

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
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 — "God Himself Is Present" Michael Burkhardt
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Let Thy Holy Presence" Paul Tschneskoffs

The Call to Worship — Psalm 9:7-11

But the LORD sits enthroned forever;
He has established His throne for justice.

And He judges the world with righteousness;
He judges the world with uprightness.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!

Tell among the peoples His deeds!

The Hymn No. 297 — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Doxology (Tune: *Regent Square*)

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son.
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One.
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

The Public Profession of Faith (8:30 a.m.)

The Biblical Basis
The Introduction of New Members
The Questions of Membership
The Prayer
The Declaration
The Blessing

The Offering

The Anthem — "O Love, How Deep" Everett Titcomb

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high.
How passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God,
Should take our mortal form for mortals' sake,
For us He prayed, for us He taught, for us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not Himself, but us,
All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forever more.
Amen.

The Hymn No. 107 — “Praise Ye the Father!”

The Pastoral Prayer (11:00 a.m.)

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 121 (pew Bible page 516)

The Scripture Reading — Numbers 14:1-38..... (pew Bible page 122)

The Sermon — Grace and Glory (and Grumbling?)..... Mr. Lowry

The Hymn No. 600 (stzs. 1-3) — “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

And when my task on earth is done,
when, by Thy grace, the victory’s won.
E’en death’s cold wave I will not flee
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
By His own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
for by His hand He leadeth me.

The Postlude — “Maestoso”.....Hermann Schroeder

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.

THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

Why must we be members of a local church? The Bible uses metaphors to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another (Romans 12:5). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into His community of the Trinity. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption by Whom we are made members of the family (Romans 8:15-17). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. So, why must we become members of a local church? It is because, having been united to Christ, we are necessarily united to all those who are united to Him. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

Who can be a member of the church? Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord’s Table can be a communing member of First Presbyterian Church. Children of believer(s) are, by virtue of their birth in a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant. However, they may not partake of the Lord’s Table as a way to protect them from eating and drinking judgment upon themselves, if they were to do so in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Hence, our children are called non-communing members of the church. We hope that all our covenant children would embrace the gospel and become communing members. While only the communing members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, all members of the church family are, however, entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church.

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The first three of five questions seek to show to us our hellish plight before God, bring us to a point of desperate need for the person and work of Jesus, and rely upon the life-giving power in none but the Holy Spirit alone. We would do well to bring these grand truths of the gospel in our prayers every day. While the first three questions speak of our relation to each person of the Godhead, the next two questions speak of our relation to the Church of God which the Father loves, the Son died and rose to save, and the Spirit now indwells. Since each Person of the Trinity is interested and invested in the Church, we who are called by His name must do likewise. May we who are members of the covenant community pray for the welfare of the Church and of First Presbyterian Church. May we seek to live lives in which the gospel has pervaded every sphere. May we be growing disciples seeking to learn more of our God, His great majesty, and His magnificent Fatherhood. May we grow as committed members by regularly worshiping and seeking to gather with our family as often as opportunities provide us. May we be humble followers submitting to the wise leadership and discipline of those who care for our souls. May we grow to love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on October 2, 2022, and will be presented to the congregation during the 8:30 a.m. service today. Please welcome them warmly.

Olivia Bedenbaugh

Niland Fortenberry

Anne Jones

Jim Jones

Nate Landrum

Shannon Landrum

Leigh-Faires McGee

Manning McPhillips

Cassie Meher

James Meher

Alice Moore*

Jack Riles*

Cindy Wilks

Nick Winters

*covenant child joining as a communing member

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
Dr. R. Anthony Doggett — Senior Minister's Intern

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

The Prelude — “Largo”.....G. F. Handel
Robert Jones, Violin; William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — “I'm So Glad That I Found Jesus”
The Four and Five Year Old Choir
Kristi Jordan, Director; Christina Perkins, Accompanist

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 12 — “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Jesus I am Resting, Resting” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Mark Baird, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Jerusalem the Golden”..... Alexander Ewing

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

Q147. Will the bodies of all the dead be raised again? **Yes. At the last day some will be raised to everlasting life and others to everlasting death.**

Q148. What will God do to unbelievers at the last day? **He will judge them and condemn them to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire with Satan and his angels.**

Q149. What will God do for believers at the last day? **He will give them a home with him in the new heaven and the new earth.**

Q150. What will the new heaven and the new earth be like? **A glorious and happy place, where the saved will be with Jesus forever.**

*The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. James Post, College Ministry Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1-3) — “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”(hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 14:1-24(pew Bible page 873)

The Sermon.....Mr. Lowry
On the Way to Jerusalem: In the Highways, In the Hedges

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.

The Postlude — “Trumpet Tune”..... Frederick Swann

*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 23, 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.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202 A
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series.....	MH
9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	SC 211
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
11:30 a.m.	Transforming Grace: Toxic Relationships	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH & Company Room

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Transforming Grace: The Unending Bending of Gender	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	WH 302
	Families Count	Idea Lab
	Growth Class	WH 202
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.....	PH
	Transforming Grace: Same-Sex Attraction	MH
	Women's 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 and Senior 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 27, 2022

9:30 a.m.	Transforming Grace: Remaining Faithful	MH
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
12:00 p.m.	MNA Committee Meeting	WH 202
5:00 p.m.	10th Grade Guys Small Group	Cane's in Flowood

Friday, October 28, 2022

7:00 a.m.	11th Grade Guys Small Group.....	Primos in Flowood
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Saturday, October 29, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	WH 202
8:00 a.m.	Serve Day	MH

Sunday, October 30, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Signs in Greeting Courtyard
9:45 a.m.	Communicant Fall Meet & Greet.....	LH
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.	Reformation Day Service	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed to Lowe Hall for Children's Classes)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Alonzo & Esther Ramirez – serving in campus ministry, seminary training, and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Cajamarca, Peru;
email: ssagustin21@yahoo.com

Harris & Laura Beth Bond – serving as a church planter in Monroe/West Monroe, LA;
email: harris.bond@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gwenette Robertson by her family.

SERVE DAY — OCTOBER 29

Our entire church will come together on October 29, to serve our community. We will gather together in Miller Hall at 8 a.m. 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 host a Reformation Day Service in our sanctuary. All churches in the presbytery have been invited to participate. Make plans to join us for this special service.

ONE SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 6

One Mission | One Community

Mark your calendars for this year's One Sunday! On November 6 our entire church will come together for Sunday school, one worship service, and a church-wide luncheon. Don't miss this special day in the life of our church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — NOVEMBER 20

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, is to be held in the sanctuary of the church at 9:50 a.m. on Sunday, November 20, 2022, for the following two purposes: (1) To consider and act on the recommendation of the Session that the congregation elect additional elders. (2) To consider and act on the recommendation of the Session and the Diaconate that the congregation authorize an additional \$2.5 million in spending and borrowing authority for the purposes of: (a) Renovating FPC facilities to improve ministry efficiency, outreach, hospitality, and security. This project is estimated to cost \$1.5 million. (b) Setting aside an additional \$1 million to fund anticipated capital improvement needs for Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center. More information about these proposals has been sent via email and post to church members.

Transforming
GRACE

NAVIGATING RELATIONSHIPS
THROUGH UNCHARTED WATERS

OCT 25-27 | ELLEN DYKAS, SPEAKER



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

You don't have to look far these days to find headlines about relationships, gender, sexuality, and identity topics in the news, but 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.