

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fifth Day of September, 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 — "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" Gayden Sikes
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Praise Ye the Lord" (*Coronation Anthem*) G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 117 — "The Spacious Firmament on High"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology Tune: "Hyfrydol"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory.
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

The RUF Mission Report

8:30 a.m. Mr. Jeff Jordan, RUF Mississippi College
11:00 a.m. Mr. Austin Braasch, RUF University of Mississippi

The Hymn — "O Day of Rest and Gladness" (worship guide)

The Offering

The Anthem — "To the Lamb on the Throne" Dan Forrest

Worthy the Lamb!
Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim
and publish abroad His wonderful name:
the name all victorious of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Worthy the Lamb!
Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Worthy the Lamb!
God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, His presence we have,
the great congregation His triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Worthy the Lamb!
Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom, might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Worthy the Lamb!

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Galatians 2:1-10..... (pew Bible page 972)

The Sermon — **Grace and Glory: Preserving the Gospel**.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 697 — “Wonderful Words of Life”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
life is worth the living, just because He lives.

The Postlude — “Postlude in A Minor”..... Johann Gottfried Vierling

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.

O Day of Rest and Gladness



1. O day of rest and glad-ness, O day of
 2. On Thee, at the cre - a - tion The light first
 3. *Thou art a port pro - tect-ed* From storms that
 4. To - day on wea - ry na - tions, The heav'n-ly
 5. New grac - es ev - er gain-ing, From this our



joy and light, O balm for care and sad-ness,
 had its birth; On Thee for our sal - va - tion,
round us rise; A gar - den in - ter - sect-ed
 man - na falls; To ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions,
 day of rest, We reach the rest re - main-ing,



Most beau - ti - ful, most bright; On Thee the high and
 Christ rose from depths of earth; On Thee, our Lord, vic-
With streams of Par - a - dise; Thou art a cool-ing
 The sil - ver trum-pet calls, Where gos - pel light is
 To spir - its of the blest. We sing to Thee our



low - ly, Through ag - es joined in tune,
 tor - ious The Spir - it sent from heav'n;
foun - tain In life's dry, drear - y sand;
 glow - ing With pure and ra - diant beams
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly,"
 And thus on Thee, most glo - rious,
From Thee, like Pis - gah's moun - tain,
 And liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing,
 The church her voice up - rais - es,



To the great God tri - une.
 A three - fold light was giv'n.
We view out prom - ised land.
 With soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
 To Thee, blest Three in One.

EVENING WORSHIP

Five O’Clock

The Reverend Mr. Joe Johnson
RUF Campus Minister, Mississippi State University

The Reverend Mr. Scott H. Miller
Minister of Young Adults & College

The Greetings and Announcements (4:55 p.m.)

The Prelude — “Prelude on *Rhosymedre*”..... R. Vaughan Williams
The FPC String Quartet

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 642 — “Be Thou My Vision”

The Invocation

The RUF Mission Report..... Mr. Bentley Crawford, RUF Belhaven University

The Hymn — “The Sands of Time Are Sinking”..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “Fantasia on ‘Amazing Grace’”..... arr. Elliot Del Borgo

The Hymn (stzs. 1-4) — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 7:54–60 (pew Bible page 916)

The Sermon — Living in the Light of the Beauty of Christ..... Mr. Johnson

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Hasten on from grace to glory,
armed by faith, and winged by prayer;
heav’n’s eternal day’s before thee,
God’s own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
hope soon change to glad fruition,
faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

The Postlude — “Air” (from *Abdelazer*)..... Henry Purcell

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 25, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for age 3 and 4.....	MB 135
4:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202A
4:00 p.m.	RUF Campus Ministers Meet & Greet.....	Baird Center Courtyard
5:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
6:00 p.m.	RUF Dinner.....	Baird Center Gym

Monday, September 26, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Circle Bible Teacher Meeting.....	WH 204
12:00 p.m.	Mission Conference Planning Meeting.....	WH 202

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series.....	MH 205
9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	SC 211
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH & Company Room

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
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.	Midweek College Bible Study	SC 319
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs.....	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior High D Groups.....	YH
7:15 p.m.	Senior High Girls Small Group ...	the Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)
7:15 p.m.	12th Grade Guys Small Group.....	El Charro

Thursday, September 29, 2022

9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study: Mark	PH
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
5:00 p.m.	10th Grade Guys Small Group	Cane's in Flowood

Friday, September 30, 2022

7:00 a.m.	11th Grade Guys Small Group.....	Primos in Flowood
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Saturday, October 1, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	WH 202
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Sunday, October 2, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for age 3 and 4.....	MB 135
4:40 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
5:00 p.m.	New Members Received	PH
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202A
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 Jordan Home (9 Pond Side Dr.)

RUF SUNDAY

25th SEPT

Today we are celebrating God's vital work among college students through the ministry of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), and we warmly welcome the many guests who are with us today. We will hear reports from RUF ministers in both the morning and evening services, and we're excited to welcome back Mississippi State University RUF Minister Joe Johnson, a former FPC Intern, who will preach during the evening service. We will worship together tonight at 5 p.m. and then gather for dinner afterward in the Baird Center Gym at 6 p.m.

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) reaches college students with the hope of Christ and equips them for a lifetime of flourishing and service in the church, their community, and the wider world. RUF sends ordained pastors and interns to build healthy student communities that grow up into and live out of the transforming grace of God in Christ.

College is a time when beliefs are explored, decisions are made, and lives are changed. RUF invites students into authentic relationships and the study of God's Word.

Through this ministry, students discover the love of Christ, find their significance in God's redemptive story, and engage in the life of His church. RUF also partners with local churches and individuals to share the vision and task of loving the college campus next door.

RUF CAMPUS MINISTRY *SUPPORTED BY FPC*

Martin & Elizabeth Antoon Savannah College of Art & Design
Austin & Kristen Braasch..... University of Mississippi
Grant & Anne Michal CarterMississippi College
Bentley & Sarah Love Crawford..... Belhaven University
Bobby & Kaylee Epps University of Mississippi
Anthony & Felicia Forrest..... Jackson State University
Joe & April Johnson..... Mississippi State University
Jeff & Dominique JordanMississippi College
Davis & Ashleigh Morgan..... University of Southern Mississippi
Way & Amy RutherfordBaylor University
Ro & Anna Taylor..... Delta State University

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

O-Chan & Asami Odate – serving in Japan as a pastor and church planter; email: praisinguitarist@gmail.com

Davis & Ashleigh Morgan – serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at the University of Southern Mississippi; email: davis.morgan@ruf.org

FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

Priority enrollment has begun for our FPC families and will last through the end of September. FPC members are eligible to register early and secure space in our program. Once open enrollment begins on October 1, applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Schedule your tour soon, as spots are limited! For more information, contact Swayze Pentecost at spentecost@fpds.org or submit an inquiry at fpds.org!

FALL MEN’S BREAKFAST SERIES

FPC men, if you haven’t had a chance to join us on Tuesday mornings, don’t miss this opportunity. We gather 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 by Monday at 5 p.m. 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:

Each Wednesday at 9 a.m. | Third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

COVERING OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER 2022-2023

Today marks the first Sunday of a new year of the **Covering Our Children in Prayer** program. Through this program, each child of the church—from birth to 12th grade—is prayed for by an adult Sunday school class throughout the year. Each adult class is paired with a specific group of babies, children, or teens and asked to pray over these covenant children throughout the year. For more information about the children your class has been asked to pray for this year, please contact your class president.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, weekly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism meet for a time of mutual encouragement, Christ-centered counsel, and prayer. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.