

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fourth 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. Gary W. Sinclair
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Where Love Is Found"..... Anthony Giamanco

The Introit — "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"... R. Vaughan Williams

The Call to Worship — Romans 11:33-36

The Hymn No. 347 — "The Church's One Foundation"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

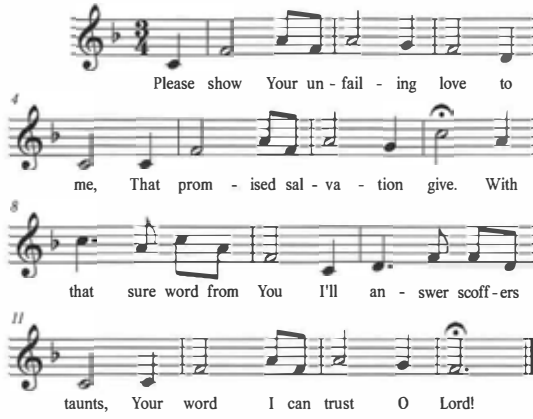
The Offering

The Offertory — "Blessed Is the Man".....Jane Marshall

Blessed, blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the way of sinners; not 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 the streams of water.

Psalm 1

The Psalm — 119:41-48



Musical notation for Psalm 119:41-48, consisting of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: Please show Your un-fail-ing love to me, That prom-ised sal-va-tion give. With that sure word from You I'll an-swer scoff-ers taunts, Your word I can trust O Lord!

43. Snatch not Your word out from my mouth, It is my hope, my stay.
44. Forevermore I pledge to keep Your word, I'll trust, obey.
45. Freed by Your word I'll walk, my Lord, That word I've sought to know.
46. That word will make me bold to speak To kings, no shame to show.
47. I love Your word, I love Your law, It is my life, my joy.
48. I'll meditate upon this gift, And lift my hands in praise.

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — Acts 12:1-25 (pew Bible page 920)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:41-48 (pew Bible page 513)

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

The Hymn No. 681 — “How Gentle God’s Commands”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living,
just because He lives.**

The Postlude — “Prelude in Classic Style”.....Gordon Young

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon — Minister of Missions

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

The Prelude — “Largo” (*Sonata II in C*) Tomaso Albinoni
The FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 32 — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

The Invocation

The Corporate 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 — “Holy Lord, Holy Lord God” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Phillip Parker, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “All Praise To Thee My God This Night” Thomas Tallis
The Student Choir; Rebekah Lipscomb, Accompanist

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

Q80. What do the Ten Commandments teach? A. **To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.**

Q81. Who is your neighbor? A. **Everybody is my neighbor.**

Q82. Is God pleased with those who love and obey Him? A. **Yes. God says, “I love them that love me.”**

Q83. Is God displeased with those who do not love and obey Him? A. **Yes. “God is angry with the wicked every day.”**

The Meditation & Prayer Dr. Rupert Hunt-Taylor, Discipleship Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1 & 2) — “I Run to Christ” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 4:32-5:11 (pew Bible page 912)

The Sermon Mr. Lowry
Beginning from Jerusalem: Great Power, Grace, and Fear

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure escape.

“Deliver me,” I cry to Him; Temptation yields to grace.

I run to Christ when plagued by shame and find my one defense:

“I bore God’s wrath,” He pleads my case, My Advocate and Friend.

The Postlude — “Adagio” (*Sonata II in C*) Tomaso Albinoni

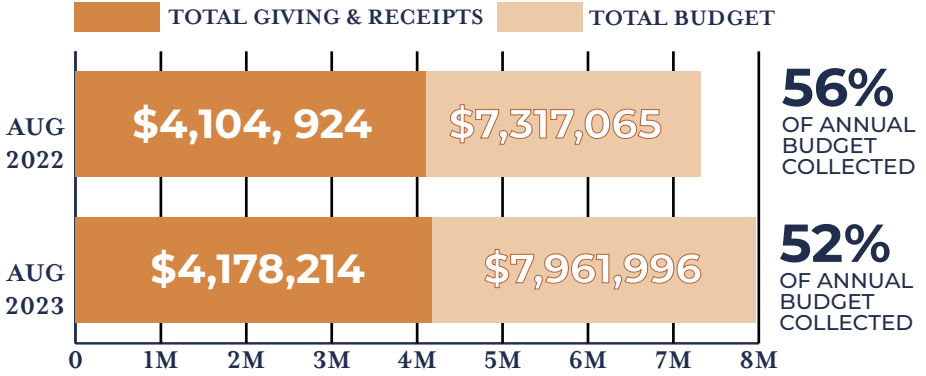
*Children age four through third grade will be dismissed to a children’s devotional and can be picked up after the service in room 133, just outside the sanctuary doors.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

