



Joy TO THE
World



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Jackson, Mississippi



THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fifth Day of December, Two Thousand Twenty-Two
MORNING WORSHIP — Ten O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

The Reverend Wiley Lowry, Assistant Minister of Teaching and Congregational Care

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Joy To The World"..... Carolyn Hamlin
Dr. Grace Shumaker, Piano; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 218 — "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering

The Offertory Solo — "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"..... Paul S. Jones
Bonnie Brown, Violin; Rae Shannon, Piano

The Hymn No. 207 — "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Micah 5:1-5 (pew Bible page 778-9)

The New Testament Reading — John 10:1-18..... (pew Bible page 896)

The Sermon — Christmas According to Jesus: Abundant LifeDr. Strain

The Hymn No. 195 — "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

The Benediction

The Postlude — "Joy To The World".....Wilbur Held

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 25, 2022

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....Sanctuary

Monday, December 26, 2022

Church office closed

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

No Wednesday Evening programming

Saturday, December 31, 2022

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting..... WH 202

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Services.....Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. One Sunday School, Family Hymn SingMH

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service.....Sanctuary


LH—Lowe Hall MB—Main Building MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite
PH—Patterson Hall SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House


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.

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Winter Grace

A SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

JANUARY 8
6 P.M.
FPC SANCTUARY



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Joel Spence – Joel serves with MTW in Krakow, Poland. Joel served on the Krakow Crisis Response Team and will now be working as a church planter along with evangelism and outreach to Ukrainian refugees. Email: joel.g.spence@gmail.com.

Young Life – Supported by Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, seeks to share the gospel, lead adolescents to Christ, and help them grow in their faith. Website: <https://ms19.younglife.org>

YEAR END GIVING REMINDERS

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.

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.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, weekly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, biblical reflection, and prayer. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism meet for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

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CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY

The Caregivers' Support Group will take place every 2nd Monday of the month starting January 9 in MH 203A & 203B from 11a.m.–12:30 p.m. The purpose of our Caregivers' Ministry is to gather similarly situated caregivers who desire to learn, share stories, and grieve as we walk together through the valley of a loved one's suffering with dementia and dementia-related illness. The meeting will provide a safe and friendly forum to vent with others who understand the toils of caregiving for the cognitively impaired. We'll provide resources which are available to the caregiver as well as to the loved one for whom care is being provided. Ultimately, we'll leave each participant with the promise of the gospel and the hope and rest we find in Christ Jesus our Savior. To register, please contact Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

PARENTING CONFERENCE – JANUARY 11, 2023

Save the date for our 2023 parenting conference January 11 from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Nate Shurden, former FPCJ Minister of Young Adults, will be our featured speaker and we will have two breakout sessions with five topics to choose from. Dinner and childcare will be provided. The cost is \$8 per person, and registration is open now at this link: fpcj.ms/parenting

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

For Mark, discipleship is a relationship with Jesus, not merely following a certain code of conduct. Fellowship with Jesus marks the heart of the disciple's life. This includes trusting Him, confessing Him, following His teaching, and being shaped by a relationship to Him. Join us on Thursdays, starting January 12, from 9:15–11:00am as Melissa Abraham, Helen Lewis, and Carol Anne Miconi lead us through the book of Mark. The format will be large group lecture and small group discussion. This Bible study is for women of all ages and stages, but there will be a small group for mothers of adolescents. Registration is available on the church website or app. For more information, email lisao@fpcjackson.org.

2022-2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 26 - Church Offices Closed

Sunday, January 1 - Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

One Sunday School in Miller Hall at 9:45 a.m.

Monday, January 2 - Church Office Closed