

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirteenth Day of November, 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 Introduction of Andrew Vincent, Twin Lakes Executive Director

The Prelude — "Stand up and Bless the Lord"..... Charles Callahan
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Almighty God of Our Fathers"..... Will James

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 97 — "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Offering

The Anthem — "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"..... Mark Hayes
with Kathryn Edwards, Piano

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.
Let every creature join to praise the one Eternal God,
Ye heavenly hosts the song begin and sound His name abroad.
Jesus, the name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.
He speaks, and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
To God all glory praise and love be ever given, by saints below
and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

The Hymn No. 95 — “Though Troubles Assail Us”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Galatians 3:15-29 (pew Bible page 973)

The Sermon — Grace and Glory: Covenant, Guardian, Sons.....Dr. Strain

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

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

The Postlude — “Postlude on Old Hundredth”Fred Bock

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

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

The Prelude — “Jesus, Word of God Incarnate” Wolfgang Mozart
The FPDS Cello Choir; Nancy Bateman, Director

The Call to Worship

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

The Invocation

The Greetings

*The Offering

The Offertory — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
The Fourth and Fifth Grade Choir
Lauren Randle, Director; Caitlin Vickery, Accompanist

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 15(pew Bible page 874)

The Sermon — On the Way to Jerusalem: Long Way from Home...Mr. Lowry

The Hymn No. 264 — “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

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 263 (stzs. 1-3) — “Lift High the Cross”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
’Till all the world adore His sacred name.
For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation’s praises rise before Thy throne.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
’Till all the world adore His sacred name

The Postlude — “Postlude in B Minor”Flor Peeters

*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.

GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

WELCOME

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together during our evening worship service. 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, which it displays, is 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.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 13, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Space Utilization Q&A	LH
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
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 Barbour Home (2208 Culleywood Rd.)

Monday, November 14, 2022

Various	Circle Bible Studies Meet	See Announcement for Details
11:30 a.m.	2023 Mission Conference Planning	WH 202
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	MS

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

7:15 a.m.	FPCYM Madison Breakfast	Chick-fil-a in Madison
9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	SC 211
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
Various	Circle Bible Studies Meet	See Announcement for Details
6:30 p.m.	MOMS at Night Bible Study	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH & Company Room

Wednesday, November 16, 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	
	D Groups	Various Locations
	Engaged & Newlywed Class	WH 302
	Evangelism Training	MH
	Families Count	FPDS Idea Lab
	Growth Class	WH 202
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	PH
	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, November 17, 2022

9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study: Mark	PH
12:00 p.m.	Mission to the World Committee	WH 202
5:00 p.m.	10th Grade Guys Small Group	Cane's in Flowood

Saturday, November 19, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	WH 202
9:00 a.m.	Equipped Mom Seminar	Various Locations

Sunday, November 20, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:50 a.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
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 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 Forster Home (4616 East Cheryl Dr.)

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EQUIPPED MOM SEMINAR — NOVEMBER 19

Equipped Mom is a one day educational seminar put on three times a year with the goal to equip and empower young moms with the knowledge they need to get started raising their little one on the way. The seminar covers topics such as infant and baby nutrition, labor and delivery, postpartum depression, healthy relationships, parenting, and infant care, taught by professionals. There are many ways you can get involved and volunteer with this event. Contact Mary Ellison 601-942-3507 or Kimberly Sumrall 601-937-4111.

BAPTISM — NOVEMBER 20

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 20. Spaces are available for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MEAL

Gather with your church family this Thanksgiving Day! Our deacons are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner for those in our congregation who may be unable to gather with family and loved ones this year. We will share in an informal Thanksgiving service at 11 a.m. in Miller Hall, followed by the meal at noon. The church will provide the meat, and those who attend are invited to bring sides and desserts. Bringing a dish that serves at least eight people will ensure that there is enough for everyone.

