

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Second Day of July, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Nate Shurden

Senior Minister of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Franklin, Tennessee

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon

Minister of Missions

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Nimrod" (*Enigma Variations*) Edward Elgar
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — "Who Is on the Lord's Side?" Carradog Roberts
Jeff Brown, Guest Director

The Call to Worship — Psalm 34:1-3

The Hymn No. 267 — "The Day of Resurrection!"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology (Tune: *Darwall*; Text: Wymond)

All praise we give to God, the Holy Trinity.
We praise the Father, Son and Spirit joyfully.
Creator God, our Shepherd, Savior, Lord and King;
To Thee we sing!

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — "Greater Love" John Ireland

With Kim Porter, Soloist

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends
Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree,
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye should shew forth the praises of Him
Who hath call'd you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
That ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
Holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service.

The Hymn No. 389 — "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Psalm Reading — Psalm 136..... (pew Bible page 520)

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Reading — Ephesians 3:1-13..... (pew Bible page 977)

The Sermon — Stewarding the Mystery.....Mr. Shurden

The Hymn No. 558 (stsz. 1-3) — “That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**The Lord will guard the righteous well,
Their way to Him is known;
The way of sinners, far from God,
shall surely be o'er thrown.**

The Postlude — “Marcia Maestoso”..... Guy Eldridge

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *The Model for Christian Prayer*

In Matthew chapter 6, Jesus gives us a model for what prayer should look like for a Christian. It is prayer that is both “vertical” (centering on “Our Father, who art in Heaven”) and “horizontal” (addressing tangible, earthly needs and concerns). The very structure of the prayer teaches us a lesson of vital importance: that our most pressing need is for our Father in heaven. Since “from Him and through Him and to Him are all things,” He necessarily deserves “all glory forever” (Rom. 11:36). Therefore, all prayer should be rooted in the Fatherhood of God with an aim toward His glory. However, Jesus also taught us to pray for the physical, felt needs of this life. Something so basic as bread, Jesus commends as a worthwhile and necessary component of God-honoring prayer. This reminds us that we are incapable of providing for the most basic needs of our lives, but are instead, dependent on the provision of our heavenly Father. By reciting this prayer together, we are collectively reminding ourselves that God is our Father, His glory is our goal, and He is ultimately the One who takes care of all our needs. May this be an encouragement to our hearts this morning, that our Father is not aloof and unconcerned with the tangible needs of earthly life, but is the one who kindly cares for us by bestowing them.

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. David L. Felker
Executive Minister

Mr. William H. Skinner
Congregational Care Intern

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

The Prelude — “Be Still and Know/Be Still My Soul”..... arr. Mark Hayes
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 457 — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Dr. John McVey, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “When Peace Like a River”..... Philip Bliss

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

Q55. What does God the Father guarantee in the covenant of grace? A. **To justify and sanctify all those for whom Christ died.**

Q56. How does God justify you? A. **God forgives all my sins and accepts me as righteous through Christ.**

The Meditation & Prayer.....Mr. Charlie Wingard, Minister of Shepherding

The Hymn (stzs. 1-3) — “It Is Well with My Soul”..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Galatians 5:22, 23 (pew Bible page 975)
Ephesians 2:13-22 (pew Bible page 977)
Philippians 4:6-7 (pew Bible page 982)
Matthew 5:9..... (pew Bible page 810)

The Sermon — **Life Together: Peacemakers**..... Mr. Felker

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” - it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.

The Postlude — “Recessional in B Minor”Flor Peeters

*Children age four through third grade will be dismissed to a children’s devotional and can be picked up after the service in room 133, just outside the sanctuary doors.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 2, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service.....	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	the Ball Home (418 Hampton Court)

Monday, July 3, 2023

8:00 a.m.	Joni & Friends Senior High Mission Trip Registration.....	YH
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Tuesday, July 4, 2023

All Day	Church Office Closed	
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Wednesday, July 5, 2023

	No Midweek Dinner or Activities	
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
7:10 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, July 6, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore
9:30 a.m.	Women's Summer Bible Study.....	WH 204

Saturday, July 8, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, July 9, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various Locations
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202A
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service.....	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	the Forster Home (4616 E Cheryl Dr.)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES THIS WEDNESDAY!

