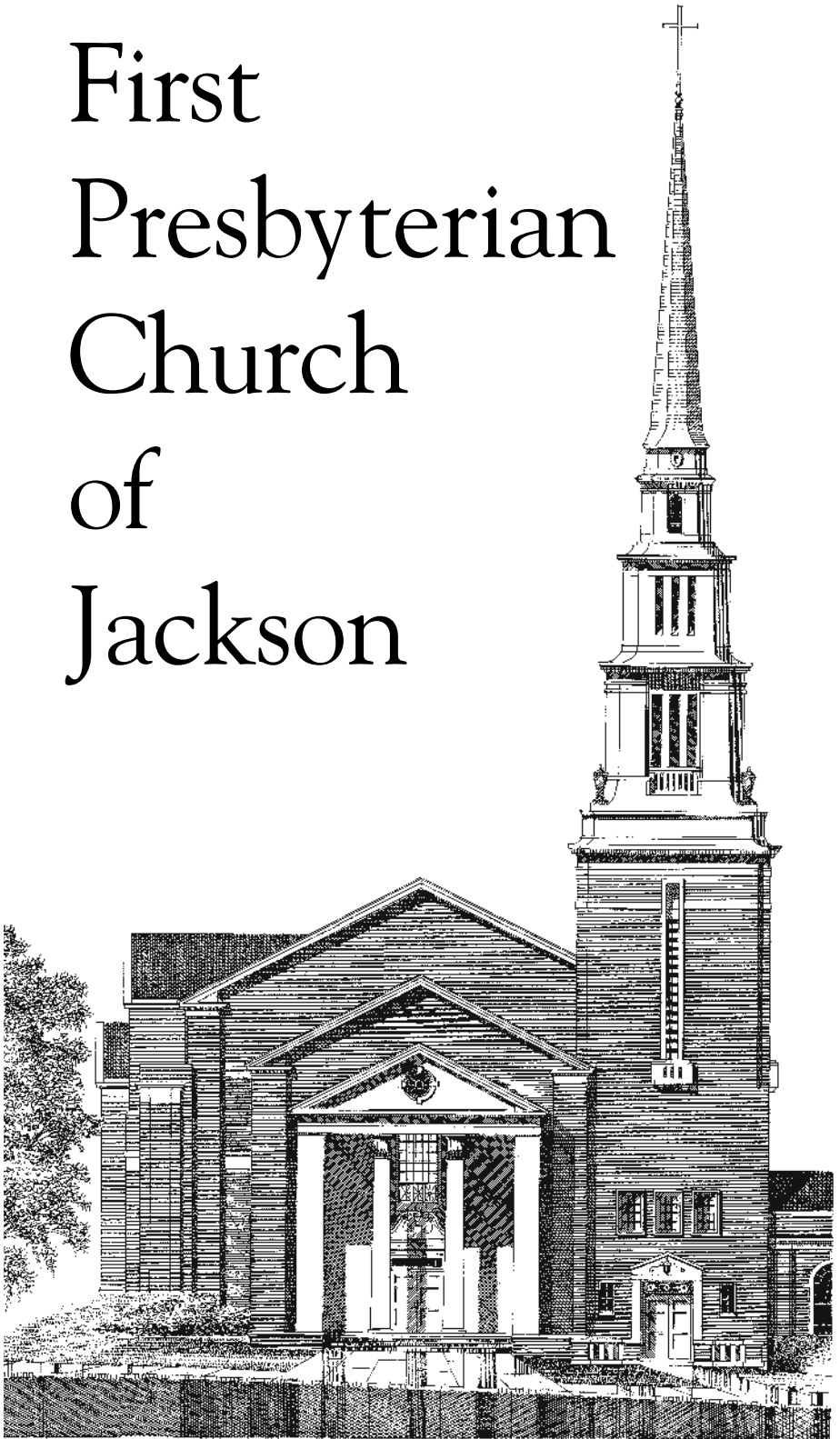


The  
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Church  
of  
Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-First Day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Three  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister  
The Reverend Dr. Charlie Wingard — Minister of Shepherding

