

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Seventh 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 Prelude — "Hymn of Thanksgiving"Martha P. Setchell
Dr. Grace Shumaker, Piano; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Ancient Chant

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 230 — "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology — "Gloria in Excelsis, Deo"

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" arr. Mack Wilberg

Choir and Congregation:

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say rejoice!

All Women:

The Lord, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love.

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Choir and Congregation:

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven:

The keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and Judge shall come

And take His servants up to their eternal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Choir:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Amen!

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Genesis 3:8-21..... (pew Bible page 3)

The New Testament Reading — John 18:28-40..... (pew Bible page 904)

The Sermon — Christmas According to Jesus: Revelation.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 196 (stzs. 1-3) — “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king.
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The Postlude — “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”.....Dale Wood

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. Christopher S. Moody — Discipleship Intern

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

The Prelude — “What Child Is This?” Richard Purvis
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 194 — “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Song of Zechariah” (hymn sheet)

The Evening Prayer Mr. Arthur Davis, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “As the Deer” (Psalm 42) Nystrom
Alexandru Sanduleac, Piano

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

Q4. How can you glorify God? **By loving him and doing what he commands.**

Q5. Why are you to glorify God? **Because he made me and takes care of me.**

The Meditation and Prayer..... Mr. Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

The Hymn No. 224 — “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 17 (pew Bible page 876)

The Sermon..... Mr. Lowry
On the Way to Jerusalem: There Will Be Days Like This

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Go tell it on the mountain

Over the hills and everywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

The Postlude — “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” J. S. Bach

*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.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FROM FIRST
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DEC
14
CAROLS IN
THE PARK
5:30-7 p.m.

DEC
18
MUSIC OF
CHRISTMAS
4 and 6 p.m.

DEC
24
FAMILY CAROLS
SERVICE
4:00 p.m.

DEC
25
CHRISTMAS DAY
SERVICE
10 a.m.



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Jackson, Mississippi



FPC THIS WEEK

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.)

Monday, November 28, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Circle Bible Teacher Meeting	WH 204
7:00 p.m.	Men's Ministry Porch Night	Various Locations

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	SC 211
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
11:45 a.m.	Mission to Jackson Committee Meeting	WH 202
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH & Company Room

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Christmas Brunch	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, December 1, 2022

12 p.m.	Men's Christmas Lunch	MH
6:15 p.m.	Junior High Christmas Dinner	MH

Friday, December 2, 2022

7:00 a.m.	11th Grade Guys Small Group	Primos in Flowood
7:00 p.m.	Belhaven Singing Christmas Tree	Belhaven University

Saturday, December 3, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	WH 202
7:00 p.m.	Belhaven Singing Christmas Tree	Belhaven University

Sunday, December 4, 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
5:00 p.m.	New Members Received	PH
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:00 p.m.	Reception for Mark Magee	LH
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAROLS IN THE PARK — DECEMBER 14

We are excited to host Carols in the Park at Laurel Park this year. This will be a neighborhood event with free food, hot chocolate, a performance by the Bells of Faith from Mustard Seed, and Christmas carols. Please save the date and invite your friends and neighbors! Volunteers are needed for this event. To volunteer, please contact Jo Lynn Mayfield at 601-973-9125 or joynnm@fpcjackson.org.

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 different aspects of Christian identity. 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.

WINTER GRACE SERVICE — JANUARY 8

It is often during this season of great joy that we are also acutely aware of our losses, fears, doubts, and struggles. As we celebrate the birth of Immanuel, God with us, we often feel alone and far from Him. That is why it is so important to remember that Christ shares our life in joy and sorrow, death and new birth, despair and promise. Join us at evening worship on January 8 for a service of hope and healing for all those who are "bruised and broken by the fall."

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.

FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The spring Foundations Class begins January 18, at 6 p.m. This class is for members and visitors who want to know more about our church and its ministries, our denomination, Presbyterian doctrine and beliefs, church history, and church government. The class will be taught by David Strain. To sign up, please email ccare@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.

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

Fred & Sheila Reid – ministering to college students with Alive Again Ministries in Japan; email: fred.reid.alive.again.japan@gmail.com

Anne Michal & Grant Carter – Anne Michal serves as a member of the campus staff with Reformed University Fellowship at Mississippi College; email: annemichal.carter@ruf.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert McDonald by his family.

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.

BELHAVEN SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First Presbyterian Church will give out hot chocolate along with a Rico Tice Christmas book at the Belhaven Singing Christmas Tree, December 2 and 3. Volunteers are needed each night. To volunteer, contact Jo Lynn Mayfield at 601-973-9125 or jollynnm@fpcjackson.org.

RECEPTION FOR MARK MAGEE — DECEMBER 4

Join us following evening worship on Sunday, December 4, to celebrate the retirement of Twin Lakes Executive Director, Mark Magee. Mark has served Twin Lakes faithfully for 30 years. Please help us thank him for his service and wish him well in retirement. The reception will be in Lowe Hall.

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.

MIDWEEK HYMN SING — DECEMBER 7

Join us on December 7 at 6 p.m. for a Christmas hymn sing in Miller Hall. This will be a gathering for all ages concluding our fall Midweek programming.