

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Tenth Day of September, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Humbly I Adore Thee"..... Robert Lau
Rae Shannon, Organ

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

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 168 — "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Set stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

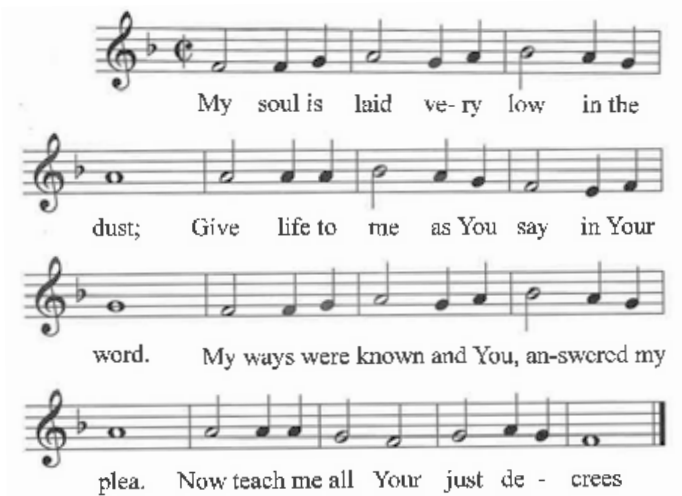
The Offering

The Offertory — "Bound for the Promised Land"..... arr. Mack Wilberg
With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.
There generous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow;
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow.
I am bound for the promised land, O who will come and go with me?

O the transporting rapturous scene that rises to my sight,
Sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight.
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest!
I am bound for the promised land....

The Psalm 119:17-24



My soul is laid ve- ry low in the
dust; Give life to me as You say in Your
word. My ways were known and You, an- swered my
plea. Now teach me all Your just de - crees

27. Instruct me, Lord, in the ways of Your law
That I may long think on them with deep thought.
28. My soul is heavy with sorrow and grief.
Please strengthen me with power by Your word.
29. Be gracious, Father, to me through Your word.
Keep me from lying, from telling false tales.
30. I am resolved now to walk on truth's path,
And tightly hold Your word in my heart.
31. Yes, how I cling to Your word, precious Lord.
Oh help me now not to feel shame or doubt.
32. How free I feel since I know Your commands,
free in my heart to live and obey.

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — Acts 4:1-31 (pew Bible page 911)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:25-32 (pew Bible page 512)

The Sermon — A Lamp to Our Feet: A Treatment Plan for Soul-Sorrow Dr. Strain

The Hymn 143 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “How Precious Is the Book Divine” (Tune: *Dundee*)

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**This lamp, through all the tedious night of life
Shall guide our way, till we behold the clearer
Light of an eternal day.**

The Postlude — “Amazing Grace”.....Denis Bedard

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care
Mr. William Grant Carter — Students & Families Intern

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

The Prelude — “Norwegian Prelude”.....Edvard Grieg
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship — Psalm 2:1-3, 10-12

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

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 — “How Deep the Father’s Love”..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Ben Roberson, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Elevation”..... Don Paul Benoit

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

Q76. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai? A. **Ten commandments.**

Q77. Why should we obey the Ten Commandments? A. **Because God is our Creator, Savior and King.**

Q78. What do the first four commandments teach? A. **What it means to love and serve God.**

Q79. What do the last six commandments teach? A. **What it means to love and serve my neighbor.**

The Meditation & Prayer..... Mr. Stephen Biggs, Director of Students & Families

The Hymn (stzs. 1-3) — “Father, Long Before Creation”..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 4:1-31(pew Bible page 911)

The Sermon — Beginning from Jerusalem: With All Boldness.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Loving Father now before Thee we will every praise Thy love.
And our songs will sound unceasing ‘til we reach our home above.
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.**

The Postlude — “Fantasy in F”..... 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.

“I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN,
IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION
I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE.” -HEBREWS 2:12

TESTIMONIES OF GRACE

SONGS OF EXALTATION, THANKSGIVING,
COMFORT, PROMISE, AND HOPE

CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY EVENING
SEPTEMBER 17
6 P.M.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 10, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various Locations
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
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 Ball Home (418 Hampton Ct.)

Monday, September 11, 2023

11:00 a.m.	Caregivers Support Groups	WH 202B
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting	
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series.....	MH
9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	WH 302
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
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 202B
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.....	Session Room
	Women's Bible Study: Luke.....	WH 202A
6:00 p.m.	College Bible Study.....	YH Intern Suite
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, September 14, 2023

9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Isaiah: The Lord Saves.....	PH
9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Covenant: God's Amazing Grace	MH

Saturday, September 16, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, September 17, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various Locations
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202A
5:00 p.m.	Missionary Prayer Time	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Testimonies of Grace: Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	the Barbour Home (2208 Culleywood Rd.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

New Members will next be received at the New Members Meeting on October 1 and then presented to the congregation two weeks later on October 15. The deadline for the turning in of New Member Forms as well as Communing New Member Forms is September 20.

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 for an application. The deadline to submit your application is September 15, 2023.

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 on Wednesdays, 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLES MEET THIS WEEK

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 Oswald at 601-973-9115 or lisao@fpcjackson.org.

Monday, September 11

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Beth Crasto
10:00 a.m.	Circle 3	Westminster Hall 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Circle 5	Home of Janie Ramsey
12:00 p.m.	Circle 14	Miller Hall
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer

Tuesday, September 12

10:00 a.m.	Circle 9	Westminster Hall 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 11	Home of Frenchie Graham
10:30 a.m.	Circle 12	St. Catherine's

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.

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 jollynnm@fpcjackson.org.

Jonathan & Maggie I – Jonathan serves as the International Director for MTW Asia-Pacific. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Martin & Elizabeth Antoon – Martin serves as the Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Savannah College of Art and Design.
Email: martin.antoon@ruf.org

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. This week we are continuing the Bible reading plan as well as working toward our Bible memorization goal for the quarter: Psalm 1! Will you join us?

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jeannette and H. C. Bailey by their children and grandchildren.

STUDENT CHOIR

The Student Choir will begin with a rehearsal today, Sunday, September 10, at 4:30 p.m. in the Music Suite. The group is composed of sixth-12th graders. All sixth graders are warmly invited to join us. The end-of-the-year trip for the choir will be to Washington, D.C. The choir serves the church family by often singing in the evening worship service. Any questions? Call Bill Wymond at 601-973-9113.

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. Pick up the blue Midweek book for a list of our fall programs or visit our website: fpcj.ms/midweek.

CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY — NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 11

The Caregivers' Support Group takes place every second Monday of the month in Westminster Hall 202B from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Fairly at 601-941-5004.

FALL MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES — BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12

Basic Training: Basic Steps for Studying the Not-So-Basic Word

This fall, David Strain will teach through an overview of personal Bible study. What does it mean to regularly, individually read the Bible? Why should this be a priority for men? And how can we be successful in making this a regular part of our lives? Plan to be with us on Tuesday mornings from 6:30-7:30 a.m. and invite a friend to join you! Register at fpcjackson.org/men.