Because of the holiday this week, we will take a break from our Midweek activities and resume next Wednesday, July 12.

SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

Please pray for Senior Minister David Strain and his family while on a planned sabbatical this summer. During the weeks he will be away from us, we will have the opportunity to hear from several guest ministers. David will return in August.

July 9 – Caleb Cangelosi July 23 – Wiley Lowry
July 16 – Brian Sorgenfrei July 30 – Derek Thomas

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Dive into God's Word

Ladies, dive into the Bible this Summer with us! We're reading five short Epistles (1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, and Titus). We will meet from 9:30–10:30 on Thursdays—July 6, 13, 20, and 27—in Westminster Hall 204. Register online at fpcj.ms/women.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Steadfast Faith: A Study of James

Ladies, we hope you'll join us for MOMS this fall! 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, led by church member Jane Wiggins, we will study the book of James. As believers in Christ we are called to be steadfast in our Christian walk. To be steadfast is to be unwavering regardless of our circumstances. The book of James is written to exhort and encourage his readers as we are called to live out the gospel in our families, neighborhoods, communities, and workplaces; but the world often threatens to undo our faith and get us off track. James addresses trials and temptations, suffering and sickness, and wealth and poverty. He confronts our sin, speech, and pride. Through our study we will realize that ultimately we can remain steadfast only because of God's faithfulness.

A nursery is available, but space is limited. Registration will be available at fpcj.ms/women or on the church app beginning August 1. For more information, email moms@fpcjackson.org.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT — AUGUST 4

Join us for some family fun at Trustmark Park in Pearl as we cheer on our Mississippi Braves players. The cost of the event is \$5 per person, and the maximum cost per family is \$25. Come dressed in your favorite Mississippi Braves gear, and bring extra cash for food and drinks. You can register each member of your family at fpcj.ms/familynight.

FAMILY CAMP — SAVE THE DATE

Save the date of September 1–2 for a special event for families at FPC. Our first ever Family Camp will be held at Twin Lakes Camp & Conference Center. More information to follow!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For detailed prayer requests and contact information for our supported missionaries and ministry partners, please contact Jo Lynn at jolynnm@fpcjackson.org.

Mark & Jane Kuo – Mark serves as a church planter in Taiwan under Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church, Simpsonville, SC. email: markchkuo@gmail.com

Mark & Raylene Casson – Mark serves as the director of Metanoia Prison Ministries. email: mcasson@pcanet.org; website: metanoiaprisonministries.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert C. Cannada, a ruling elder of FPC, who was instrumental in the founding of the PCA and RTS.

GUEST MINISTER — NATE SHURDEN

Nate Shurden (DMin Candidate, Reformed Theological Seminary) is the Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Franklin, TN, which he planted in 2011. Before moving to Franklin, Nate was our own Minister of Discipleship & Young Adults as well as the Assistant Editor of *reformation21*, the online magazine of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. Nate was born and raised in Laurel, MS, and educated at Bannockburn College (Franklin, TN) and Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson, MS). In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, Nate serves as an adjunct professor at New College Franklin and is a regular contributor to Ligonier Ministries, Christward Collective, and He Reads Truth. In 2001, Nate married his college sweetheart, Christy. They have five children (college to toddler): Rosalyn, Katie, Knox, Luke, and Lila.

COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services next week. 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.

FPC UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all shuffle and detour this summer while preparations are made for our new welcome center and nursery spaces!

Current Closures & Room Changes

- The Pinehurst St. ramp entrance and main hallway (from the sanctuary to the Study Center and Miller Hall) are closed.
- In order to travel indoors from the nursery or sanctuary to Sunday school in Miller Hall or the Study Center, you must travel through Lowe Hall and take the stairs by the Pepsi machines or the elevator in the Study Center.
- If weather permits, we advise walking outside on the sidewalk between locations.
- The Study Center entrance is closed.
- Sanctuary entrances on State St. and Belhaven St. are open. The parlor and porte cochère entrances on Belhaven St. are open. The Miller Hall and Church Office (Nursery) entrances on Pinehurst St. are open.
- The Fourth and Fifth Sunday School classes will now be held on the Second Floor of the Youth House.
- The church library is closed; however, the bookstore will remain open.