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Arioso” ..... J. S. Bach

Bonnie Brown, Violin I      Ausra Jasineviciute, Viola  
Emily Williams, Violin II      Nancy Bateman, Cello

The Introit — “We Come, O Christ to You”

The Call to Worship — Psalm 46:1-5, 10-11

The Hymn No. 75 — “O Father, You Are Sovereign”

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

**Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me.  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout all eternity**

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution  
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families  
The Biblical Promise  
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Baptism  
The Baptismal Benediction

The Hymn — “Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer” ..... Tune: *Crimond*

**Our Children, Lord, in faith and prayer, we now devote to Thee:  
Let them Thy cov'nant mercies share, and Thy salvation see.**

**Such helpless babes Thou didst embrace, while dwelling here below.  
To us and ours, O God of grace, the same compassion show.**

**In early days their hearts secure from worldly snares, we pray.  
O let them to the end endure in every righteous way.**

The Offering

The Offertory — “I'm Runnin' On” ..... Spiritual arr. Mack Wilberg

“One thing I do: forgetting what is behind  
and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal  
for the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus”  
– Philippians 3:13, 14

I'm runnin' on, I'm runnin' on, I done left this world behind,  
I done crossed the separatin' line and I've left this world behind.  
Ain't you glad? Ain't You glad? I done left this world behind.  
I done crossed the separatin' line, and I've left this world behind.  
Pressin' on, Pressin' on, I done left this world behind,  
I done crossed the line and I've left this world behind.  
Won't turn back, Won't turn back, I done left this world behind.  
I done crossed the separatin' line and I've left this world behind.  
Goodbye, goodbye. I done left this world behind.  
I done crossed the separatin' line and I've left this world behind!

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Philipians 1:21-24 ..... (pew Bible page 980)  
Colossians 3:1-11 ..... (pew Bible page 984)

**The Sermon** — **Heaven: The Mind for Heaven** ..... Dr. Strain

**The Hymn No. 644 (stzs. 1-4)** — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

**May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.**

**The Postlude** — “March” from *Judas Maccabaeus*..... G. F. Handel

## 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.

## VOWS OF BAPTISM

In order for the congregation to more fully enter into the service of the sacrament of baptism and to refresh ourselves on our church membership vow, the following is provided for your convenience and information:

### TO THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

### THE SACRAMENT OF COVENANT BAPTISM WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO

Abigail Ross Beneke  
daughter of Sonny and Laura Lee Beneke

Elizabeth James Brand  
daughter of William and Kelsey Brand

Jane Frances Jones  
daughter of Andrew and Laura Katherine Jones

Samuel Allen Thorne  
son of Lee and Martha Ann Thorne

The next baptism date is July 16, 2023.  
Spaces are available for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.  
Please email [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org) to reserve a place.



HE WILL REVIVE US,  
HE WILL RAISE US UP,  
THAT WE MAY LIVE BEFORE HIM.

HOSEA 6:2



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First Presbyterian Church  
**CHILDREN'S  
Ministry**

"rooted and built up in Him"  
- Colossians 2:7

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, May 21, 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
3:30 p.m.	Fellowship and Games.....	Twin Lakes
5:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service.....	Twin Lakes

## Tuesday, May 23, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters .....	Library
9:30 a.m.	Circle 11 .....	Home of Frenchie Graham

## Wednesday, May 24, 2023

	No Midweek Dinner or Activities	
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS

## Thursday, May 25, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters .....	Library
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## Saturday, May 27, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting .....	WH 202
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## Sunday, May 28, 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
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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE FIRST WORD

The First Word is our weekly emailed newsletter featuring sermon notes and audio, missionary reports and prayer requests, event information, and announcements. Manage your subscription at [fpcj.ms/subscribe](https://fpcj.ms/subscribe). With questions or for more information, email [communications@fpcjackson.org](mailto:communications@fpcjackson.org).

## SUMMER MIDWEEK

Beginning this Wednesday, May 24, Midweek will be taking a three week break, with no activities or Midweek Meal. We're hoping you'll join us on June 14 for the beginning of our six-week summer schedule with several new adult electives.

