

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Third 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 — "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" A.D. Miller

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

The Call to Worship — John 4:23-24

The Hymn No. 441 — "Jesus Shall Reign"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology (Tune: *Darwall*)

All praise we give to God, the Holy Trinity,
We praise the Father, Son and Spirit joyfully
Creator God, our Shepherd, Savior, Lord and King;
To Thee we sing!

The Call to Confession — 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 Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — "My Song in the Night" Paul Christiansen

O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight,
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night.
O why should I wander, an alien from Thee,
Or cry in the desert Thy face to see,

My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
 O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.
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The Psalm 119:17-24

Be Gracious Lord that I may
 live and keep Your word, Your law obey.
 Open my eyes that I may see the wonders
 there You have for me.

- 19. I am a pilgrim on this earth, please do not hide Your word from me;
- 20. My soul, my heart, yes, longs to know Your precious word, Your law to see.
- 21. You have rebuked those godless ones, who think Your law not worth their time.
- 22. Rebuke me not like them, O Lord, for with Your help I'll make it mine.
- 23. I'll meditate upon Your word though evil men dismiss and scorn,
- 24. Your faithful word is my delight, my joy, my guide, my counselor.

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — Mark 12:1–12 (pew Bible page 848)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:17–24 (pew Bible page 512)

The Sermon — A Lamp to Our Feet: Two Ways to Live.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn — “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet” (hymn sheet)

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 — “O God Beyond All Praising” Holst/Hayes

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair
FPDS Chaplain

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

The Prelude — “O God, My Faithful God”S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 44:21, 22

The Hymn No. 175 — “A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Across the Lands” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Marcus Wilson, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory

*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.**

Q72. How is Christ your king? A. **Christ rules over me, the world and Satan, and he defends me.**

Q75. Why do you need Christ as your king? A. **Because I am weak and helpless.**

The Meditation & PrayerMr. William Skinner, Congregational Care Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1 & 2) — “Let the Earth Resound” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 3(pew Bible page 911)

The Sermon — **Beginning from Jerusalem: A Beggar’s Choice**Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Let the earth resound with songs of faith At the wonder yet to come,
When all sin and pain are put to death And the church and Christ are one.
When we stand as God’s great family And we meet the Father’s gaze,
And we share in His eternal joy As we join in ceaseless praise.
King immortal, Faithful God Crowned with splendour, rich in love!
Let the heavens and the earth resound With songs of praise to You.

The Postlude — “Postlude on ‘All is Well’”18th C. English Tune

*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.

First Presbyterian Church
CHILDREN'S
Ministry
"rooted and built up in Him"
- Colossians 2:7

**PROMOTION
SUNDAY
TODAY!**

CLASS LOCATIONS

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
2 year old	Nursery	N4
3 year old	First Floor	M135
4 year old	Lower Level	G102A
5 year old	Lower Level	G102C
1 st Grade....	Second Floor.....	MB 237
2 nd Grade ...	Second Floor.....	MB 235
3 rd Grade....	Second Floor.....	MB 232
4 th Grade....	Second Floor YH....	Y202
5 th Grade....	Second Floor YH....	Y204
6 th Grade....	Second Floor YH....	Y205



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Jackson, Mississippi

FPC THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, September 4, 2023

All Day Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow.....	WH 302
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night.....	MH
7:00 p.m.	Internationals Class - Orientation & Social.....	PH

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Welcome Back Coffee.....	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 7, 2023

9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Isaiah: The Lord Saves.....	PH
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Covenant: God's Amazing Grace.....	MH

Saturday, September 9, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	WH 202
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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.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Register online at fpcj.ms/women.

Contact Lisa Oswalt at 601-973-9115 or 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 6:00 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.

CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY — NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 11

The Caregivers' Support Group takes place every second Monday of the month in Westminster Hall 202B from 11a.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! Registration is now open at fpcjackson.org/men.

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.

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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.

William & Charisa – William and Charisa serve with SIM in North Africa. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Per & Beth Almquist – Per serves as a church planter with Mission to North America in Lewiston, Maine. Email: per.almquist@freegrace.us

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Frank J. Reilly, Jr. — August 16, 2023

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 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 Elizabeth Gamble Jones and Nicholas Anthony Seal and are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Enrico Nicholas Costello, Mr. James Henry Jones, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newton Whitis.

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.

REFLECT THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE INTERNATIONALS CLASS!

Thousands of international students come from around the globe each year to study in the Jackson area right in our own backyard. As we develop friendships with these future leaders and executives, we have an opportunity to reach our world for Christ! International partners are thrilled to make American friends and to better understand our culture and language. Your involvement and friendship is an easy way to “reflect the love” and grace that God has shown you. Through you, an International Partner may experience the grace of God and have their entire life transformed. If you can speak English, you are qualified. Materials and training are provided. Orientation for American Partners will be provided at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, in Patterson Hall. Find out more by visiting www.InternationalsClass.org or by calling or texting Kathryn or Steve Edwards at 601-668-7422.

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.