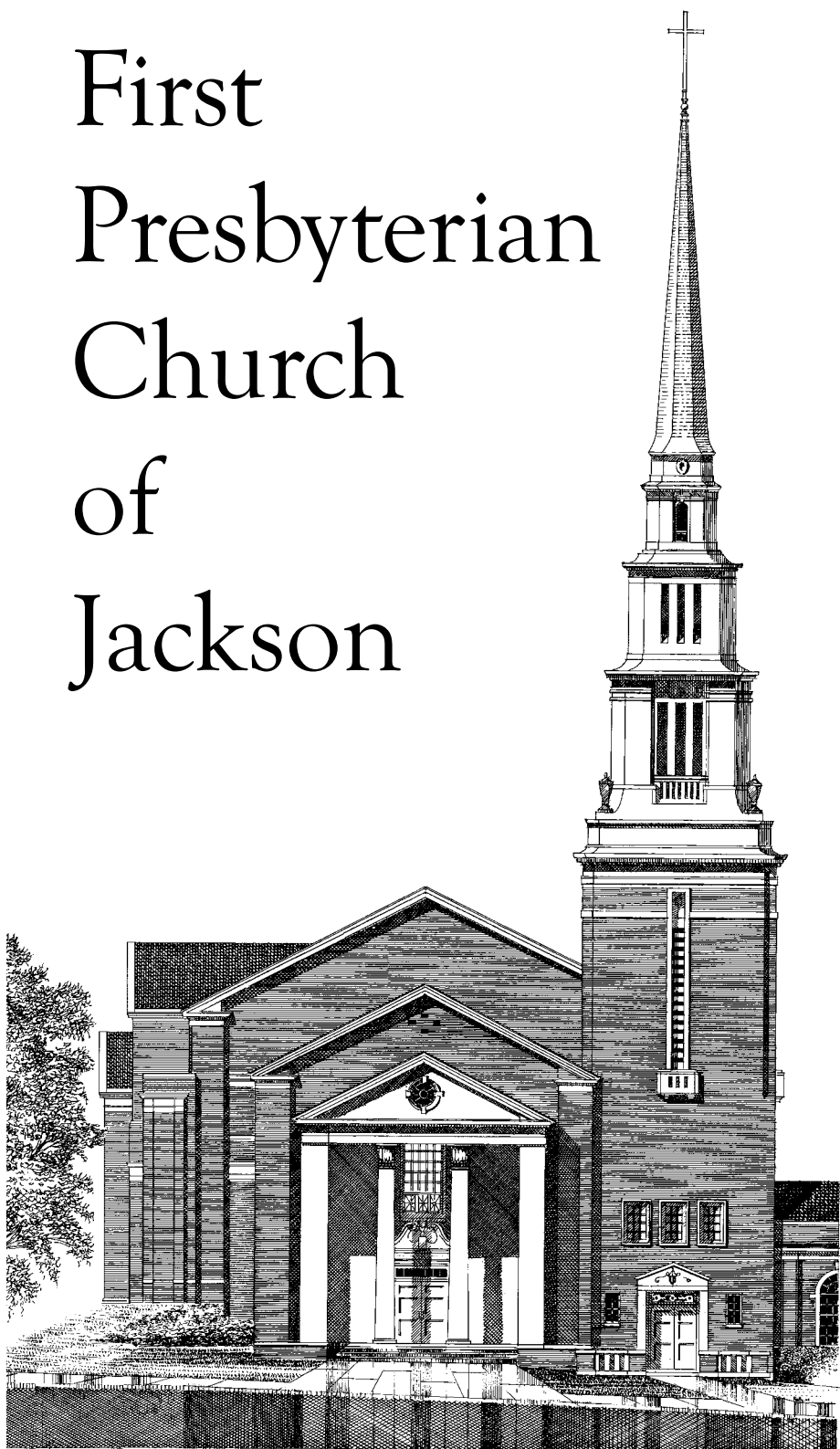


The
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Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of December, Two Thousand Twenty-Two
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 — "As With Gladness"..... arr. James Anderson

The FPC Brass Ensemble; Jamie Peipon, Director

Mike Beasley, Trumpet; Lloyd Turner, Trumpet; Thomas Waters, Trumpet; Nathanael Smith, French Horn; Nathan Oakley, Trombone; Rick Sharp, Trombone; Timotei Sanduleac, Baritone; Craig Burnham, Tuba

The Introit — "O Come and Adore Him"..... Arr. Mack Wilberg

The Call to Worship — Revelation 15:3-4

Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship You!

The Hymn No. 203 — "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — "He Came Here for Me"..... Ronald Nelson

Born in a stable He came here for me.

Born of a virgin He came here for me. God's only son come to

set the world free. Born of God's love and He came here for me

Savior, of the world I praise Thee. Jesus, Lamb of God, I pray to Thee hear me.

Hear me as I praise Thy birth.

Bend down Thine ear and hear my prayer.

Over the stable a star shone so bright,

guiding three wise men who rode through the night.

He was called baby Jesus, He came here for me.

Born to this world, then He died here for me.

