

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirteenth Day of August, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

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 Recognition of the Shorter Catechism Recitation

The Prelude — “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”..... Moore/Wymond
Emily Williams, Violin I Ausra Jasineviciute, Viola
Alex Encinas, Violin II Nancy Bateman, Cello

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

The Call to Worship — Romans 11:33-36

The Hymn No. 38 — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

Glory be to God the Father, and to Christ His only Son;
Praise we too the Holy Spirit, binding all the church as one:
As it was in the beginning now and evermore shall be;
Glory, honor, praise and blessing all creation sings to Thee!

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 Corporate Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, You are pleased to declare Your holy will to us,
and to instruct us in the righteousness of Your law.
Write and engrave it on our hearts,
that we would seek to serve and obey You alone throughout our lives.
Do not impute to us transgressions that we have committed against Your law.
As we experience Your grace in such abundance,
may we have cause to praise and glorify You,
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from John Calvin, *The Strasbourg Liturgy*, 1545

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — “Create in Me”..... Johannes Brahms
Create in me, O God, a pure heart,
And grant, anew, a right spirit within me.

The Hymn No. 644 — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Psalm Reading — Psalm 140..... (pew Bible page 522)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 6:1–13..... (pew Bible page 571)

The Sermon — First Principles, Part II.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 46 (stzs. 1–3) — “Round the Lord in Glory Seated”(Tune: *Hyfrydol*)

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Thus Your glorious name confessing, we adopt our angel’s cry.
“Holy, Holy, Holy” blessing You, the Lord of Hosts Most High.
“Lord, Your glory fills the heavens, earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto You be glory given, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.”

The Postlude — “Romanza” (K. 525)..... Wolfgang A. Mozart



SHORTER CATECHISM RECITATION

“I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”
Psalm 119:11

Catechism memory work begins at FPC with the Children’s Catechism in three-year-old Sunday School. That study continues throughout children’s Sunday School and the Catechism Class on Sunday Evenings. The Catechism is a summary of what the Bible teaches in systematic question and answer form. Committing it to memory is invaluable in the life of a believer, as it helps to build a solid foundation for a life of faith.

This morning, Caroline Rose Jordan will receive her Bible for recitation of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, which consists of 107 questions and answers.

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 & Pastoral Care

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — “Sarabande”..... Gordon Young
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship — Romans 12:1, 2

The Hymn No. 261 — “What Wondrous Love Is This”

The Invocation

The Missionary Report Daniel and Katy

The Greetings

The Offering

***The Offertory** — “Were You There?” Southern Spiritual

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 4:17–5:2 (pew Bible page 978)

The Sermon — **Life Together: The Freedom of Self-Control** Mr. Lowry

The Hymn No. 264 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

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. 264 (stzs. 3) — “Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait,

Hoping, trusting ever.

Till I reach the golden strand

Just beyond the River,

In the cross, in the cross,

Be my glory ever;

Till my raptured soul shall find

Rest beyond the river.

The Postlude — “Fantasia in G Minor” (BWV 558) 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.

Midweek
KICKOFF TAILGATE

ON THE GROUNDS

AUG 16
— 5 PM —



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FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 13, 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 Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd.)

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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Wednesday, August 16, 2023

5:00 p.m.	Midweek Kickoff Tailgate	Belhaven Street
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
7:10 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, August 17, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore
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Saturday, August 19, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Opening Session: Churchwide Teaching Theme.....	MH
9:45 a.m.	Children's 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 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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Register 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 Payne

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

large group lecture led by Laura Husband

Contact: Alice Patterson at 601-906-6755 and alipatte@gmail.com

CIRCLE Bible Studies: Joshua: God Keeps His Promises — Monthly
small groups, meet monthly (September – May) for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and opportunities for service and missions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Discipleship Groups (D Groups) are our church's small-group ministry, meeting on Wednesday nights during Midweek programming. D Groups provide multi-generational discussion on Scripture, helpful books, or other relevant studies applicable to the Christian life. These small groups provide not only a way to grow deeper in your faith, but also to know others, and to be known. If you are new to D Groups, we would love to help find a spot for you that will encourage and challenge you! To register, email discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — AUGUST 25

