

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighteenth Day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III
Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary

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 — “Humbly I Adore Thee”..... Robert Lau

The Introit — “Behold, Now, Praise the Lord”.....Everitte Titcomb

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. 53 — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology (Tune: *Hymn of Joy*)

King Immortal, God all faithful, full of love and rich in grace.

Sing O heavens, earth resound with songs of praise before His face!

Wondrous splendor, awesome worship, see the Lord, our God on high.

Joining voices with that worship of His grace we testify.

The Public Profession of Faith (8:30 a.m.)

The Biblical Basis

The Introduction of New Members

The Questions of Membership

The Prayer

The Declaration

The Blessing

The Offering

The Offertory — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr. Eric Nelson
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy Name.
Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’Tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.
Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame for joy.

The Hymn No. 647 — “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Titus 3:1–8..... (pew Bible page 998)

The Sermon — Be Ready for Every Good Deed.....Dr. Duncan

The Hymn No. 559 — “Father, I Know That All My Life”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

The Postlude — “Holy, Holy, Holy” Dan Miller

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.

THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

Why must we be members of a local church? The Bible uses metaphors to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another (Romans 12:5). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into His community of the Trinity. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption by Whom we are made members of the family (Romans 8:15–17). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. So, why must we become members of a local church? It is because, having been united to Christ, we are necessarily united to all those who are united to Him. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

Who can be a member of the church? Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord’s Table can be a communing member of First Presbyterian Church. Children of believer(s) are, by virtue of their birth in a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant. However, they may not partake of the Lord’s Table as a way to protect them from eating and drinking judgment upon themselves, if they were to do so in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27–29). Hence, our children are called non-communing members of the church. We hope that all our covenant children would embrace the gospel and become communing members. While only the communing members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, all members of the church family are, however, entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church.

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The first three of five questions seek to show to us our hellish plight before God, bring us to a point of desperate need for the person and work of Jesus, and rely upon the life-giving power in none but the Holy Spirit alone. We would do well to bring these grand truths of the gospel in our prayers every day. While the first three questions speak of our relation to each person of the Godhead, the next two questions speak of our relation to the Church of God which the Father loves, the Son died and rose to save, and the Spirit now indwells. Since each Person of the Trinity is interested and invested in the Church, we who are called by His name must do likewise. May we who are members of the covenant community pray for the welfare of the Church and of First Presbyterian Church. May we seek to live lives in which the gospel has pervaded every sphere. May we be growing disciples seeking to learn more of our God, His great majesty, and His magnificent Fatherhood. May we grow as committed members by regularly worshipping and seeking to gather with our family as often as opportunities provide us. May we be humble followers submitting to the wise leadership and discipline of those who care for our souls. May we grow to love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on June 4, 2023, and will be presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Molly Blanton
Shane Blanton
*Timothy Fulcher
David Harbarger
Emily Harbarger
Moses Hoole
*Walker Smith
Jack VanDevender
Bryer Weast

*covenant child joining as a communing member

JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is August 6, 2023. New member forms can be found online at fpcjackson.org/membership or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by July 26, 2023. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care
The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon — Minister of Missions

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

The Prelude — “Largo” [Op. 28, No 4]Frederic Chopin
The First Presbyterian String Ensemble

The Call to Worship — Psalm 133

The Hymn No. 705 — “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

The Invocation

The Peru Team Commissioning

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Dr. Jimmy Moore, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Sostenuto” [Op. 28, No. 15]Frederic Chopin

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

Q52. What kind of life did Christ live on earth? A. A life of obedience, service and suffering.

Q53. What kind of death did Jesus die? A. The painful and shameful death of the cross.

*The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. Grant Carter, Students & Families Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1 & 2) — “Let the Earth Resound”..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Galatians 5:22, 23 (pew Bible page 975)

The Sermon — Life Together: The Burden of LoveMr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Let earth resound with songs of faith at the wonder yet to come.
When all sin and pain are put to death and the Church and Christ are one.
When we stand as God's great family and we meet the Father's gaze,
And we share in his eternal joy as we join in ceaseless praise.
King Immortal, faithful God; Crowned with splendor, rich in love.
Let the heavens and the earth resound with songs of praise to You.

The Postlude — “Trumpet Tune in D”.....Henry Purcell

PERU MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

The Peru mission team will be commissioned tonight for their trip to Cajamarca, Peru, on June 23-July 1. One of our most privileged responsibilities as a “sending body” is to pray for our short-term mission teams as they go out from our midst to be of gospel service to others. Follow our new FPC Missions Instagram account @fpcmissions for updates on their trip. You may also email Jo Lynn for the specific prayer requests at jolynnm@fpcjackson.org.

