

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

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

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

**The Reverend Mr. Caleb Cangelosi**

Senior Minister, Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church

**The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey**

Minister of Congregational and Pastoral Care

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Sheep May Safely Graze" ..... J. S. Bach  
Michael Beasley, Trumpet; Amulet Strange, Flute; Nancy Bateman, Cello  
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ..... Ludwig van Beethoven

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 55 — "To God Be the Glory"

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.  
You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology ..... (Tune: *Regent Square*)

Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son.  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One.  
One in might, and One in glory  
while unending ages run.

The Offering

The Offertory — "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" ..... arr. Eric Nelson

With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms,  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.  
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms...

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

### The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Corinthians 1:1-11... (pew Bible page 964)

The Sermon — Why Do Bad Things Happen to God's People?... Mr. Cangelosi

The Hymn No. 378 — "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

### The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Hymn No. 296 (stzs. 1-4) — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

### The Benediction

### The Congregational Response

**O that with yonder sacred throng**

**We at His feet may fall;**

**We'll join the everlasting song,**

**And crown Him Lord of all.**

**We'll join the everlasting song,**

**And crown Him Lord of all.**

The Postlude — "Trumpet Voluntary in D" ..... John Stanley

# GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

## THE LORD'S TABLE

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ are for the entire covenant community.

## CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

## 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 Wiley P. Lowry III**  
Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care

**The Reverend Dr. Charlie Wingard**  
Minister of Shepherding

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

The Mission Report

The Prelude — “We Gather Together”..... 17th Century tune  
Morgan Yeates, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 94 — “How Firm a Foundation”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand” ..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer .....Dr. Reid Cotten

The Offering

The Offertory — “A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord” ..... Charles Gabriel

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

Q57. How does God sanctify you? A. **God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.**

The Meditation & Prayer ... Mr. Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational & Pastoral Care

The Hymn (stzs. 1-3) — “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul” ..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Colossians 3:12, 13.....(pew Bible page 984)

The Sermon — **Life Together: The Testing of Patience** .....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat;  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet.  
Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat,  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
and wait beneath Thy feet.

The Postlude — “A Trumpet Minuet” ..... Alfred Hollins

\*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.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, July 9, 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 Forster Home (4616 E Cheryl Dr.)

## Tuesday, July 11, 2023

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

## Wednesday, July 12, 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.	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, July 13, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters .....	Bookstore
9:30 a.m.	Women's Summer Bible Study.....	WH 204

## Saturday, July 15, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting .....	WH 202
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## Sunday, July 16, 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 Zegel Home (1633 Sheffield 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

July 9 – Caleb Cangelosi      July 23 – Wiley Lowry  
July 16 – Brian Sorgenfrei      July 30 – Derek Thomas

## WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

### *Dive into God's Word*

Ladies, dive into the Bible this Summer with us! We're reading five short Epistles (1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, and Titus). We will meet from 9:30–10:30 on Thursdays—July 6, 13, 20, and 27—in Westminster Hall 204. Register online at [fpcj.ms/women](http://fpcj.ms/women).

## SUMMER SEWING CAMP

Our sewing camp is designed for all ages and stages. Whether you are interested in learning how to sew or you're already an experienced seamstress—all are welcome! We will meet July 24–28 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. The cost is \$5 (plus the personal supplies you will need). If you are interested, contact Sharon Gatlin at [shargatl@gmail.com](mailto:shargatl@gmail.com) or 601-497-5807. Space is limited, and students under eight-years old must be accompanied by an adult.

## MOMS BIBLE STUDY

### *Steadfast Faith: A Study of James*

Ladies, we hope you'll join us for MOMS this fall! MOMS is a Bible study for expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the sixth grade or below. This semester, led by church member Jane Wiggins, we will study the book of James. As believers in Christ we are called to be steadfast in our Christian walk. To be steadfast is to be unwavering regardless of our circumstances. The book of James is written to exhort and encourage his readers as we are called to live out the gospel in our families, neighborhoods, communities, and workplaces; but the world often threatens to undo our faith and get us off track. James addresses trials and temptations, suffering and sickness, and wealth and poverty. He confronts our sin, speech, and pride. Through our study we will realize that ultimately we can remain steadfast only because of God's faithfulness.

A nursery is available, but space is limited. Registration will be available at [fpcj.ms/women](http://fpcj.ms/women) or on the church app beginning August 1. For more information, email [moms@fpcjackson.org](mailto:moms@fpcjackson.org).

## 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](http://fpcj.ms/familynight).

## FAMILY CAMP — SAVE THE DATE

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

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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).

**Clarke & Khrystya Norton** – Clarke serves as a church planter in Lviv, Ukraine. Clarke and his family are in the States for him to finish his MDiv and his Masters of Arts in Counseling. email: [hecorton@gmail.com](mailto:hecorton@gmail.com)

**Way & Amy Rutherford** – Way, serving with RUF, is the Campus Minister at Baylor University in Waco, TX. email: [wrutherford@ruf.org](mailto:wrutherford@ruf.org)

## GUEST MINISTER — CALEB CANGELOSI

Caleb Cangelosi (ThM, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary) has been Senior Pastor of Pear Orchard PCA in Ridgeland since 2020, and was formerly our Senior High Youth Intern here at FPC (1999–2003). He also served as Pastor of Columbia PCA in Columbia, MS (2003–2007), Senior Pastor of Grace PCA in Cookeville, TN (2007–2014), and Associate Pastor of Pear Orchard (2014–2020). He founded Log College Press in 2017 and is currently its General Editor. He and his wife Elizabeth have been married for twenty-two years and have five children: Daniel (20), Laura (18), Beth Ann (16), Caroline (13), and Ezra (10). Caleb enjoys reading, watching LSU sports, playing Ultimate Frisbee, trying to play chess, and practicing the hammered dulcimer.

## COMMUNION TODAY

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services today. 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.

## FPC UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all shuffle and detour this summer while preparations are made for our new welcome center and nursery spaces!

### Current Closures & Room Changes

- The Pinehurst St. ramp entrance and main hallway (from the sanctuary to the Study Center and Miller Hall) are closed.
- In order to travel indoors from the nursery or sanctuary to Sunday school in Miller Hall or the Study Center, you must travel through Lowe Hall and take the stairs by the Pepsi machines or the elevator in the Study Center.
- If weather permits, we advise walking outside on the sidewalk between locations.
- The Study Center entrance is closed.
- Sanctuary entrances on State St. and Belhaven St. are open. The parlor and porte cochère entrances on Belhaven St. are open. The Miller Hall and Church Office (Nursery) entrances on Pinehurst St. are open.
- The Fourth and Fifth Sunday School classes will now be held on the Second Floor of the Youth House.
- The church library is closed; however, the bookstore will remain open.

## BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, July 16. Spaces are available for both services. To make your reservation, please contact Emily Eastman at [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).