

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth Day of July, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC
Chancellor's Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology,
Reformed Theological Seminary

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair

First Presbyterian Day School Chaplain

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Cantilene".....Joseph Rheinberger
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — "I Was Glad When They Said unto Me"..... Parry/Wymond

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 498 — "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology Wymond/Purcell

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to Christ the Son.
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Three in One and One in Three,
Praise Him now, and praise forever,
God the blessed Trinity.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent,
According to your promises declared to all people
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Modernized version from Edward VI's *Book of Common Prayer* (1552)

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — “Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care” Richard Baxter/Schalk
Dr. Grace Shumaker, Piano

Lord, it belongs not to my care, whether I die or live.
To love and serve Thee is my share, and this Thy grace must give.
If life be long, I will be glad that I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad to soar to endless day?
Christ leads us through no darker rooms than He went through before;
He that unto God's kingdom comes must enter by this door.
Come, Lord, when grace hath made me meet Thy blessed face to see;
For if Thy work on earth be sweet, what will Thy glory be!
My knowledge of that life is small, the eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all, and I shall be with Him.

The Hymn No. 108 — “Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 138 (pew Bible page 521)

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Reading — Colossians 4:18 (pew Bible page 985)

The Sermon — Grace Be with You Dr. Thomas

The Hymn No. 465 — “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

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 — “Fantasy in C” (BWV 567) J. S. Bach

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.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care

Mr. W. Grant Carter
Students and Families Intern

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

The Prelude — “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”..... Virginia Halberg
Dr. Dave Snyder, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “See What a Morning”..... (hymn sheet)

The Invocation

The Greetings

The Senior High Mission Trip ReportMr. Stephen Biggs

The Evening Prayer Dr. John Neill, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”.....William Runyan

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

Q61. What does it mean to believe in Christ? A. **To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.**

Q62. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power? A. **No. I cannot repent and believe unless the Holy Spirit changes my heart.**

Q63. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit’s help? A. **God has told us to pray for the Holy Spirit’s help.**

The Meditation & Prayer..... Mr. Scott Miller, Minister of College and Young Adults

The Hymn (stzs. 1 & 2) — “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Philippians 2:14-30(pew Bible page 981)

The Sermon — **Life Together: The Exception of Faithfulness**.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the king;
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow Him.

The Postlude — “Cortege”.....Flor Peters

*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.

THE CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain, Senior Minister

Hall Bailey	George Fair	Jimmy Moore
Mark Baird	Spence Flatgard	John Neill
Kyle Ball	Craig Flowers	Phillip Parker
Ken Ball	Marcy Forester	Bill Payne
Bo Bowen	Dave Fulcher	Tom Rice
David Bowling	Alan Futvoye	Richard Ridgway
Max Bowman	Matt Graves	Ben Roberson
Bud Bratley	Claude Harbarger	Steve Rosenblatt
Sharkey Burke	William Harper	Richard Russ
Donnie Cannada	Sam Hensley	John Lowe Smith
Stuart Clarke	Zeb Henson	Paul Stephenson
David Cleland	Larry Houchins	Bill Stone
Reid Cotten	Paul Hurst	Danny Story
Jack Crawford	Wayne Husband	Tian Teh
Holt Crews	Rob Jones	Tim Threadgill
Bob Cunningham	Harper Keeler	Mike Tramel
Ned Currie	Crane Kipp	Barry Vickery
Arthur Davis	Stephen Kruger	Alan Walters
Steve Edwards	George May	Cal Wells
David Elkin	Doug McDaniel	Marcus Wilson
Parker Ellison	John McVey	Mark Windham
	Hu Meena	

Elders Emeriti

Buddy Bartling, John Buchanan, Bill Cox, Jr., John Crawford, Doug Dale, Sr., Owen Elder, Bebo Elkin, Ken Fairly, Dick Johnson, Rob Love, Buz Lowry, Robert Mims, Jim Moore, Doyle Moorhead, Lee Owen, Jojo Payne, Bill Penn, Mark Sorgenfrei, Marvin Stockett, Orrin Swayze, Jim Tohill, Noel Toler

THE DIACONATE

Matt Ballew	Bo Gregg	Jim Poole
Charles Barbour	Anthony Hall	Trey Porter
Will Barbour	Ty Hardy	Jim Prince
Vic Blaylock	Allen Holiman	Jonathan Randle
Walter Brand	Josh Hollingsworth	Weston Russ
Jay Brown	Dallis Ketchum	Bryan Rutledge
Beau Burrow	Rob Lake	Ken Seawright
Glen Bush	Robert Leard	Jeff Skelton
David Case	David Luter	Taylor Smith
Bill Crim	Mike Manning	Cary Spence
T Dale	David Marchetti	Ernie Strahan
Paul Davis	Harrison Matheny	Jeff Sumrall
Price Davis	John McBride	Stewart Swayze
John Davis	Jason McNeel	Ford Terry
Dave Dear III	Read Meadows	Hugh Trussell
Auston Edwards	Doug Morgan	Matthew Turnage
Jamey Elkin	Mike Myers	Will Vise
Bailey Fair	Nathan Oakley	Arthur Wadsworth
Paul Forster	Walt Wofford	Joe Wilkins
Matt Glover	Chris Wyatt	Coles Wilkins Jr
Buddy Graham	Rob Oates	Neil Witherow
Henry Greaves	Lee Owen	Chase Wynn
	Virgil Payne	