### Bible Discussion Class

June 14 - July 26 | Led by FPC Pastors

### Birds and Bees

June 14 - July 26 | Led by Paul and Ann Lowrey Forster

A six-week video series and discussion with the goal of equipping parents with the tools they need to have conversations with their children about the "birds and bees." The series is designed for parents of children ages 1 to 10, however the information can still be helpful for parents of tweens.

### Foundations Class

June 14 - July 26 | Led by Billy Dempsey

This class is for members and visitors who want to know more about our church and its ministries. There will be an overview of our denomination, Presbyterian doctrine and beliefs, church history, and church government. To sign up or for more information, please email [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).

### Marriage Intensive

June 14, June 28, July 12, July 19, July 26 | Led by Barb Martin

Limited to eight couples, this elective will include the video series by Paul Tripp, *What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*, followed by moderated discussion. Couples in this small-group setting can expect to be transparent and interactive, and there will be assignments to complete at home. Reorient your marriage to align with God's intention and design. For more information or to sign up, email [discipleship@fpcjackson.org](mailto:discipleship@fpcjackson.org).

### Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

June 14 - July 26

### Teacher Training

June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19, July 26 | Led by Charlie Wingard

## JUNIOR HIGH RYM — JUNE 26-30

This summer FPCYM will be taking a group of Junior High students (rising seventh through rising ninth) to RYM, June 26-30. The cost is \$400, and a \$50 deposit is due at registration. For more information and to register visit [fpcj.ms/youth](https://fpcj.ms/youth).

## MOTHER DAUGHTER SISTER FRIEND DINNER

*Save the Date!*

Our Mother Daughter Sister Friend Dinner will be Tuesday, June 27, 6-8 p.m. God's people have always celebrated experiencing His grace in their lives through music — be it psalms, hymns, or spiritual songs. Join us as Sarah Little leads us through learning more about these musical treasures of our faith and as we sing them together. Be on the lookout for more information.

## SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S CHURCH TIME

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## 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](mailto:jolynnm@fpcjackson.org).

**Mr. and Mrs. Andrew** – Mr. Andrew serves in A & P mentoring and coaching leaders to strengthen existing teams and to plant new teams among unreached people groups.

**Joe & Kristi Cristman** – Joe serves as a church planter in Lombard, IL.  
Email: [joecristman@gmail.com](mailto:joecristman@gmail.com)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Mary Hunter Johnston and Healy Vise and are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Wendell Johnston and Dr. Guy Thompson Vise, jr.

The flowers in the Greeting Courtyard today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 2023 graduates of Reformed Theological Seminary.

## EVENING WORSHIP AT TWIN LAKES — TONIGHT

Tonight our evening worship service will be held at Twin Lakes. This casual service will begin at 5 p.m., but we encourage you to come early for a time of play and fellowship before the service. Beginning at 3:30, we will have games, ice cream, and treats to enjoy! Dress comfortably and come to enjoy a service surrounded by the beauty of God's creation.

## 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.

### Beginning Today — May 21

Children's 4s and 5s classes will be held in the lower level of the main building.

The Lamplighters Class will meet in Miller Hall 205A.

The church Library will be closed throughout the summer, however the Bookstore will remain open.

### Beginning Next Week — May 28

The Study Center entrance will be closed.

College Sunday School will move to a location to be determined.

## SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

Please pray for Senior Minister David Strain and his family as they prepare for a sabbatical this summer. During the weeks he will be away from us, we will have the opportunity to hear from several guest ministers. David's last Sunday with us will be today, and he will return in August.

May 28 – Jonny Gibson

July 2 – Nate Shurden

June 4 – Sandy Willson

July 9 – Caleb Cangelosi

June 11 – Guy Richard

July 16 – Brian Sorgenfrei

June 18 – Ligon Duncan

July 23 – Wiley Lowry

June 25 – Charlie Wingard

July 30 – Derek Thomas

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## YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER KICKOFF — JUNE 1

The Young Adults ministry will host a summer kickoff event on June 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Urban Foxes. The summer is an excellent time to plug in to the Young Adults Ministry as many move to town to start new jobs, graduate school, etc. If you know a young-adult age person new to town or looking to connect with a church community, please relay his or her information to our Young Adults staff members.