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 message from Brian Smith. The cost of the event is \$3 per person. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

FAMILY CAMP — SEPTEMBER 1-2

Registration is now open for Family Camp! Enjoy a weekend that will include meals together, large-group games and fun activities, a parenting seminar with a guest speaker, and free time for you to choose activities with your family! You will have access to the lake and all the outdoor fun Twin Lakes has to offer! For more information and to sign up visit fpcj.ms/family-camp.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's choirs meet on Wednesday nights during Midweek to teach children hymns and worship habits that will last a lifetime. We have a specific need for accompanists this fall. Contact Genneysa Case at 601-540-2370 or gdcase@comcast.net.

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 **second and third grade classes**.

Ray Carter
Stacey Carter
David Case
Gennyesa Case
Kathryn Edwards
CherryDean Fyke
Jim Galbraith
Melissa Galbraith

Justin Goebel
Kristin Goebel
Bob Jones
Linda Jones
Ann Kemp
Ruffin Lowery
Ann Lowry
Buz Lowry
MaryAllyson Lowry

Ann Owen
Lee Owen
Becky Perrett
Fred Perrett
Jeff Sumrall
Kimberly Sumrall
Neil Witherow
Julie Wyatt

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are recruiting adult volunteers to serve our children. If you enjoy working with children, then we have a spot for you! Volunteers fill a variety of roles including helping with crafts, leading music, or being a "Table Buddy" who encourages children in learning scripture and catechism memorization. To volunteer or for more information, contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org.

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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.

Paul & Elizabeth Sanduleac – Paul serves as a church planter with IXO in Moldova. email: paulsanduleac@gmail.com; website: reformationmoldova.org

Kaylee & Bobby Epps – Kaylee serves as a campus staff member with RUF at Ole Miss. email: Kaylee.epps@ruf.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betsy Rosenblatt, by her husband, Steve, and their daughters and their families.

EVENING COMMUNION — TONIGHT

Communion will be observed in the evening worship service tonight. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord’s Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements are available at the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

THE MISSIONARY REPORT — DANIEL AND KATY

Daniel serves as the MTW Regional Director for Western Europe and a church-planting facilitator in Brussels, and Katy is a “daughter” of FPC. Daniel and Katy have two children, Annabelle and Harry.

FPC UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Our new space is nearly complete! The Welcome Center is still a work in progress but is open for traffic. Coffee and snacks are located in Lowe Hall. The new nursery is open!

MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS — OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1

Tuesday, August 15 is the deadline to apply to serve alongside our supported missionaries in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Email missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org for more information.

CYCLONE MOCHA RELIEF EFFORTS

Cyclone Mocha was the strongest storm in the Bay of Bengal of the last decade. 15 mission churches were damaged, and 60 families of church members lost their homes. These fellow believers are still reeling from losing almost everything. If you would like to contribute to our relief efforts there, mark your contribution to FPC “Mocha Relief.”

CAREGIVERS’ MINISTRY

The Caregivers’ Support Group takes place on the second Monday of each month in Westminster Hall 202B from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Our next meeting is August 14. This group gathers 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. Please contact Ken Fairly at 601-941-5004 with questions.

CHURCHWIDE TEACHING THEME SUNDAY — AUGUST 20

Don’t miss August 20, when we will reveal the churchwide teaching theme for the upcoming year. During the Sunday School hour, join us in Miller Hall for a breakfast fellowship time. We’ll gather together to watch a video presentation on the theme, listen to remarks from David Strain, and receive information about the programs and initiatives we can look forward to in the coming teaching year. Come connect with fellow church members and prepare for the upcoming season of growth and learning!

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

GriefShare is a ministry of support and encouragement for those grieving the death of a loved one. Using the Bible and the shared experience of others, participants will discover how to navigate the profound difficulties of bereavement. Our next 13-week GriefShare course will begin Wednesday, August 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. To register, please contact Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.