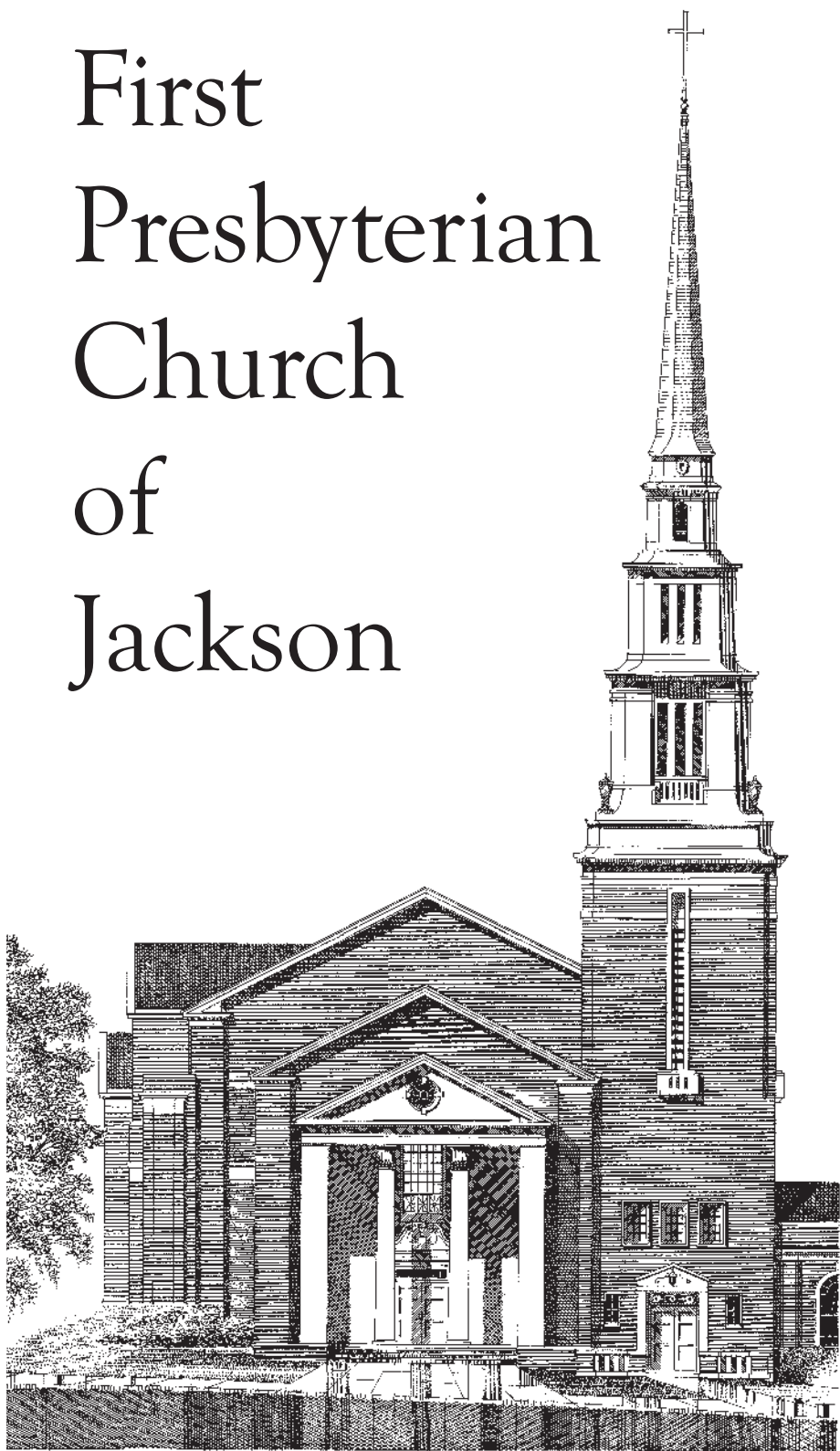


The
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"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. Scott H. Miller — Young Adults & College Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “In The Cross Of Christ I Glory” Wilbur Held
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Worthy is the Lamb” (*Messiah*) G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 55 — “To God Be the Glory”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Scripture Reading — Galatians 4:8-20 (pew Bible page 974)

The Sermon — **Grace and Glory: A Pastor's Pain** Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 251 — “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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 No. 296 (Stzs. 1,2, 4) — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord or all.


