

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan Gibson
Associate Professor of Old Testament
Westminster Theological Seminary

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 — “Melodie” W. Aletter
Emily Williams, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Ludwig van Beethoven

The Call to Worship — Psalm 96:1-3

The Hymn No. 164 — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology Tune: *Darwall*

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 Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering

The Offertory — “Jesu, Word of God Incarnate” W. A. Mozart

Jesu, word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born:
On the cross Thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side,
Feed us with thy body broken, now, and in death's agony.

The Hymn No. 141 (stzs. 1, 2, & 5) — “God, in the Gospel of His Son”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Psalm Reading — Psalm 133 (pew Bible page 519)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Genesis 3:15(pew Bible page 3)

The Sermon — The Seed of the Gospel..... Dr. Gibson

The Hymn No. 295 (stzs. 1-3) — “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**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 eternity.**

The Postlude — “Allegro in B Minor”.....Johann Gottfried Walther



GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles’ Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its author, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is “Apostolic” in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: “Ghost” is employed where we would use “Spirit,” the word “quick” where we would use “living,” and “catholic” where we would use “universal.” Also, when we say that Christ “descended into hell,” we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain
Mr. Stephen A. Biggs — Director of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
Timotei Sanduleac, Flute; William Wymond, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 96:1-4

The Hymn No. 478 — “I Love to Tell the Story”

The Invocation

The Missionary Report John & Yvonne Macy

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Harper Keeler, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
Debbie Dempsey, Paul Forster, and Timotei Sanduleac

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

Q46. How, then, can you be saved? A. **By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.**

Q47. Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace? A. **His elect people.**

Q48. How did Christ fulfill the covenant of grace? A. **Christ obeyed the whole law for his people, and then suffered the punishment due for their sins.**

Q49. Did Jesus ever sin? A. **No. He lived a sinless life.**

The Meditation & Prayer.....Mr. William Skinner, Congregational Care Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1-3) — “Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Genesis 24:1-21, 61 (pew Bible page 17)

The Sermon — **Indispensable: An Old and Faithful Servant**.....Mr. Sinclair

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**In Your truth You still direct me
by the Spirit through the word.
And Your grace my need is meeting
As I trust in You, my Lord.
Of Your fullness You are pouring
Your great love and power on me
Without measure, full and boundless
Drawing out my heart to Thee.**

The Postlude — “Chorale in G” J. S. Bach

*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.



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

HOSEA 6:2



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- Colossians 2:7

FPC THIS WEEK

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

Monday, May 29, 2023

All Day Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

9:30 a.m. French Camp Quilters Library

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

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

Thursday, June 1, 2023

9:30 a.m. French Camp Quilters Library
6:30 p.m. Young Adults Summer Kickoff..... Urban Foxes

Saturday, June 3, 2023

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

Sunday, June 4, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School..... See signs in Greeting Courtyard for locations
5:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group WH 202A
5:00 p.m. New Members Received PH
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service..... Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Senior High Insight..... the Henson Home (4 Pond Side 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

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

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. With questions or for more information, email communications@fpcjackson.org.

SUMMER MIDWEEK

Midweek is on a break, with no activities or Midweek Meal, until June 14. Make plans to join us for 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Laura Chinchén – Laura serves with ABC Christian Academy as the Director of Ministry and the superintendent of the school. email: chinchentribe@hotmail.com

Mark & Stephanie Horn – Mark serves as a church planter in Ocean Springs, MS. email: masthorn@icloud.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patsy Futvoye by her family.

GUEST MINISTER — JONNY GIBSON

Jonathan Gibson (PhD, University of Cambridge) is an ordained minister in the International Presbyterian Church, United Kingdom, and associate professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is author of *The Moon Is Always Round* and *Be Thou My Vision: A Liturgy for Daily Worship*. Jonny and his wife, Jackie, have four children.

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:

The Study Center entrance is closed.

Children's 4s and 5s classes will meet on the lower level of the main building.

The Lamplighters Class has moved to Miller Hall 205A.

The church library will be closed throughout the summer, however the bookstore will remain open.

College Sunday School will be held in M123A.

SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

Please pray for Senior Minister David Strain and his family while on a planned 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 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

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S CHURCH TIME

Reminder to parents: our program for children ages three and four held during the 11 a.m. service will conclude for the summer today, and will resume in September. Beginning Sunday, June 4, the Three-year-old Sunday School children will go to the nursery childcare room and the Four-year-old Sunday School children may go to morning worship with their parents. This promotion is a wonderful opportunity to lay the foundation for corporate worship with the body of Christ. Please remember to pick up your child from Sunday School by 10:45 a.m.

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.