

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



*"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Seventh 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. Gary W. Sinclair  
FPDS Chaplain

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Salvation Is Created" ..... Paul Tschnesnokoff  
The First Presbyterian Brass Ensemble  
Nathan Oakley, Director

The Introit — "With a Voice of Singing"  
Jeff Brown, Director; William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship — Colossians 3:16-17

The Hymn No. 122 — "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory.  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

The Recognition of First Presbyterian Day School

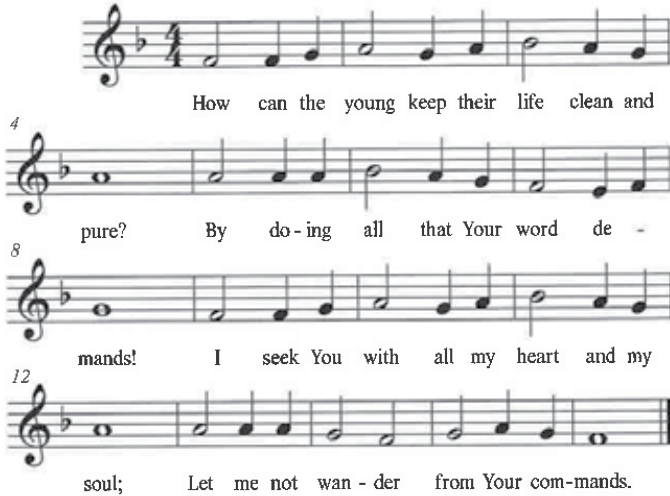
The Remarks from FPDS Head of School ..... Mr. Brian Smith  
The Recognition of FPDS Teachers and New Families  
The Prayer for FPDS ..... Mr. Gary Sinclair

The Offering

The Offertory — "And Then Shall Your Light" (*Elijah*) ..... Felix Mendelssohn

And then, then shall your light break forth  
as the light of morning breaketh,  
And your health shall speedily spring forth then.  
And the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you.  
Lord our Creator, how excellent Thy Name in all the nations.  
Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory, Amen, Amen!  
Isaiah 58:8; Psalm 8:1

## The Psalm 119:9-16



How can the young keep their life clean and  
4 pure? By do-ing all that Your word de -  
8 mands! I seek You with all my heart and my  
12 soul; Let me not wan - der from Your com-mands.

11. Your word I've hidden in my heart. To keep me from offending You.
12. Praise be to You, O Lord my God; Teach me Your statutes firm and true.
13. Each law proceeding from Your mouth I gladly with my lips have told.
14. I love to follow Your commands, As others love to count their gold.
15. I meditate upon Your ways And on Your precepts I reflect.
16. I take delight in Your decrees; Your word I never will neglect.

## The Pastoral Prayer

### HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — Mark 7:1-30 ..... (pew Bible page 842)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:9-16 ..... (pew Bible page 512)

The Sermon.....Dr. Strain  
A Lamp to Our Feet: Your Word in My Heart and on My Lips

The Hymn No. 558 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

That man is nourished like a tree  
Set by the rivers' side;  
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure,  
And thus his works abide.

The Postlude — “Chorale” ..... 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 & Pastoral Care  
The Reverend Dr. Charlie Wingard — Minister of Shepherding

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

The Prelude — “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”.....S. V. Stanford  
Bonnie Brown, Violin

The Call to Worship — Galatians 4:4–6

The Hymn No. 521 — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

The Invocation

The Confession of Faith — 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 — “Yet Not I but through Christ in Me”..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer ..... Dr. Danny Story, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “As The Deer”.....Martin Nystrom

\*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.**

Q71. How is Christ your priest? A. **Christ died for my sins, and continues to pray for me.**

Q74. Why do you need Christ as your priest? A. **Because I am guilty of breaking God’s law.**

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

The Hymn (stzs. 1-3) — “Come, Ye Sinners”..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 2 ..... (pew Bible page 909)

The Sermon — Beginning from Jerusalem: *E Pluribus Unum* .....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Lo! Th’incarnate God, Ascended, Pleads the merit of His blood;  
Venture on Him, venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude:  
None but Jesus, None but Jesus, Can do helpless sinners good.**

The Postlude — “Improvisation on *Bryn Calfaria*”

\*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.



## PARTNERING IN PRAYER WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL

Throughout the 2023-2024 school year, please partner with FPDS in praying for our students, families, teachers, and administration as they strive to live out the school's mission statement:

**to plant seeds of Christlikeness in the hearts of children, to pursue academic excellence, and to prepare the students for future service in God's kingdom, in their homes, churches, and professions.**

### **How can you pray for the ministry of FPDS?**

Please consider saving this panel in your home and committing to regular prayer for the ministry of FPDS in these three specific ways:

- Pray for our administration, teachers, and faculty. Pray for their health and wellness, for boldness as they share the Gospel with our young people, and for the ability to show justice, love, and mercy.
- Pray for our students. Pray for their health and wellness, for the ability to see their significance in what Christ thinks about them over the views of others, and for those who have never accepted Jesus to know him as Savior and Lord.
- Pray for our families. Pray for their health and wellness, for the ability to love and encourage their families, and for the clarity and boldness to raise their household up in the fear of the Lord.

