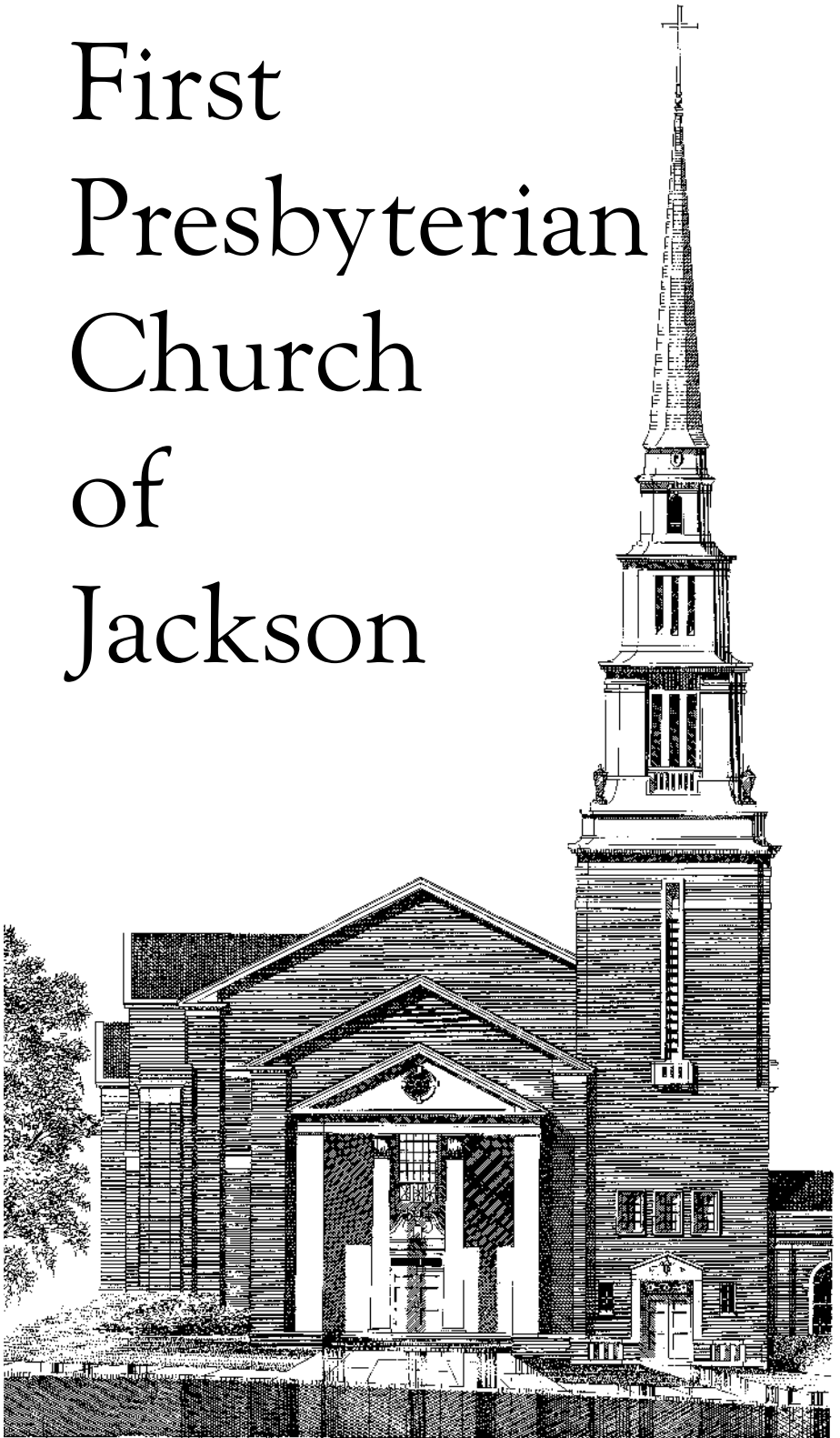


The
First
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Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixteenth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”... Paul Leddington Wright

The Introit — “Who Is on the Lord's Side?” Carradog Roberts

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 345 — “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — “Softly and Tenderly” arr. Mack Wilberg

With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling.
Calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling;
Calling, O sinner, come home.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies;
Mercies for you and for me?
Come home, come home, Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling;
Calling, O sinner, come home.