Deacons Emeriti

John Allgood, Lewis Bell, Barry Cannada, John Cox, Paul Cox, Bobby Dye, Larry Edwards, Robert Feild, Gary Herring, Jim House, Carey Johnston, Robert Miller, Walter Newman, Lee Paris II, Cy Rosenblatt, William F. Sneed, Joe Uithoven, Johnny Young

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 30, 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
5:00 p.m.	Missionary Prayer Time.....	Parlor
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 Ball Home (418 Hampton Court)

Monday, July 31, 2023

2:00 p.m.	Junior High Snow Cones	Nandy's Candy
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Tuesday, August 1, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
12:00 p.m.	Student Ministry Parents Prayer Lunch.....	Whole Foods

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

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

Thursday, August 3, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore
7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Thursday Night Fellowship	Hutton Chapel

Friday, August 4, 2023

6:30 p.m.	Family Fun Night	Trustmark Park
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Saturday, August 5, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
8:30 a.m.	Day School Prayer Walk	

Sunday, August 6, 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
5:00 p.m.	Missionary Prayer Time.....	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service.....	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Registration opens August 1 at fpcj.ms/women.
Contact Lisa Oswalt at 601-973-9115 or lisao@fpcjackson.org.

MOMS Bible Study — Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Bible study for expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the sixth grade or below

MOMS at Night Bible Study — Select Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Bible study for working moms, meets twice a month

ISAIAH: The Lord Saves — Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.

Bible study for women of all ages, including a small group for mothers of teens
teachers: Helen Lewis, Melissa Abraham, Carol Anne Miconi, and Ella Pyane

COVENANT: God's Amazing Grace — Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

large group lecture led by Laura Husband

CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY

The Caregivers' Support Group takes place every second Monday of the month in Westminster Hall 202B from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Our next meeting is August 14. 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 provides a safe and friendly forum to vent with others who understand the toils of caregiving for the cognitively impaired. We provide resources which are available to the caregiver as well as to the loved one for whom care is being provided. Ultimately, we leave each participant with the promise of the gospel and the hope and rest we find in Christ Jesus our Savior. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Fairly at 601-941-5004.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!

We cannot thank our children's Sunday school volunteers enough for the time and energy they devote to teaching our covenant children. This week, we would especially like to thank the volunteers who work with our **twos, threes, and fours**.

Debbie Brock
Katy Creath
Sophie Creath
Ann Davis
Ginger Dunaway
Mary Ellison
Kerri Hawkins
Rusty Hawkins
Julie Jordan
Crane Kipp
Nan Kipp
Phoebe Kruger
Helen Lewis
Sarah Little

Rivers Luter
Cathy May
Anne McDaniel
Doug McDaniel
Emily McVey
John McVey
Charlie Molpus
Deetsa Molpus
Tara Mounger
Alice Nicholas
Elizabeth Noblin
Larry Noblin
Deborah Oakley
Nathan Oakley
Billy Payne

Judy Payne
Marcia Penn
Bobbie Pharo
Weezie Polk
Katy Roberson
Mary Shapley
Cindy Snowden
Doug Strahan
Ernie Strahan
Jane Stringer
Margaret Tohill
Charlotte Turner
Jan Wade
Cindy Wilks

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.

John and Kelley Beth – serving as church planters with Mission to the World in South Asia

James Post – James serves with RUF as the Campus Minister at the University of Oklahoma. email: james.post@ruf.org

GUEST MINISTER — DEREK THOMAS

Derek Thomas, (PhD, University of Wales) formerly our Minister of Teaching, is currently the Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina. He is also a Chancellor's Professor at Reformed Theological Seminary and a Teaching Fellow at Ligonier Ministries. He has been married to his wife, Rosemary, for 47 years, and they have two children and two grandchildren.

FPC UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Our new space is nearly complete! Today, the new church nursery and ramp entrance will be open. Final details will still be in the works on the new spaces, but all of our walkways and entrances will be open! To check your children into the new nursery space, use the Pinehurst Street ramp and turn right at the reception desk.

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

August 2 — No Midweek Dinner or Activities

August 9 — Midweek Dinner & Family Hymn Sing

August 16 — Midweek Kickoff Tailgate | *On the Grounds!*

August 23 — Fall Midweek Programs Begin

FAMILY FUN NIGHT — AUGUST 4

Join us for some family fun at Trustmark Park in Pearl as we cheer on our Mississippi Braves players. The cost of the event is \$5 per person, and the maximum cost per family is \$25. Come dressed in your favorite Mississippi Braves gear, and bring extra cash for food and drinks. You can register each member of your family at fpcj.ms/familynight.

FPDS PRAYER WALK — AUGUST 5

We invite all members of First Presbyterian Church to join Day School staff and parents on Saturday, August 5, to pray for the new school year, which commences August 9. Please join us as we pray for teachers, students, families, and the 2023-2024 school year. This is a come and go event, 8:30-11 a.m. Please enter through the Pinehurst Street ramp.

SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — AUGUST 25

Senior adults, join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun on August 25, at 11:30 a.m. in Patterson Hall. We will start off with lunch followed by a short program with speaker, Brian Smith, FPDS Head of School. The cost of the event is \$3 per person. We are asking all attendees with the last name starting with letters A-G to bring a dessert and those with H-Z to bring a side. The main dish will be provided by the church. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

FAMILY CAMP — SAVE THE DATE

Save the date of September 1-2 for a special event for FPC families. Our first ever Family Camp will be held at Twin Lakes Camp & Conference Center. More information to follow!

MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS — OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to serve alongside our supported missionaries in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, October 26-November 1. Please prayerfully consider joining our team! We will partner with the local church during their Reformation Conference and help with some light construction projects. Space is very limited. Email missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org for more information.