### **FPDS Theme Verse for 2023-2024**

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." -Psalm 119:105

# FPC THIS WEEK

## 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.....	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	the Rutledge Home (101 Ridge St.)

## Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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

## Wednesday, August 30, 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	
	D 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
7:10 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, August 31, 2023

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters .....	Bookstore
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## Friday, September 1, 2023

4:00 p.m.	Family Camp.....	Twin Lakes
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## Saturday, September 2, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Family Camp.....	Twin Lakes
7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting .....	WH 202

## Sunday, September 3, 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

## CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY

The Caregivers' Support Group takes place on the second Monday of each month in Westminster Hall 202 from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Our next meeting is September 11. 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.

## BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, September 17. Spaces are available for both services. To make your reservation, please contact Emily at [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## TRUJILLO PERU MISSION CAMP

Twin Lakes is leading a short-term mission trip to Trujillo Peru December 29-January 6. The purpose of this trip is to assist in sharing the gospel through running a week-long children's camp. The cost of the trip is \$2800, and FPC will pay half of the cost for church members participating for their first mission trip. If you are interested in joining the team, please email Lizzy Rhett at [lizzy@twinlakescamp.org](mailto:lizzy@twinlakescamp.org) for an application. The deadline to submit your application is September 15, 2023.

## SERVE DAY

Serve Day is set for Saturday, October 14. On Serve Day, FPC members can 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 FPC members interested in serving as a team leader who will be responsible for helping coordinate a service project at a local ministry site. If you are interested, please contact Warren Miconi at [warren@miconi.org](mailto:warren@miconi.org).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Register online at [fpcj.ms/women](https://fpcj.ms/women).

Contact Lisa Oswalt at 601-973-9115 or [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto: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 moms, meets twice a month

*Luke: Encountering Jesus — Wednesdays at 6 p.m.*

Bible study for women of all ages

Discussion Leaders: Allie Elkin and Elise Turner

*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 9:45 a.m.*

large group lecture led by Laura Husband

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLES

A Circle is a group of women who meet monthly (September – May) for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and to learn of opportunities for service and missions within our church. To register, contact Lisa Oswalt at 601-973-9115 or [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).

## THE NEW FPCJACKSON.ORG

Have you visited the new [fpcjackson.org](https://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!

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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).

**Trey & Kiki Adams** – Trey serves with MTW as the team leader/church planter in South East Asia. email: [archadams@gmail.com](mailto:archadams@gmail.com)

**Samuel & Sara Tyson Husband** – Samuel serves as the Chaplain at the Schools of Perea and the Director of New City Memphis. email: [shusband@gmail.com](mailto:shusband@gmail.com)

## A LAMP TO OUR FEET

### *2023-2024 Churchwide Teaching Theme*

Our teaching theme this year, **A Lamp to Our Feet: Knowing & Loving the Word of God**, calls us all to be people of the Word, to be Bible people. It is our hope that throughout the course of this year, we can encourage one another in growing our familiarity with and love for the Word of God. We hope to recover the thrill of discovery as we learn to interpret the Bible for ourselves. We want to put the joyful use of the Scriptures back at the center of our Christian lives, in the conviction that the Word of God will give light and life to all who embrace its truth.

To this end, we have created a quarterly book full of information and resources for all ages. Pick up a copy for your family or view it digitally at [fpcj.ms/lamp](http://fpcj.ms/lamp). This week we are continuing the Bible Reading Plan in the book of Mark and our Bible Memorization goal for the quarter: Psalm 1! Will you join us?

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are from the wedding of Clayton McGuire Noblin and Loden Phillips Walker and are given in honor of Mrs. J. T. Noblin and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson, grandparents of the bride, and Mrs. Billy Joe Sheffield, grandmother of the groom; and in loving memory of Mr. J. T. Noblin, grandfather of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Moore Walker and Mr. Billy Joe Sheffield, grandparents of the groom.

The flowers in the Greeting Courtyard are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 43rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kruger by their children Stephen and Jessica, Andrew, Peter and Bess, and Philip and Morgan, and their grandchildren Glenn, Hazie, Alice, Sperry, and Sam.

## JOIN US AT MIDWEEK!

Our Midweek programs for all ages continue this week. We 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).

## SERVE THE CHURCH IN CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Promotion Sunday is next week, September 3, and we are still 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 taking roll, 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](mailto:kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org).

## GRIEFSHARE 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 13-week GriefShare course will meet for the second time on Wednesday, August 30, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. It's not too late to register. To do so, please contact Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).