

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of October, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Scott H. Miller
Young Adults and College Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Sing Praise to Our Creator" arr. Kevin Norris

The Introit — "Come Ye Sinners" William Owen

The Call to Worship — 1 Peter 1:3-9

The Hymn No. 283 — "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

My Gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your name.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — "We Believe" John Purifoy

We believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day, He rose again and ascended into heaven.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit and the worldwide Church,

The communion of all the saints, the forgiveness of ev'ry sin,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Psalm — Psalm 119:57-64

You are all that I long for Lord; Your
 word I will obey. With all my heart I'll
 seek Your grace which You did promise me.

- 59. I have considered how I live and made Your word my guide.
- 60. I'll hasten and will not delay to follow and obey.
- 61. Though evil men bind me with ropes, I'll not forget the word.
- 62. At midnight I will rise, my Lord, to thank You for Your word.
- 63. My friends are those who love Your law and from it strength they draw.
- 64. You fill the earth with love, O Lord; please teach me more and more.

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — Acts 20:17-38 (pew Bible page 929)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:57-64 (pew Bible page 513)

The Sermon — A Lamp to Our Feet: When God Is EnoughDr. Strain

The Hymn No. 184 (stzs. 1-4) — “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever.

The Postlude — “Jesus, the Name High Over All”.....Thomas Phillips

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.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

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

Mr. Stephen A. Biggs
Director of Students and Families

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

The Prelude — “Andante Sostenuto” (Sonata No. 8)..... Alexandre Guilmant
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 55:10, 11

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 — “O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Dr. Parker Ellison, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory

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

Q86. What is the second commandment? A. **The second commandment is “You shall not make for yourself a carved image-any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”**

Q87. What does the second commandment teach you? A. **To worship God only as He commands, and not to worship God by using statues or pictures.**

The Meditation & Prayer..... Mr. Scott Miller, Young Adults & College Minister

*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.

The Hymn (stzs. 1-4) — “Who Are These Like Stars” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 6:1-7 (pew Bible page 914)

The Sermon — Beginning from Jerusalem: Both/AndMr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**These, like priests, have watched and waited,
Offering up to Christ their will
Soul and body consecrated,
Day and night to serve Him well.
Now in God's most holy place,
Blest, they stand before His face.**

The Postlude — “March Heroique” Camille Saint-Saens

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 8, 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 Lowry Home (4144 Oakridge Dr.)

Monday, October 9, 2023

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

Tuesday, October 10, 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, October 11, 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
	Evangelism Training.....	WH 202B
	Foundations Class.....	WH 204
	Old Testament Survey.....	MH
	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, October 12, 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, October 14, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Serve Day.....	Baird Center Gym
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Sunday, October 15, 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
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7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	the Jordan Home (9 Pond Side Dr.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRATES FOR UKRAINE — DUE NOVEMBER 21

The war in Ukraine has now been ongoing for over 18 months, and yet the need for aid remains urgent. Our missionaries and local partners in Ukraine report that they are receiving more requests for aid right now than they have at any point during the war. The aid that they are distributing is the aid that you have sent! This fall, gathering aid will be simpler than it ever has been. We will provide you with a crate and the exact list of items that needs to go into it. We encourage you to think creatively about working together as a family, Sunday school class, neighborhood, or any other group. For more information, please contact missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org. To sign up to adopt a crate, please visit: fpcj.ms/crates-for-ukraine.

SANCTUARY AUDIO FOR HEARING ASSISTANCE

FPC has recently partnered with Sanctuary Audio to help improve the listening experience in our sanctuary. The program can be used through earbuds or any bluetooth-enabled hearing aid. Below are the directions for using Sanctuary Audio via your phone or tablet. If you have questions, please contact Matthew Burrow at matthewwb@fpcjackson.org.

1. Connect your headphones or earbuds to your phone/device.
2. Connect your phone/device to WiFi network "FPC Guest."
3. Download app called "Listen Everywhere."
4. Open the "Listen Everywhere" App.
5. Tap "Venue Scan" until the App connects with FPC Jackson.
6. Select "FPC Jackson" channel.
7. Enjoy listening to the Sanctuary audio!

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

Monday, October 9

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Kathryn Cotten
10:00 a.m.	Circle 3	Westminster Hall 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Circle 5	Home of Autumn Blaylock
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer

Tuesday, October 10

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

COMMUNICANT MEET AND GREET — OCTOBER 15

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.

KIDCHECK — NEW CHECK-IN SYSTEM IN THE NURSERY

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! To create a free account, visit go.kidcheck.com and select "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.

BAPTISM — NOVEMBER 19

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 19. Spaces are available for both services. To make a reservation, please contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org.

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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 jollynnm@fpcjackson.org.

Coby & Pamela McGinty – Coby serves with MTW at the University of Cape Town in South Africa in various areas of campus ministry (developing leaders, training student workers, discipleship and counseling). email: coby@mcginty.com

Michael & Beth Gregory – Michael serves as the co-lead pastor of Bridges Community Church in Alhambra, CA and a chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserves. email: michaelg31@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are from the wedding of Zay and Lizzie Speed and are given in loving memory of Jerry Oscar Morris and Billy W. Stewart, Jr., grandfathers of the bride; and Edril Magee and Helen Frances Speed, grandmothers of the groom.

COMMUNION — OCTOBER 15

Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper in the morning worship services next week. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available to pick up on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

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!

CHURCHWIDE SURVEY

Over the past few years we have seen God at work in and through our congregation, and we are so thankful for His provision in the life of our church. Amidst all the exciting activity and growth we have seen, we want to be good shepherds of each individual who worships here. Therefore, over the next three weeks, we will conduct a survey designed to gauge the spiritual health of our congregation and church. Expect to see the survey released electronically this week, and please take time to respond. Paper copies of the survey will be available at the reception desk and in the Greeting Courtyard for those who cannot complete the digital version.

CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY — OCTOBER 9

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE — OCTOBER 29

First Presbyterian Church and Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church will host a special Reformation Sunday service for the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, October 29, at 6 p.m. here at FPC. Dr. Bruce Baugus will preach, and we will have a special program for children (age 4-third grade).

ONE SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 12

On November 12, our entire church will come together for One Sunday: one Sunday school, one worship service, and a church-wide lunch. Don't miss this special day in the life of our church as we celebrate the work God is doing at First Pres through your giving and generosity! For lunch, come enjoy some brisket and fellowship as we hear about the many ministries that seek to glorify God with the help of your service and your giving. We are also asking that church members provide dessert for this event. Please bring desserts in a disposable container ready to eat (sliced or cut) – no nuts!