Please call Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 to sign up and let us know what you'd like to bring. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor who may be alone this Thanksgiving, as well. They'll be more than welcome!

JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTMAS DINNER — DECEMBER 1

Join us on December 1 from 6:15-7:45 p.m. for a Very Tacky Christmas Dinner in Miller Hall. There is no cost, but please register through the church app so we can plan accordingly. Parents, we need your help with appetizers and desserts, so please sign up if you are available to provide food! Contact youthhouse@fpcjackson.org with questions.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED — DECEMBER 4

Our next date for receiving new members will be Sunday, December 4. New member forms are available in the greeting courtyard and online at fpcjackson.org/membership and are due by November 23. Email ccare@fpcjackson.org for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH — DECEMBER 6

Gifts of Grace

Throughout our lives, we can see God's hand protecting, providing, and guiding us — even if we are unaware of it at the time. Each of those blessings or deliverances is a gift of grace from our loving Lord. Please join us on December 6, at 11 a.m., for a delicious holiday brunch as we hear our own Mary Ball testify about the gifts of grace in her own life. Registration available on the church app or website.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

November and December

In November and December, the offering collected in your child's Sunday School class will be designated to give to "Winter Warmth for Ukraine Children." The offering will be given to a Presbyterian church in Kyiv which will purchase winter coats, hats, mittens, shoes, and treats for the church's children. Please share with your child the need to bring an offering, and how it will be used to bring warmth and comfort to Ukrainian children at Christmas.

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT 2023

Mark your calendar for our annual Winter Retreat this year at Tanglewood Camp, January 14-16, 2023. Stephen Biggs will be speaking on the topic **Surviving the Identity Crisis**. Register soon in the church app. The cost is \$180, but sign up by the Early Bird deadline of December 2, and pay \$150. Registration will close January 6. Contact youthhouse@fpcjackson.org with questions.

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

Doug & Masha Shepherd – Doug serves with MTW as the team leader in Ukraine. Email: ukrainetexas@gmail.com

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

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Cleland family in honor of Gustava Cleland's 100th birthday.

EVENING COMMUNION — TONIGHT

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

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.

ANDREW VINCENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TWIN LAKES

In our morning worship services today, we will formally introduce and welcome Andrew Vincent, who will assume his new role as the Executive Director of Twin Lakes on January 1, 2023. Andrew is a 1999 graduate of The University of Mississippi. He and his wife, Michelle, have three children, Ethan (18), Anna (17), and Allison (13). Andrew has served in several roles at Twin Lakes including guest services, Assistant Camp Director from 2000-2009, and Camp Director for the past 13 years. He is a committed team member and industry leader who brings a wealth of knowledge and a heart for ministry into this position. We are excited to welcome Andrew in this new role and look forward to the future of Twin Lakes under his leadership.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES MEET THIS WEEK

Women's Ministry monthly Bible studies will meet November 14 and 15. For more information or to join a circle, please email Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org.

Circle 2	November 14	10:00 a.m.	Home of Ashley Meena
Circle 3	November 14	10:00 a.m.	Westminster Hall 204
Circle 4	November 14	10:00 a.m.	Parlor
Circle 5	November 14	10:00 a.m.	Home of Janis Miller
Circle 6	November 14	6:30 p.m.	Home of Beth Archer
Circle 8	November 14	9:30 a.m.	The Orchard
Circle 9	November 15	10:00 a.m.	Westminster Hall 204
Circle 11	November 15	10:00 a.m.	Home of Frenchie Graham
Circle 12	November 15	10:30 a.m.	St. Catherine's
Circle 14	November 14	12:00 p.m.	Miller Hall

PARENT UNIVERSITY WITH BARBARA PORTER — NOVEMBER 17

“Future Planning: Preparing Students for a World We May Not See”

Dinner will be provided beginning at 5:15, followed by our speaker at 6 p.m. Sign up online at fpcj.ms/parent-university.