AUGUST 2023

GIVING THROUGH AUGUST

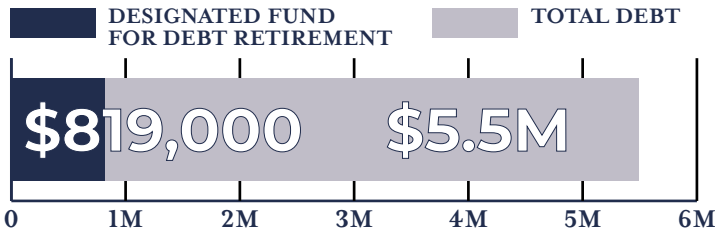
2022 AND 2023



GIFTS DESIGNATED TO DEBT RETIREMENT

2023

FPC has incurred \$5.5 million dollars in debt for the construction of the gymnasium, for the space reorganization project, and for capital improvements and maintenance at the Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center. This debt is to be paid through designated gifts to the Debt Retirement fund:



ONE Mission | ONE Community

ONE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 12



Sunday School 9:00am

Worship Service 10:30am

Church-wide Luncheon 11:45am



STEWARDSHIP
2024

FPC THIS WEEK

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 (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Box Home (5316 Red Fox Rd.)

Tuesday, September 26, 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 27, 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	
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	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
6:45 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, September 28, 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 30, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, October 1, 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.	Receiving New Members	PH
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 Drive)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE DAY — OCTOBER 14

One of our favorite days of the year is back! Registration is now open for Serve Day 2023, October 14. At Serve Day, our church family—all ages and stages—teams up to support local ministries and serve the church by working together! Sign up online at fpcj.ms/serve to let us know you're coming!

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.

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.

CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY

The Caregivers' Support Group takes place every second Monday of the month in Westminster Hall 202B from 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. Our next meeting is October 9. This group gathers 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.

THE FIRST WORD

The First Word is our weekly emailed newsletter featuring sermon notes and audio, missionary reports and prayer requests, event information, and announcements. Manage your subscription at fpcj.ms/subscribe or scan the QR code (right) with your smart phone. With questions or for more information, you may email communications@fpcjackson.org.



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.

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.

Jake and Courtney Thomas – Jake and Courtney serve with MTW as part of a church-planting team in Thailand. email: 14jake.thomas@gmail.com

Austin and Kristen Braasch – Austin serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Ole Miss. email: austin.braasch@ruf.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. James R. Woodson — September 16, 2023

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.

NURSERY — KIDCHECK LAUNCHES TODAY!

At First Presbyterian Church, the safety and security of our children is very important to us! That's why we've chosen KidCheck as our children's check-in solution for the nursery at FPC! If you haven't already created your free account, please do so by going to go.kidcheck.com and selecting “Create Your KidCheck Account”. Or download the KidCheck Mobile App from the App Store or Google Play Store to create, manage, and update your account right on your mobile device.

COVERING OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER 2023-2024

Each year, every Adult Sunday School class at FPC commits to pray for a Children's or Youth Sunday School class. Ask your Sunday school class president for the list of children with whom your class is paired. Over the course of the year, we ask that the 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.

COMMUNICANT MEET AND GREET

Parents of sixth graders, save the date for our Communicant Meet & Greet, October 15. The Communicant Class meets in January and is geared toward sixth, seventh, and eighth graders interested in becoming communing members of the church. For more information about this process visit fpcjackson.org/communicant.

FPDS OPEN ENROLLMENT

FPDS Sibling and First Presbyterian Church Member priority enrollment is open now through September 30 for new students! After September 30, enrollment will be on a first come, first served basis. There was a waitlist for preschool and early childhood this year, and we have several full grades, so we encourage you to enroll sooner rather than later to ensure your spot! For more information and to apply visit fpcjackson.org/how-to-apply.