

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “How Great Thou Art” Dan Miller
Rae Shannon, Organ

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

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 181 — “We Come, O Christ, to You”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “I Am with You Always” John Rutter

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
Yet a little while, and the world see-eth me no more; but ye see me:
Because I live, ye shall live also.
Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in me, and I in you.
He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:
And he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him.
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,
Neither let it be afraid. Lo, I am with you always.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — Galatians 2:17-21 (pew Bible page 973)

The Sermon — Grace and Glory: Christ Lives in Me Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 378 (Stzs. 1, 3, & 5) — “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

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 No. 296 (stzs. 1, 3, & 5) — “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall:
We’ll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We’ll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

The Postlude — “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”John H. Hopkins

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. 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 are 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.

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
Mr. William H. Skinner — Congregational Care Intern

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

The Prelude — “Like a River Glorious”arr. Dan Forrest
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

The Call to Worship

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

The Invocation

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

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. John Lowe Smith, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Anthem — “Worthy of Worship” T. Fettke and T. Grassi
The FPC Student Choir; Jamie Peipon, Director; Rebekah Lipscombe, Accompanist

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing, worthy of all of the off'ings we bring.

Refrain: You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; Worthy of worship and praise.

Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear, worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees, worthy of all this and added to these.

Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend, Savior and Source of our life without end.

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

Q146. What is hell? Hell is an awful place, where unbelievers are separated from
God to suffer for their sins.

*The Meditation and Prayer..... Mr. Gary Sinclair, FPDS Chaplain

The Hymn (stzs. 1-4) — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 13:1-21 (pew Bible page 872)

The Sermon..... Mr. Lowry
On the Way to Jerusalem: To Jerusalem, From Jerusalem

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
“You have washed us with your blood, you have washed us with your blood,
You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!”

The Postlude — “Rigaudon” Andre Campra

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

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 16, 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 |
| 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. | Intercessory Prayer Group | WH 202 A |
| 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 Chappellear Home (209 Locust Ln.) |

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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| 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 |
| 6:00 p.m. | MOMS Evening Bible Study | Various Locations |
| 6:45 p.m. | Internationals Class | PH & Company Room |

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

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| 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 | |
| | D Groups | Various Locations |
| | Engaged & Newlywed Class | TBD |
| | Growth Class | TBD |
| | Prayer Meeting and Bible Study | PH |
| | Women's Bible Study | WH 204 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Families Count | TBD |
| 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, October 20, 2022

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| 9:15 a.m. | Women's Bible Study: Mark | PH |
| 9:30 a.m. | French Camp Quilters | Library |
| 12:00 p.m. | MTW Committee Meeting | WH 202 |
| 5:00 p.m. | 10th Grade Guys Small Group | Cane's in Flowood |

Friday, October 21, 2022

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| 7:00 a.m. | 11th Grade Guys Small Group | Primos in Flowood |
| 5:30 p.m. | Junior High Fall Retreat Registration | YH |

Saturday, October 22, 2022

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| 7:30 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast | WH 202 |
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Sunday, October 23, 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 |
| 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. | Intercessory Prayer Group | WH 202 A |
| 6:00 p.m. | Evening Worship | Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes) |

Transforming GRACE

NAVIGATING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH UNCHARTED WATERS

OCT 25-27 | ELLEN DYKAS, SPEAKER

You don't have to look far these days to find headlines about relationships, gender, sexuality, and identity topics in the news. With so much said on these topics, it can be hard to know what to think, what to do, and where to turn. Join us October 25-27 as Ellen Dykas helps us think biblically about these headline-grabbing topics and points us to the only one we can turn to for answers—Jesus.

This event is sponsored by our Women's Ministry, but men are also invited to the events on Oct 26 & 27. Please register for one, two, three, or all four sessions online at fpcj.ms/women. The only cost is \$12 if attending the Tuesday women's lunch session.

Ms. Dykas will have a period of questions and answers in each session. If you would like to submit questions, please email them in advance to womenandchildren@fpcjackson.org.

OCT
25

11:30 AM-1 PM

TOXIC RELATIONSHIPS:

*IDENTIFYING IDOLATRY IN KEY RELATIONSHIPS
& TAKING REFUGE IN CHRIST*

LADIES LUNCHEON – \$12

OCT
26

9-11 AM

THE UNENDING BENDING OF GENDER:

BIBLICAL CLARITY, COURAGE, & COMPASSION

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.
MEN & WOMEN INVITED.

OCT
26

6-7 PM

UNDERSTANDING & ENGAGING WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS EXPERIENCING SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

MEN & WOMEN INVITED.

OCT
27

9:30-11 AM

REMAINING FAITHFUL WHEN OTHERS EMBRACE LGBTQ+ THEOLOGY:

*PURSUING HUMILITY WHILE STANDING FIRM
IN GOD'S WORD*

MEN & WOMEN INVITED.



REGISTER BY SCANNING THE QR CODE
(LEFT) OR BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE,
FPCJ.MS/WOMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Jon and Olya Powell – serving with Mission to the World in Ukraine with a church-planting team (currently in the US); email: jon@powells-lviv.com

Mustard Seed – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, The Mustard Seed is a Christian organization seeking to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities. website: mustardseedms.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Houston Stephenson IV by Katy and Daniel Brink, Anna and Alan Walters, and Tricia and Alan Walters. John 17:24

COMMUNION

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

SPECIAL FRIENDS & YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH — TODAY

The Special Friends and Young Adults classes and their families are invited to gather for a special lunch fellowship in Patterson Hall today after the 11 a.m. worship service.

NEW MIDWEEK ELECTIVES — BEGINNING THIS WEEK

Growth Class: A Practical Guide to Spiritual Disciplines will be offered as an elective in the second quarter of our Midweek programming. We frequently talk about and meditate on the truths about Scripture and prayer, and we often do this without discussing the *practice* of Scripture reading and prayer. This elective will look at practical ways to engage in Bible reading and prayer. If you feel overwhelmed about beginning to study the Bible or engage in private prayer, please consider joining this elective during Midweek activities. For more information, contact Wesley Rule at wesleyr@fpcjackson.org.

Our **Engaged and Newlywed Class** is intended for engaged couples trying to navigate their future together and for those in the first few years of marriage who have already experienced the joys and trials of marriage. Topics will include those common in premarital counseling and will be taught by different pastors, counselors, and professionals. Please register by emailing youngadults@fpcjackson.org.

SERVE DAY — OCTOBER 29

Our entire church—young and old and in between; families of all shapes, sizes, and stages of life; and people of all skill levels—will come together on October 29, to serve our community. We will gather together on Saturday morning, and then groups from our church will be sent out to local ministries as well as to Twin Lakes and to our own church grounds. We will take on projects including painting, organizing, lawn care, light construction, maintenance, creating care packages, and more! To sign up, visit fpcj.ms/serve.

REFORMATION SUNDAY — OCTOBER 30

On Sunday evening, October 30, at 6 p.m., our church and Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church will come together, along with other churches in our Presbytery, for a Reformation Day Service. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special service!