

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth 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. David L. Felker — Executive Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Largo” (*Golden Sonata*) Henry Purcell
Bonnie Brown, Violin I Ausra Jasineviciute, Viola
Emily Williams, Violin II Nancy Bateman, Cello

The Introit — “We Come, O Christ, to You” “Darwall”

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 267 — “The Day of Resurrection!”

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 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 & 2) — “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

The Offering

The Offertory — “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

Jesu, joy of man's desiring. Holy wisdom, Love most bright.
Drawn by Thee, our soul aspiring. Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned. With the fire of Life impassioned.
Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying round Thy Throne.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Galatians 4:1-7..... (pew Bible page 974)

The Sermon — Grace and Glory: Sons in the SonDr. Strain

The Hymn No. 645 (stzs. 1-4) — “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

The Postlude — “Sonata in F” (*Gigue*)G. F. Handel

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

Walter Hollis Burrow
son of Hollis and Abigail Burrow

Elsie Carnes Elkin
daughter of Jamey and Sarah Elizabeth Elkin

David Alexander Goebel
son of Justin and Kristin Goebel

Ellington Jane Ohnstad
daughter of Sander and Rose Ohnstad

Amos Michael Osborne
son of Carter and Anna Grace Osborne

Samuel Harrison Turner
son of Nigel and Charity Turner

The next baptism date is January 15, 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. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
Mr. Stephen A. Biggs — Director of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “He Hideth My Soul”..... arr. Halberg
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 677 — “Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding”..... (hymn sheet)

The Evening PrayerMr. Hu Meena, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Adagio”..... Georg Philipp Telemann
Timotei Sanduleac, Flute; Svetlana Sanduleac, Piano

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

Q1. Who made you? **God.**

Q2. What else did God make? **God made all things.**

Q3. Why did God make you and all things? **For his own glory.**

The Meditation and Prayer Mr. Daniel Tortorici, Young Adults Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1-2) — “Speak, O Lord” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 16:1-31(pew Bible page 875)

The Sermon — On the Way to Jerusalem: A Love Story.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Postlude — “Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations”S. Karg-Elert

*Children age 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.

FPC THIS WEEK

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.)

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

	No Midweek Dinner or Activities	
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS

Thursday, November 24, 2022

	Church Office Closed	
11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Gathering & Luncheon	MH

Friday, November 25, 2022

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 26, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	WH 202
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Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See signs in Greeting Courtyard for locations
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 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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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. Our next 13-week GriefShare course will begin Wednesday, January 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. To register, please contact Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

YEAR-END GIVING

Support the Work of First Presbyterian Church

Contributions must be received by FPC on or before December 31 or postmarked by December 31 in order to be deductible for the 2022 tax year. The Business Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on December 30. On Saturday, December 31, security will be on site to receive any contributions. Additionally, you may give online through midnight on December 31 at fpcj.ms/give or via the church app.

Any gifts received in person or postmarked after December 31 must be applied to the 2023 tax year.

For information about how to donate stock to First Presbyterian Church, please contact the Business Office at 601-973-9100 or businessoffice@fpcjackson.org.

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

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

Tial & Annie – serving as church planters with Mission to the World in Southeast Asia. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Ro & Anna Taylor – Ro serves as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Delta State University; email: ro.taylor@ruf.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Wasson—husband, father, grandfather, and friend—by his family.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — TODAY

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, is to be held today in the sanctuary at 9:50 a.m. **No adult or youth Sunday School classes will meet today. Children age two through third grade may go to their regular Sunday School classrooms. Fourth through sixth graders should attend the meeting with their parents. Please pick up children in their classrooms following the meeting.**

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no Midweek activities this Wednesday as we observe the Thanksgiving holiday. The Bookstore will be closed the whole week of Thanksgiving, and the church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week, November 24-25.

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!

MEN'S PORCH NIGHT — NOVEMBER 28

We will hold our next Men's Ministry Porch Night on Monday, November 28, at 7 p.m. There will be numerous locations across the Jackson metro where small groups of men will gather for a time of fellowship and community. Sign up online at fpcj.ms/men.

MEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH — DECEMBER 1

Men, make plans to join us for a Christmas Lunch, Thursday, December 1, at 12 p.m. We will hear from guest speaker, Dr. Doug Kelly. Sign up online at fpcj.ms/men.

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.