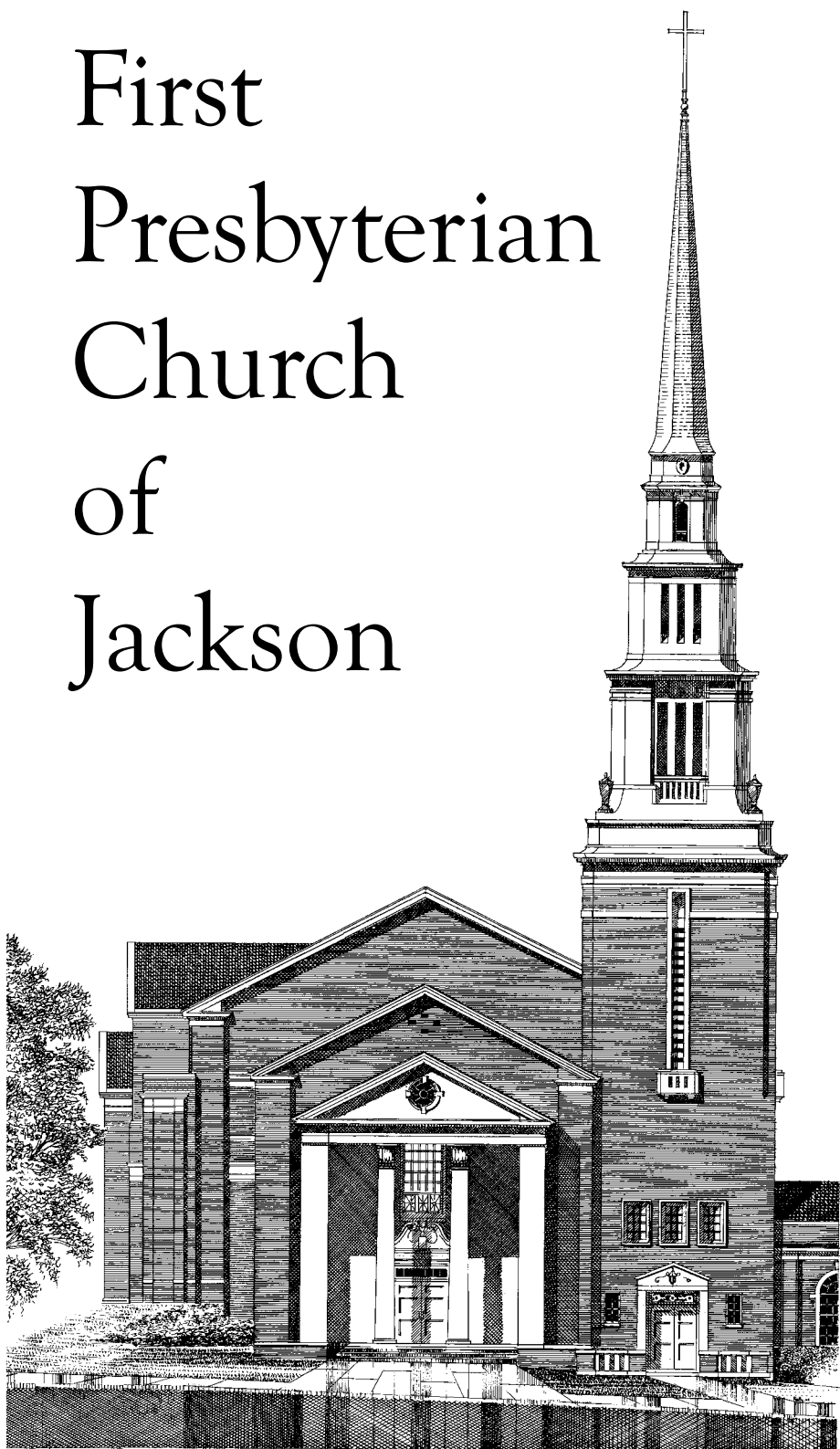


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The First Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III
Chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary
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 — “Panis Angelicus”.....Franck/Seipp
Michael Beasley, Trumpet; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Call to Worship — Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, He is God!

It is He who made us, and we are His;

we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; Bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

And His faithfulness to all generations.

The Hymn No. 30 — “Our God, Our Help In Ages Past”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Invocation

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 Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory Solo — “Air” (from Water Music Suite)..... Handel/Seipp
Michael Beasley, Trumpet; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Hymn No. 699 — “Like a River Glorious”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 98 (pew Bible page 500)

The New Testament Reading — John 12:20–33..... (pew Bible page 899)

The Sermon — New Year, New Song Dr. Duncan

The Hymn No. 700 (Stzs. 1–4) — “Come, We That Love the Lord”

The Benediction


The Congregational Response


Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground to fairer worlds on high.