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The Postlude — "Crown Him With Many Crowns"..... Albin Whitworth

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A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. 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.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Miller Hall • 5:00 – 7:30pm

speaker: NATE SHURDEN



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

Don't miss our Parenting Conference January 11 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Nate Shurden, former FPCJ Minister of Discipleship and Young Adults, will be our featured speaker and there will be breakout sessions offered for various stages of parenting. The cost of registration is \$8.00 per adult, which includes dinner, and childcare will be provided. Register today at registration 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
 - Family Life in the Fast Lane – Nate Shurden
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FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services.....	Sanctuary
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 Service.....	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)

Monday, January 9, 2023

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8 Bible Study.....	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2 Bible Study.....	Home of Beth Crasto
10:00 a.m.	Circle 3 Bible Study.....	WH 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4 Bible Study.....	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Circle 5 Bible Study.....	Home of Glynda Mosby
11:00 a.m.	Caregivers Support Group.....	MH 203
12:00 p.m.	Circle 14 Bible Study.....	MH 205
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6 Bible Study.....	Home of Beth Archer

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow.....	SC 211
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Library
9:30 a.m.	Women Greeters Prayer Meeting.....	MB 135
10:00 a.m.	Circle 9 Bible Study.....	WH 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 11 Bible Study.....	Home of Frenchie Graham
10:30 a.m.	Circle 12 Bible Study.....	St. Catherine's
12:00 p.m.	FPCYM Parents Prayer Lunch.....	Whole Foods
5:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting.....	PH
6:00 p.m.	Internationals Class.....	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting.....	Music Suite

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Leadership Training.....	MH 205
9:30 a.m.	GriefShare.....	Parlor
5:00 p.m.	Parenting Conference.....	MH

Thursday, January 12, 2023

9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study.....	PH
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Saturday, January 14, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	WH 202
9:30 a.m.	SH Winter Retreat Registration.....	YH

Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See signs in Greeting Courtyard
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group.....	WH 202A
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Nursery and a homeschool room for ages 12 and under are available, but space is limited. 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 -11:00 a.m. 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 lisa@fpcjackson.org.

MIDWEEK SPRING SEMESTER

January 18th begins our regular Midweek programming. This is a rich time of fellowship, learning, and growing together in the middle of the week. In addition to D Groups, there will be four electives offered this spring semester. If you are interested in joining a D Group or have questions about any of the electives, please email discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

Foundations Class — A class for members and visitors who want to know more about our church, its ministries, and the doctrine and beliefs of our Presbyterian denomination. The class will be taught by David Strain. To sign up, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

Grandparenting Matters — Grandparenting is an adventure that takes some by surprise. Others enter grandparenting after a long season of anticipation. But nearly all of us embark on this wonderful journey with pure joy! Though many grandparents accept this new season with excitement, most have never thought about their Biblical role and responsibility in this cherished but sometimes challenging season. Come to our Grandparenting Matters midweek video seminar for a challenge and encouragement about our unique roles as grandparents! Call Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or email her at emilye@fpcjackson.org to sign up.

Evangelism Training — Do you want to tell others about Jesus Christ but are not sure where or how to begin? Learn to share Christ for the first time; learn a clear, simple, Scripture-based presentation of the gospel; and renew your zeal to share Christ at this elective.

Ladies' Midweek Bible Study — Join us on Wednesday evenings for a study of the Gospel of Luke, where real people encounter the real Jesus. This study is geared toward women of all ages and stages, with a common goal of pointing each other to Christ through Bible study and Gospel conversations. The small group will be facilitated by Allie Elkin and Elise Turner. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lisa Oswalt at lisa@fpcjackson.org.

LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Join us for a sweet treat and even sweeter fellowship! Women's Ministry Fellowship Groups are small groups made up of women of all ages who desire fellowship with one another. These groups meet in homes around the metro area a couple times throughout the year in an effort to encourage relationships and help make our large church seem a little smaller! Join us Tuesday, January 24 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Find the information to register on the church website or app.

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

William and Judith Traub – Serving with MTW in partnership with the Free Church of Scotland and Edinburgh Theological Seminary as an OT teacher and as an elder in Dundee, Scotland.

Pioneer Ministries – Pioneer Ministries, supported by Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, prepares young people spiritually, emotionally, and educationally to serve Christ in their communities and to become self-supporting, upstanding and contributing citizens. For more information, email pioneerministriesinc@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Kenneth Primos December 23, 2022
Mr. Graham Hughes December 26, 2022

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Williams by his wife, Ann.

COMMUNION TODAY

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

WINTER GRACE SERVICE TONIGHT

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 for evening worship tonight for a special service of lament, confession, hope, and reassurance.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers Support Group will take place every 2nd Monday of the month starting January 9 in MH 203A & 203B from 11:00 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.

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.