O for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home, Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling;
Calling, O sinner, come home.

The Hymn No. 599 — “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 130..... (pew Bible page 518)

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Reading — II John..... (pew Bible page 1025)

The Sermon — Remaining Faithful in Trying Times.....Mr. Miller

The Hymn No. 598 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.**

The Postlude — “Festival Flourishes”.....Ovid Young

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CANDIDATES

Hall Bailey	Bo Gregg	John Neill
Ken Ball	Rob Jones	Nathan Oakley
Charles Barbour	Dallis Ketchum	Phillip Parker
Beau Burrow	Stephen Kruger	Trey Porter
Auston Edwards	Jeff Lamb	Jonathan Randle
Parker Ellison	Robert Leard	Bryan Rutledge
Paul Forster	David Marchetti	Ernie Strahan
Dave Fulcher	Doug McDaniel	Hugh Trussell
Matt Graves	Ford Mosby	Matthew Turnage
Henry Greaves	Mike Myers	Walt Wofford

WHAT IS AN ELDER?

Elders jointly are responsible for the government and spiritual oversight of the church, including teaching. The Bible requires the elders to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, to promote sound belief and godly living. The elders exercise government and discipline, and take oversight of the spiritual interest of the particular church. They visit their homes, especially the sick. They instruct seekers, comfort those who are mourning, and nourish and guard the children of the church. They endeavor to set a worthy example to the flock entrusted to their care by their zeal to evangelize the unconverted and make disciples. They pray with and for the people, and are careful and diligent in seeking the fruit of the preached word among the flock.

This office is a great privilege and responsibility. Our elders will one day give an account of their governance to the Almighty.

WHAT ARE THE BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS?

The Bible is clear about the qualifications for an elder. The Apostle Paul says in 1 Timothy 3:2-7 that an elder "must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil."

HOW SHOULD I VOTE?

We elect a man to the office of elder not because he is popular, or an influential businessman or professional, nor because he is a personal friend. Rather, we elect a man to the office of elder because of his godliness and giftedness. So, we prepare to vote by prayerfully considering the nominees in light of the scriptural qualifications and responsibilities. Then we ask ourselves two questions:

1. Does this brother meet the requirements of Scripture for the high office?
2. Does he evidence the abilities to perform the duties of the office?

May our God be gracious to grant us His favor again providing a new generation of godly officers.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain

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

The Prelude — “Adagio” (*Concerto for 2 Cellos in G Minor*).... Antonio Vivaldi
Elijah Norman and Bear Vickery, Cellos

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “Arise, My Soul, Arise!”..... (hymn sheet)

The Missionary Report Mr. Miguel D’Azevedo

The Greetings

The Evening PrayerDr. David Elkin, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Lift High the Cross” arr. Sidney Nichols
The Student Choir; Rebekah Lipscombe, Accompanist

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

Q36. Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of life? A. **No. He represented the whole human race.**

Q37. What effect did the sin of Adam have on you and all people? A. **We are all born guilty and sinful.**

Q38. How sinful are you by nature? A. **I am corrupt in every part of my being.**

Q39. What is the sinful nature that we inherit from Adam called? A. **Original sin.**

Q40. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature? A. **No. Our hearts must be changed before we can believe in Jesus and go to heaven.**

The Meditation & PrayerMr. James Post, College Ministry Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1-3) — “Free from Guilt and Free from Sin”..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 24:13-53 (pew Bible page 885)

The Sermon — Behold, the King: This Is His StoryMr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Gone the darkness, come the light,
Gone the night, the day begins;
Gone the wrong, my soul made right,
Free from guilt and free from sin,
Free from guilt and free from sin!
Wash me in the Savior’s blood;
Make me pure, without, within;
Cleanse my heart and set me free,
Free from guilt and free from sin,
Free from guilt and free from sin.**

The Postlude — “Postlude in D”.....Everitt Titcomb

*Children age 4 through 3rd 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, April 16, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See signs in Greeting Courtyard for locations
10:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for age 3 and 4	MB 135
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
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)

Monday, April 17, 2023

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Pamela Houchins
10:00 a.m.	Circle 3	WH 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Circle 5	Home of Autumn Blaylock
12:00 p.m.	Circle 14	MH
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	SC 211
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
10:00 a.m.	Circle 11	Home of Frenchie Graham
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night	WH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

5:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MS
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups	Various Locations
	Evangelism Training	WH 202 B
	Growth Class	WH 204
	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	Library
	Women's Bible Study	WH 202 A
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior and Senior High D Groups	YH

Saturday, April 22, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, April 23, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See signs in Greeting Courtyard for locations
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for age 3 and 4	MB 135
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
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 Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETIREMENT SOCIAL FOR THE PATTERSONS — MAY 9

All Senior Adults are invited to join us on May 9 at 11:30 a.m. in Miller Hall for a light lunch and fellowship as we celebrate the many years of ministry and the retirement of Jim & Mary Alice Patterson, who served with MTW and Wycliffe in the Philippines, Southeast Asia, Columbia and most recently the Wycliffe training and support facility known as JAARS. The cost of the meal is \$5 per person. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 5-9

Registration is open! Come join us this summer as we see how “God Revives His People.” Sign up online at fpcj.ms/vbs by May 14 to guarantee a t-shirt.

If you are willing to volunteer, we have a place for you. Volunteers serve as Table Guides (leading children to their various activities and encouraging them with their scripture memory verses), craft volunteers, song leaders, music accompanists, and general floaters. If you would like to help with various pre-VBS tasks or help the week of VBS, please contact VBS Director Joanna McNeel at joanna.b.mcneel@gmail.com.

We are also collecting supplies for VBS. If you have paper towel tubes, vegetable cans (rinsed with the labels removed), or magazines (gardening, outdoor life, home decor, craft, or sewing), please deposit in the craft donation bin near the Pinehurst St. entrance.

JONI & FRIENDS — SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP — JULY 3-9

We are so excited to be able to offer a new service-oriented senior high trip this summer! This year, in the place of Senior High RYM, our students have the opportunity to serve with Joni and Friends Family Retreat in Navasota, TX! Joni and Friends, a long-supported ministry of our church, puts on family retreats throughout the year at different camps around the country and needs volunteers to make the week run smoothly for the campers. That’s where we come in!

The cost of the trip will be \$400. Per First Presbyterian Church’s Missions policy, any church member can have half of his or her first mission trip paid for by the Missions Department, bringing the cost of the trip to \$200 for those who want this trip to qualify as their first mission trip. This trip is open to rising 10th graders through rising freshmen in college. Registration will close on May 8. Register online at fpcj.ms/youth.

PLEASE NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE SANCTUARY

Please do not bring food or drinks (including travel mugs, water bottles, etc.) into the sanctuary.

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

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.

Julian & Rachel Bacon – Julian serves a church planter with MTW Europe in Brussels, Belgium. email: julianbacon@gmail.com

Mike & Roxanne Winebrenner – Mike serves as a church planter at Christ Fellowship in Horn Lake, MS. email: mike.winebrenner@gmail.com

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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.

CIRCLES MEET THIS WEEK

Circles are groups of women who meet the second week of each month (September through May) for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Locations and times are listed in the FPC This Week section of the bulletin. For more information, please contact lisao@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR ADULTS — EXPERIENCE MISSISSIPPI — APRIL 21

Senior adults, experience a day of fellowship all while learning about the fascinating history, arts, and culture of our native state. As part of the itinerary, you can expect a morning tour of The MAX Museum followed by a relaxed lunch at Weidmann's Restaurant. We will depart from the church campus at 8 a.m. and depart from Weidmann's by 2:30 p.m. To register for the event please email the Administrative Assistant for Congregational Care Emily Eastman at ccare@fpcjackson.org or call her office at 601-326-9243. The cost is \$15 and is payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please plan to bring money for your meal.

MEN'S MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT — APRIL 27

Men, join us for the 2023 FPC Men's Ministry Golf Tournament at Lake Caroline on April 27. The day begins with lunch at 11:30 a.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start! Tickets for lunch are \$10, and it is \$50 per person to play. You may register individually or as a four person team online at fpcj.ms/men. See you there!

FATHER DAUGHTER DINNER — MAY 5

Dads and daughters, don't miss this fun, fiesta-themed dinner designed just for you! The evening will be packed with great food, fun crafts and games, and some time to deepen this important relationship. The cost is \$30 per father and daughter, age four through sixth grade, and \$6 for each additional daughter. Registration is available at fpcj.ms/parenting. For questions, please contact discipleship@fpcjackson.org.