

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth 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 & Pastoral Care

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Open My Eyes"..... Charles Callahan  
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit

The Call to Worship — Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

The Hymn No. 457 — "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis  
The Introduction of New Members  
The Questions of Membership  
The Prayer  
The Declaration  
The Blessing

The Offering

**The Anthem** — “In the Name of Jesus”

Rene Young, Soloist

**The Psalm** — “Blessed are Those of Blameless Ways”..... (hymn sheet)

## **HEARING GOD’S VOICE**

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Psalm 119:1-8 ..... (pew Bible page 512)

**The Sermon** — **A Lamp to Our Feet: The Good Life** .....Dr. Strain

**The Hymn No. 92 (stzs. 1-3)** — “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill, God’s truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.**

**The Postlude** — “Jesus Shall Reign”.....Albin C. Whitworth

## **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.

# THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

## QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on August 6, 2023, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Caroline Abraham	Travis Nowell
John Abraham	Austin Rogers
Stacie Bailey	Barrett Rogers
Wyatt Collier	*Millie Saxon
Jed Day	Natalie Smyth
*Jack Graves	Tim Tumutod
Rachel Kinzer	Lynne Wingard
Elliott Farris	*Eszter Witherow
Will Halama	*Hattie Wofford

\*Covenant child joining as a communing member

## JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is October 1. New member forms can be found online at [fpcj.ms/membership](http://fpcj.ms/membership) or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by September 20. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).



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# LAMP

## TO OUR FEET

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KNOWING & LOVING  
THE WORD OF GOD

2023-2024 CHURCHWIDE  
TEACHING THEME

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care  
The Reverend Mr. Scott H. Miller — Young Adults & College Minister

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

The Prelude — “Like a River Glorious” .....James Mountain  
The First Presbyterian String Ensemble

The Call to Worship — Psalm 126:1-3

The Hymn — “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” ..... (hymn sheet)

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Here Is Love” ..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer ..... Mr. Rob Jones, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer” .....Getty  
Genneysa Case, Soloist

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

Q68. How many offices does Christ fulfill as the promised Messiah? A. **Christ fulfills three offices.**

Q69. What are they? A. **The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.**

Q70. How is Christ a prophet? A. **Christ teaches me the will of God.**

Q73. Why do you need Christ as your prophet? A. **Because I am ignorant by nature.**

The Meditation & Prayer.....Mr. Grant Carter, Students & Families Intern

The Hymn No. 478 (stzs. 1-3) — “I Love to Tell the Story”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 1 ..... (pew Bible page 909)

The Sermon.....Mr. Lowry  
Beginning from Jerusalem: The Acts and Teaching of Jesus, Volume II

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best,  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
’Twill be the old, old story, that I have loved so long.  
I love to tell the story, ’twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

The Postlude — “Trumpet Voluntary”.....Henry Purcell

\*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 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 (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

## Tuesday, August 22, 2023

9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	WH 302
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore

## Wednesday, August 23, 2023

9:30 a.m.	GriefShare	Parlor
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	
	Discipleship Groups	Various Locations
	Doctrine of Scripture	MH
	Engaged and Newlywed Class	WH 204
	Evangelism Training	WH 202 B
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	Session Room
	Women's Bible Study: Luke	WH 202 A
6:00 p.m.	College Bible Study	Location TBA
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior and Senior High D Groups	YH & Baird Center Gym
7:10 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

## Thursday, August 24, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore
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## Friday, August 25, 2023

11:30 a.m.	Senior Adults Luncheon	PH
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## Saturday, August 26, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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## Sunday, August 27, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
12:00 p.m.	FPDS New Students and Families Luncheon	MH
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202A
5:00 p.m.	Missionary Prayer Time	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Rutledge Home (101 Ridge St.)

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

## 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).

**Dennis & Rhonda Conroy** – serving with MTW and Wycliffe, assisting with Bible translation; email: [dennis.conroy@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.conroy@gmail.com)

**Children of Abraham** – Bassam Chedid founded the Children of Abraham ministry in 1977 to communicate the saving message of Christ to a largely un-evangelized Arabic community in and beyond North America. email: [chedid@cs.com](mailto:chedid@cs.com)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David B. Wilson, Sarah G. Wilson and Elizabeth W. Wilson by their children.

## MIDWEEK IS BACK!

Join us this Wednesday, August 23, for the first week of our fall Midweek programming! We'll begin with a meal at 5 p.m. followed by options for the whole family beginning at 6. If you've never attended before, we invite you to come and see what Midweek is all about. Your first meal is on us! Pick up the blue Midweek book for a list of our fall programs or visit the website: [fpcj.ms/midweek](http://fpcj.ms/midweek).

## FAMILY CAMP — SEPTEMBER 1-2

Registration is 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](http://fpcj.ms/family-camp). The deadline to register is August 25.

## THE NEW [FPCJACKSON.ORG](http://fpcjackson.org)

Have you visited the new [fpcjackson.org](http://fpcjackson.org) yet? Our website has been completely redesigned to be easier to use with the goal of making disciples here in Jackson, MS, and around the world!

# 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 **fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes.**

**Ken Ball**  
**Betsy Ann Breazeale**  
**Janie Clarke**  
**Stuart Clarke**  
**Debbie Dempsey**  
**Lou Ann Flatgard**  
**Cassie Graves**  
**Matt Graves**  
**Heath Jordan**  
**Kristi Jordan**

**Ann Kemp**  
**David Kimball**  
**Linda Lash**  
**Ginger Leard**  
**Lynn Pearson**  
**Lauren Randle**  
**Spencer Ritchie**  
**Petula Sinclair**  
**Ashley Smith**  
**Lee Smith**

**Lorien Smith**  
**Wade Smith**  
**Dale Sorgenfrei**  
**Stewart Swayze**  
**Michelle Tabor**  
**Will Tabor**  
**Hugh Trussell**  
**Val Vickery**  
**Sarah Waters**  
**Frank York**