The Postlude — “O Savior, Reign The Heavens” Helmut Walcha

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EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Scott H. Miller — Young Adults & College Minister
Mr. Christopher Moody — Discipleship Intern

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

The Prelude — “A Norwegian Prelude” Edvard Grieg
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 600 — “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “The Sands of Time are Sinking” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Dr. Samuel Hensley, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” William Bradbury

The Hymn (Stzs. 1–4) — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Proverbs 1:1–7 (pew Bible page 527)

The Sermon — The Beginning of Wisdom Mr. Miller

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

The Postlude — “God Moves In a Mysterious Way” George Dyson



PARENTING SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Miller Hall • 5:00 – 7:30pm

speaker: NATE SHURDEN



\$8/adult • Childcare provided
Register at fpcj.ms/parenting

Register now for our 2023 parenting conference January 11 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Our featured speaker will be Nate Shurden, former FPCJ Minister of Young Adults, who currently serves as Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Franklin, TN. Childcare will be provided and the cost of registration is \$8 per adult, which includes dinner. Registration is available at fpcjackson.org/parenting.

Breakout topics:

- Equipping Today's Teens for Tomorrow's Questions – Zeb Henson
 - Navigating Technology with Your Child – Jennifer Dryden and Trey Tracy
 - How to Build Relationships with Your Children – Barb Martin
 - The Beauty of Grandparenting – Billy Dempsey
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FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning WorshipSanctuary
9:45 a.m. Family Hymn Sing.....MH
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service.....Sanctuary

Monday, January 2, 2023

Church Offices are closed.

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

9:30 a.m. French Camp Quilters Library
9:30 a.m. Women Greeters Prayer Meeting..... MB 135

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

9:30 a.m. WIC Council Meeting PH
No Midweek Activities

Thursday, January 5, 2023

9:30 a.m. French Camp Quilters Library

Saturday, January 7, 2023

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

Sunday, January 8, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning WorshipSanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School..... See signs in Greeting Courtyard
5:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group WH 202A
6:00 p.m. Winter Grace ServiceSanctuary

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY

The Caregivers' Support Group will take place every 2nd Monday of the month starting January 9 in MH 203A & 203B from 11 a.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.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, we hope you'll join us for MOMS this spring! We will continue to offer two options - one that meets every Wednesday morning and one for working mothers that meets the third Tuesday night of each month. MOMS is a Bible study for expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the sixth grade or below. This semester, MOMS@Night will continue their study of the book of Hosea, led by Jane Wiggins. The Wednesday morning group, led by Shirley Windham, will study what Proverbs teaches us about parenting. Registration is available on the church website or app beginning Jan 2. For more information, email moms@fpcjackson.org.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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.

FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The spring Foundations Class begins Wednesday, January 18, at 6:00 p.m. This class is for visitors and members who want to know more about our church and its ministries, our denomination, Presbyterian doctrine and beliefs. The class will be taught by David Strain. To sign up, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

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

Greg & Becca Bylsma – Greg and Becca will serve with a church plant in Malaysia and later in the Middle East. Email: GregAC@proton.me.

Mark & Raylene Casson – Mark serves as the Executive Director of the Metanoia Prison Ministries in Chattanooga, TN. Email: mcasson@pcanet.org.

FAMILY HYMN SING TODAY

We will not have adult or children's Sunday School classes this morning, and families are encouraged to join us in Miller Hall at 9:45 a.m. for a time of singing and fellowship.

WINTER GRACE SERVICE — JANUARY 8

Since the moment Adam and Eve first sinned against God, the whole world has been “bruised and broken by the fall.” That means each one of us is broken and in need of rescue. We all suffer not only the outward effects of the fall – sickness, death, broken relationships – but also the inward – sin, doubt, fear, discontent. But, praise God that Christ meets us in our brokenness and promises ultimate healing and restoration with him in Heaven one day. Join us on January 8 at evening worship for a special service of lament, confession, hope, and reassurance.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Discipleship Groups will be starting back up this month! These groups are a vital part of our midweek ministry. They meet each Wednesday night at 6pm and are a great way to dive deeper into community and learn and grow with others. If you are interested in learning more about D Groups or how to join a D Group, email Chris Moody at chrism@fpcjackson.org.

NEW MEMBERS

Our next date for receiving new members will be Sunday, January 22. New member forms are available in the greeting courtyard, or you can email emilye@fpcjackson.org for more information. Member forms are due by January 15.

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 app. The cost is \$180 and 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.