

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventeenth 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 Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational Care

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Adagio in A Minor"..... Antonio Tartinelli
Bonnie Brown, Violin I Ausra Jaseniviciute, Viola
Emily Williams, Violin II Nancy Bateman, Cello

The Introit — "Almighty God of Our Fathers"..... Will James

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. 119 — "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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 Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families
The Biblical Promise
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Baptism
The Baptismal Benediction

The Psalm — Psalm 119:33-38



Teach me to fol - low Your de - crees; then
I will keep them to the end, Give in - sight and I'll
keep Your law, with all my heart to it at - tend.

35. Lead me in Your commandments' path, For there, O Lord, delight I find.
36. Incline my heart towards Your laws; From selfish gain preserve my mind.
37. O turn my eyes from worthless things; Give life according to Your word.
38. To me, Your servant, keep Your pledge, So that you may be feared, O Lord.

The Offering

The Offertory — “There Is a Fountain”..... arr. Dan Forrest

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains.
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away.
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

When this poor lisping stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.
Then in a nobler sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save,
Thy pow'r to save!

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 119:33-40..... (pew Bible page 513)

The Sermon — A Lamp to Our Feet: Inside Out.....Dr. Strain

The Psalm — Psalm 119:39-40

39. Remove from me the shame I dread; Your laws excel in uprightness.
40. O how I long for Your decrees! Preserve me in Your righteousness.

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.

The Postlude — “Allegro” (*Water Music*) G. F. Handel

VOWS OF BAPTISM

In order for the congregation to participate in the sacrament of baptism and to refresh our own commitment to these vows, they are included below:

TO THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO

James Turner Brown Jr.
son of Turner and Katie Brown

Hayes Andrew Hartman
son of Daniel and Anna Kate Hartman

William Hogan Hartman
son of Daniel and Anna Kate Hartman

Luke Daniel Zegel
son of Daniel and Anne Elizabeth Zegel

The next baptism date is November 19, 2023.
Spaces are available for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.
Please email emilye@fpcjackson.org to reserve a place.

“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 17, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime (for age 3 and 4 by Sept. 1).....	M135
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.	Testimonies of Grace: Evening Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	the Barbour Home (2208 Culleywood Rd.)

Tuesday, September 19, 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
6:00 p.m.	Moms at Night Bible Study.....	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class.....	PH

Wednesday, September 20, 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 21, 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 23, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	WH 202
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Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime (for age 3 and 4 by Sept. 1).....	M135
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 Box Home (5316 Red Fox Rd.)

THE CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS

David T. A. Strain
Senior Minister

David Felker
*Executive Minister and
Minister of Discipleship*

Billy Dempsey
Minister of Congregational Care

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Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care

Scott Miller
Minister of Young Adults and College

Jamie Peipon
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Brister Ware
Minister of Pastoral Care

Gary Sinclair
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

Charlie Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

Bill Wymond
Minister of Music and Worship

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Beginning October 2023*

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Peyton Gunter
College Ministry Intern

George Herndon
Students and Families Intern

William Skinner
*Senior Minister's and
Discipleship Intern*

Rupert Hunt Taylor
Discipleship Intern

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.

Carter & Caroline McWhorter – Carter & Caroline serve with MTW as part of the Adams’ church-planting team in SE Asia. email: themcwhorters710@gmail.com

Jegar Chinnavan and Jemima Jegar – Jegar serves as a church planter at Mount Zion Presbyterian Church in Fairfax County, VA. email: jegarchinnavan@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Campbell Grady Dale by his parents, Jill and David Dale, and his sisters, Avery and Stella Grace.

A LAMP TO OUR FEET

2023-2024 Churchwide Teaching Theme

Grow with us this year in our familiarity with and love for the Word of God! Pick up a copy of the quarterly book 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.

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.

FALL MEN’S BREAKFAST SERIES

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

This fall, David Strain is teaching 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.

RECEIVING 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.

COVERING OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER 2023-2024

Every Adult Sunday School class has been assigned a Children’s Sunday School class from the nursery through twelfth grade. Look for the list in your class announcements. Over the course of the year, we ask that adults focus on praying for their assigned children, both in class and at home. For additional information on the children your class is praying for or about the program, contact kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org.

WOMEN’S FALL LUNCHEON

Riches of the Word

The Bible is the very core of the Christian life. We know that it is the way God speaks to us, encourages us, corrects us, and even reveals himself to us. But maybe we’ve been reluctant to open the book because we wonder, “Can I trust the Bible?” Join us on Thursday, October 5, at 11:30 a.m. as Melissa Kruger, director of Women’s Initiatives for *The Gospel Coalition* expounds on the trustworthiness of scripture and riches that await us there. Register online at fpcjackson.org/events.

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” 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.