groups meet in homes around the metro area a couple times throughout the year in an effort to encourage relationships and help make our large church seem a little smaller! Join us Tuesday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. Find the information to register on the church website or app.

2023 MID-SOUTH MEN'S RALLY


Mark your calendars now for our 37th Annual Mid-South Men's Rally on Friday February 10, 2023. The rally is always a deeply encouraging evening of great singing, powerful preaching, good food, and warm Christian fellowship that draws around 1000 men from all over the Mid-South region. Speaking on the theme of Enduring by Faith will be Dr. Irwyn Ince, adjunct professor of Pastoral Theology, RTS Washington, D.C., and coordinator for Mission to North America.


BOYS AND MOMS BOWLING BASH

Moms and sons of all ages are invited to an afternoon of bowling and fun on Saturday, January 28, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m at Fannin Lanes in Flowood. This will be a great opportunity to spend some quality time with your boys and make fun memories at the same time! The cost is \$15 per bowler. Registration is available on the church website and app.

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

Thirdmill Ministries – This ministry, supported through Mission to the World, seeks to provide distance theological education to thousands of pastors around the world who lack sufficient training for ministry. For more information, <https://thirdmill.org/>.

John & Taylor Blevins – Serving as a church planter at Christ Church Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN. Website: www.cometochrist.church Email: john@johnblevinsiii.com

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Barbara Cook January 8, 2023

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Cook by the Choir.

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

GriefShare is a ministry of support and encouragement for those grieving the death of a loved one. Using the Bible and the shared experience of others, participants will discover how to navigate the profound difficulties of bereavement. The 13-week GriefShare course meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. To register, please contact Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, we hope you'll join us for MOMS this spring! We will continue to offer two options - one that meets every Wednesday morning and one for working mothers that meets 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.

This semester, MOMS@Night will continue their study of the book of Hosea, led by Jane Wiggins. The Wednesday morning group, led by Shirley Windham, will study what Proverbs teaches us about parenting. Nursery and a homeschool room for ages 12 and under are available, but space is limited. Registration is available on the church website For more information, email moms@fpcjackson.org.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursdays from 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. as Melissa Abraham, Helen Lewis, and Carol Anne Miconi lead us through the book of Mark. 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 on the church website or app. For more information, email lisao@fpcjackson.org.