The Hymn No. 221 — "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 9:1-7 (pew Bible page 573)

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

The Sermon — **Christmas According to Jesus: Atonement**.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 194 (stzs. 1-3) — “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

O Come Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Postlude — “Carol of the Bells”.....Mykola Leontovych

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
Mr. James R. Post — College Ministry Intern

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

The Prelude — “The Shepherd’s Song” Alexandre Guilmant
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit— “Heaven and Earth” Ukrainian Folk Melody
The FPC Student Choir; Jamie Peipon, Director
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth, all are now celebrating!
Angels and people, angels and people, joyfully are feasting!
Jesus is born! God’s only Son! Angels are singing! Praises are bringing!
Shepherds are greeting! Bowing down before Him!
“Wonder! Wonder!” they’re proclaiming!

The Call to Worship

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

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 193 — “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

The Evening Prayer Dr. Craig Flowers, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Anthem — “Prepare the Way, O Zion” Matthew Weaver
Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let ev’ry hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.
Christ brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heav’n above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.
Fling wide your gates, O Zion’ your Savior’s rule embrace,
And tidings of salvation proclaim in ev’ry place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.

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

Q7. In how many Persons does this one God exist? **In three Persons.**

Q8. Name these three Persons. **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

Q9. What is God? **God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.**

*The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. Christopher Moody, Discipleship Intern

The Hymn No. 200 (stzs. 1-3) — “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 18:35-19:28(pew Bible page 878)

The Sermon — **On the Way to Jerusalem: Engaged**.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world gives back the song which now the angels sing.

The Postlude — “Postlude On An Ancient Polish Carol” Alexandre Guilmant

*Children age 4 through 3rd grade will be dismissed to a children’s devotional and may be picked up after the service in room 133, just outside the sanctuary doors.



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

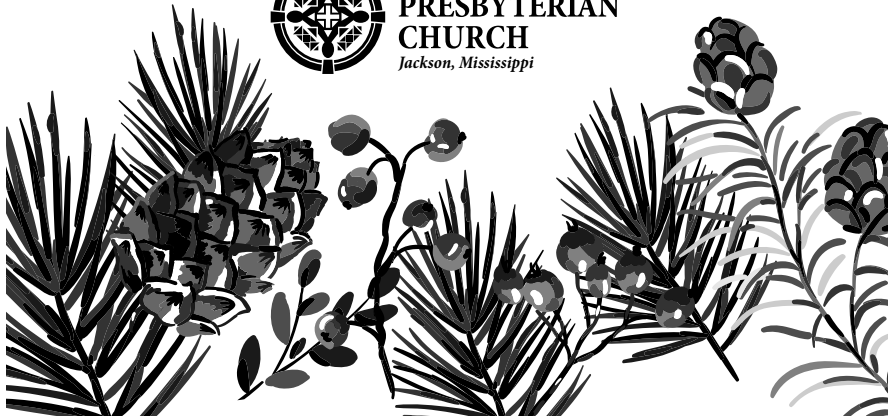
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18
MUSIC OF
CHRISTMAS
4 and 6 p.m.

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

DEC
25
CHRISTMAS DAY
SERVICE
10 a.m.



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FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 11, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See signs in Greeting Courtyard for locations
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 20A
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 Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd.)

Monday, December 12, 2022

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Karan York
10:00 a.m.	Circle 3	WH 20A
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Circle 5	Home of Stella Gray Sykes
12:00 p.m.	Circle 14	MH
5:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting	PH
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	MS

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

7:15 a.m.	Madison Breakfast	Chick-fil-a in Madison
8:15 a.m.	FPDS Christmas Carol Service - K3 to Grade 2	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
10:00 a.m.	Circle 9	WH 20A
10:00 a.m.	Circle 11	Home of Frenchie Graham
10:30 a.m.	Circle 12	St. Catherine's

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:15 a.m.	FPDS Christmas Carol Service - Grade 5 & 6	Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Carols in the Park	Laurel Park
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MS

Thursday, December 15, 2022

8:15 a.m.	FPDS Christmas Carol Service - Grade 3 & 4	Sanctuary
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Saturday, December 17, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
9:00 a.m.	Orchestra and Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See signs in Greeting Courtyard
4:00 p.m.	The Music of Christmas	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	The Music of Christmas	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

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS SERVICE

Gather with your church family on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a service of lessons and carols celebrating Christ's birth. There will be no nursery for this service.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for morning worship on Christmas day! There will be no Sunday School, nursery, Children's Churchtime, or evening worship service, but we will gather for one service at 10:00 a.m. Bring the whole family!

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."

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.

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.

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

Moner & Stenia Shaded – Serving with International Messengers in Warsaw, Poland in pastoral ministry and outreach. Please contact the Mission Department for more information.

Way & Amy Rutherford – Way serves as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Email: way.rutherford@ruf.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Denny Terry by his wife Judy and his children and grandchildren.

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.

ELDER ELECTION

On November 20, 2022, the congregation of FPC approved a resolution to conduct an elder election on April 16, 2023. As outlined in the resolution, the nomination period will last through December 22. Nominations may be made in person at the church reception desk or online via our website at fpcj.ms/elder-election. Please prayerfully consider the guidelines for the office of Elder provided on the website before submitting a nomination.

CAROLS IN THE PARK — THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Laurel Street Park, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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. Invite your friends and neighbors! Volunteers are needed for this event. To volunteer, please contact Jo Lynn Mayfield at 601-973-9125 or jolynnm@fpcjackson.org.

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS — DECEMBER 18


4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary

Invite your friends and neighbors for our annual service of Christmas carols, lessons, and scripture led by the FPC Choir and accompanied by a symphony orchestra. A nursery will be available for children three years old and younger.

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