Team Members

Danny Story, Craig Flowers, McCully Allen, Patty Braswell, Stuart Clarke, Jack Crawford, Libby Crawford, Sayley Crawford, Ava Dear, John Arthur Eaves, Garner Fluhrer, Caroline Jordan, Dominique Jordan, Henry Jordan, Jeff Jordan, Wells Jordan, Beth Kennedy, Jeff Kennedy, Henry Lowry, Wiley Lowry, Cathy May, Mary Helen McGee, Charlotte Oates, Tina Oates, Frances Royal, Amy-Allison Russ, Henry Russ, Stewart Russ, Malon Stratton, Mary Brooks Thigpen, Alleen Tomas, Hermes Tomas, Ginger Tramel, Mike Tramel, Joseph Upton, and Julia Zouboukos.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 18, 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 Fesko Home (108 Charlestowne Sq.)

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Small Groups.....	Contact staff for locations

Wednesday, June 21, 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	
	Bible Discussion Class.....	PH
	Birds & Bees.....	SC 210
	Foundations Class.....	WH 204
	Marriage Intensive	WH 202
	Prayer Meeting.....	SC 213
	Teacher Training.....	Miller Hall
6:00 p.m.	College Bible Study.....	SC 319
6:00 p.m.	Children's Midweek Summer Nights.....	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Junior and Senior High D Groups	YH & Baird Center Gym
7:10 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, June 22, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Library
-----------	----------------------------	---------

Friday, June 23, 2023

11:30 p.m.	Senior Adults Luncheon	The Creekmore's Cottage (143 McHarris Rd.)
5:00 p.m.	Movie in the Park	Belhaven Park

Saturday, June 24, 2023

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

Sunday, June 25, 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 Barbour Home (2208 Culleywood Rd.)

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

JUNE 23
5 PM PICNIC
6 PM MOVIE

**FAMILY
MOVIE
NIGHT**

**GREATER
BELHAVEN
NEIGHBORHOOD
FOUNDATION**

**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA:
THE LION, THE WITCH
& THE WARDROBE**

**FREE EVENT
BOOK GIVEAWAY
FOOD VENDORS
CRAFTS FOR KIDS**

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.

Rick & Terri Herr – Rick serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators as the Ethnic Radio Director and Field Systems customer relations; Terri works with Refuge 139 and Intercultural Communications. email: rick-terri_herr@sil.org

Davis & Ashleigh Morgan – Davis serves with Reformed University Fellowship as the Campus Minister at the University of Southern Mississippi. email: davis.morgan@ruf.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. William Hollis Leech, Sr — June 4, 2023

GUEST MINISTER — LIGON DUNCAN

Our former senior minister, Dr. Duncan (PhD University of Edinburgh), is the Chancellor & CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary and the John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology. He is also currently serving as President of RTS Jackson. Ligon and his wife, Anne, are a beloved part of our church family and have two adult children, Sarah Kennedy and Jennings.

FPC UNDER CONSTRUCTION

We appreciate your flexibility this summer as work begins on the church facility! Some rooms and entrances will be affected throughout the summer:

Current Closures & Room Changes

The Pinehurst St. ramp and main hallway area are closed.

Children’s fourth and fifth grade classes will be held in the Youth House Second Floor.

The Study Center entrance is closed.

The church library is closed; however, the bookstore will remain open.

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.

June 25 – Charlie Wingard	July 16 – Brian Sorgenfrei
July 2 – Nate Shurden	July 23 – Wiley Lowry
July 9 – Caleb Cangelosi	July 30 – Derek Thomas

SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — JUNE 23

Join us for a patriotic afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun on June 23, at 11:30 a.m. at Wade & Betsy Creekmoores cottage located at 143 McHarris Rd in Madison. We will start off with lunch followed by a short message from Charlie Wingard. The cost of the event is \$3 per person. We are asking all attendees with the last name starting with letters A–N to bring a side and those with O–Z to bring a dessert. The main dish will be pulled pork provided by the church. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

MOTHER DAUGHTER SISTER FRIEND DINNER — JUNE 27

God’s people have always celebrated experiencing His grace in their lives through music—be it psalms, hymns, or spiritual songs. Join us for our Mother Daughter Sister Friend Dinner, Tuesday, June 27, from 6–8 p.m. as Sarah Little leads us through learning more about these musical treasures of our faith and we sing them together. Mothers, bring your daughter and connect with other moms and daughters. Friends, bring your bestie or that neighbor with whom you’ve been longing to connect. Please register on the church app or at fpcj.ms/women, and join us for a delicious and encouraging time!