

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Rejoice, My Soul, with Gladness"..... S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — "Let Thy Holy Presence"..... Paul Tschnesnokoff

The Call to Worship — Revelation 4:6-11

The Hymn No. 310 — "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology (Tune: *Azmon*)
To God all glory, praise and love,
We'll ever sing on earth,
And join with heaven's joyful praise
To proclaim our Savior's worth.

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 — “Total Praise”Smallwood/Cymbala
With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,
knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You
Amen!

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

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Psalm Reading — Psalm 139..... (pew Bible page 521)

The Prayer of Illumination

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

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

The Hymn No. 100 (stzs. 1-3) — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The Postlude — “Agincourt Hymn”.....John Dunstable

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.

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. David L. Felker
Executive Minister

Mr. William H. Skinner
Senior Minister's & Discipleship Ministry Intern

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

The Prelude — "Rock of Ages".....James Ward
Lydian Peipon, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 600 — "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

The Invocation

The Hymn — "When Trials Come".....(hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Doug McDaniel, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — "The Old Rugged Cross/At the Cross"..... arr. Forrest
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

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

Q64. How long ago did Christ die? A. **About two thousand years ago.**

Q65. How were sinners saved before Christ came? A. **By believing in the promised Messiah.**

Q66. Before Christ came, how did believers show their faith? A. **By offering sacrifices God required.**

Q67. What did these sacrifices represent? A. **Christ, the Lamb of God, who would come to die for sinners.**

The Meditation & Prayer..... Mr. Gary Sinclair, FPDS Chaplain

The Hymn (stzs. 1 & 2) — "How Deep the Father's Love".....(hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Galatians 5:22-24(pew Bible page 975)
Matthew 11:28-30(pew Bible page 816)

The Sermon — **Life Together: The Gentle Heart of Christ**..... Mr. Felker

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;

But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,

But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Postlude — "Thanksgiving"..... Richard Purvis

*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, 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
5:00 p.m.	Receiving of New Members.....	PH
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service.....	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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Wednesday, August 9, 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 Hymn Sing.....	MH
7:10 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, August 10, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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Saturday, August 12, 2023

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

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 Pyane

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. We know that many people can walk into this big church and feel lost. 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! Please email discipleship@fpcjackson.org to register for a D Group.

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 have a few spots left to serve alongside our supported missionaries in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, October 26-November 1. Email missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org for more information.

SERVE DAY — TEAM LEADERS NEEDED

On Serve Day, October 14, FPC members participate in service projects around the metro area in partnership with our supported local ministries like Mission First, Camp Pioneer, the Pearson Foundation, and more. We are seeking those interested in serving as Team Leaders who will help coordinate a service project at a local ministry site. For more information, contact Warren Miconi at warren@miconi.org.

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.

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 **fives and first grade classes**.

CC Allgood
John Allgood
Beth Allgood
Melissa Boyd
Stewart Boyd
Genneysa Case
Ginger Dunaway
Kathryn Edwards
Steve Edwards
Jamey Elkin

Dee Dee Hester
John Eric Hester
Mary Jordan Lamar
Willem Lamar
Kelly Love
Sam Love
Mike Manning
John McBride
Karen McBride
Teri Newcomb

Ella Payne
Virgil Payne
Lori Smith
Taylor Smith
Treasure Tyson
Kurt Vande Streek
Mary Ellen Vande Streek
Arthur Wadsworth
Margaret Wadsworth
Coles Wilkins

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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.

Miguel & Hannah D’Azevedo – Miguel serves with the Ministry to the Military as a church planter in Okinawa, Japan.

John & Taylor Belvins – John serves as church planter at Christ Church Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN. website: www.cometochrist.com; email: john@johnbelvinsiii.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are from the wedding of Mallory Renee Adams and Robert Peyton Parker. They are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lowery Herrington, Mr. and Mrs. William Adams, and Ms. Olivia Fight, grandparents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson and Ms. Phyllis Parker, grandparents of the groom; and in loving memory of Mr. Robert Parker, grandfather of the groom.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Vivian Williams — July 28, 2023

EVENING COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

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

FPC UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The new nursery is open! To check your children into the nursery, pass through the temporary hallway in the new welcome center next to the music suite.

Traffic between the Sanctuary and adult Sunday school rooms will continue to flow as it has throughout the summer. We ask that only parents of nursery-age children use the temporary walkway to the nursery.

MIDWEEK HYMN SING — AUGUST 9

Next week we hope you will make plans to join us for a Midweek Hymn Sing. Children, youth, and adults will join together in a time of singing. This informal gathering is designed for the whole church family to gather and sing praises to our King. Midweek Dinner begins at 5 p.m., and the singing at 6. Nursery is available for children age three and younger.

MIDWEEK KICKOFF TAILGATE — AUGUST 16

This year we are excited to move our Midweek Kickoff event from Laurel Park to our own campus! We look forward to this fun event every year and this year we will be even “closer to home” than ever. Join us on August 16 for food, music, and inflatables outside on the Belhaven Street side of the church. This free event is perfect to invite a friend or neighbor! We will introduce our fall Midweek programs and gather for a casual time of fellowship together.

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!