

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Ninth 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 Dr. Charles M. Wingard

Minister of Shepherding

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “For the Beauty of the Earth”Michael Burkhardt
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

The Call to Worship — 1 Peter 2:4-6, 9-10

The Hymn No. 297 — “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology (Tune: *Westminster Abbey*)

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to Christ the Son.
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Three in One and One in Three,
Praise Him now, and praise forever,
God the blessed Trinity.

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.

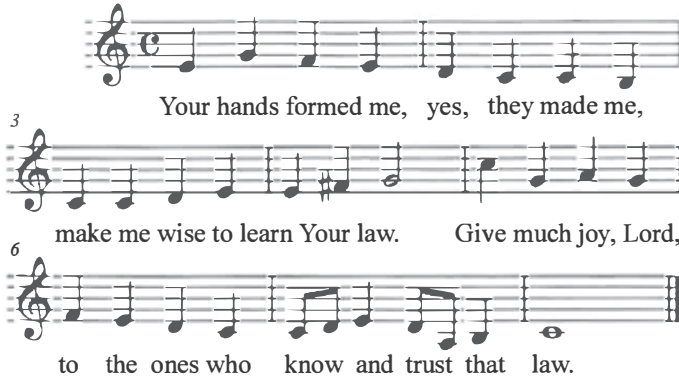
The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — “How Much I Owe”Hudson

The Psalm — 119:73–80



3 Your hands formed me, yes, they made me,
 6 make me wise to learn Your law. Give much joy, Lord,
 to the ones who know and trust that law.

- 75. I know that Your ways are righteous, That You chasten me in love.
- 76. Your love is my only comfort; It sustains me, Lord.
- 77. I will live if You show mercy. Oh, Your law is my delight.
- 78. Shame those who with lies have wronged me:
 On Your word I'll stand.
- 79. May those turn to me who fear You, Those who understand Your law;
- 80. May my heart be blameless, shameless, Anchored in Your word.

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — Hebrews 9:27–10:25 (pew Bible page 1006)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119: 73–80..... (pew Bible page 513)

The Sermon — A Lamp to Our Feet: You Shall Be My WitnessesDr. Strain

The Hymn No. 443 (stzs. 1–3) — “Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Let none hear you idly saying
 “There is nothing I can do.”
 While the sons of men are dying,
 And the Master calls for you;
 Take the task He gives you gladly,
 Let His work your pleasure be;
 Answer quickly when he calls you,
 “Here am I; send me, send me.”

The Postlude — “The Tree of Life” K. Lee Scott

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.

REFORMATION DAY SERVICE

TONIGHT
6 P.M. | SANCTUARY

DR. BRUCE P. BAUGUS

PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY AND APOLOGETICS
PURITAN REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

AREA MINISTERS PARTICIPATING

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
AGE 4 – 3RD GRADE

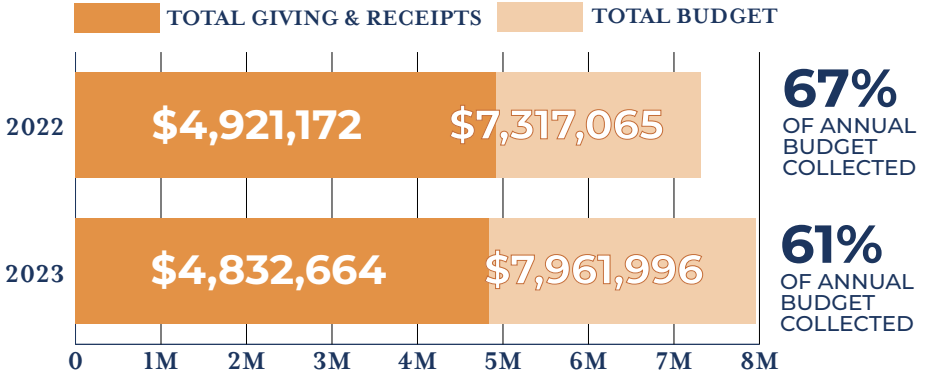
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH &
PEAR ORCHARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WELCOME THE CHURCHES OF THE
PRESBYTERY OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY**

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

OCTOBER 2023

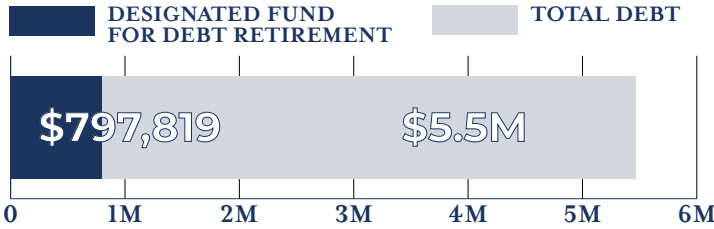
As of mid-October, giving towards FPC's budget is significantly behind where we stood at this time last year, both in terms of the total amount given and as a percentage of the budget. Our church is seeing encouraging growth in our congregation and in our ministry. Please join us in minding the growing needs of our church body and our kingdom-work as you plan your giving throughout the rest of this year.

GIVING THROUGH OCTOBER 15 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 operational needs of Twin Lakes. 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, October 29, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime (for age 3 and 4 by Sept. 1)	M135
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.	Reformation Day Service (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for children's program)	Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 31, 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, November 1, 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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	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, November 2, 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
6:00 p.m.	Men's Ministry Barbecue	143 McHarris Rd., Madison

Saturday, November 4, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime (for age 3 and 4 by Sept. 1)	M135
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 Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd.)

LH—Lowe Hall MB—Main Building MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite
PH—Patterson Hall SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. No need to bring anything – just bring your family and join us!

SING THE BIBLE! — NOVEMBER 16

Family Night at FPC

Families of all shapes and sizes are invited for a fun night singing the Bible together, November 16, 5 p.m dinner and activities, 6 p.m. concert, in Miller Hall. Join us at FPC as we welcome Randall Goodgame of Slugs & Bugs for a concert and singalong! Slugs & Bugs creates music and stories full of faith and silliness. Randall has toured Slugs & Bugs LIVE extensively throughout the U.S. including in 25 states, playing 350+ shows. Slugs & Bugs now has released 8 albums including the popular Sing the Bible series. For more information visit fpcjackson.org/events.

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.

TWIN LAKES SUMMER CAMP — REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Twin Lakes 2024 is open for camper registrations! Camp sessions are available for children ages 5–12 with a Leader In Training program for ages 13–15. Register today at twinlakescamp.org or call our office at 601-845-6858 with any questions.

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.

HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

The Honduras mission team is on their trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, from October 26–November 1. One of our most privileged responsibilities as a “sending body” is to pray for our short-term mission teams as they go out from our midst to be of gospel service to others. Team leader: Jamie Peipon. Team members: Auston Edwards, Lauren Felker, Stephen Biggs, Ken Ball, Matthew Burrow, Clardy Byrd, Jeanette deVeer, Owen Hallbach, Wade Meena, Travis Nowell, and Cary Spence. For specific prayer requests and updates, please email Jo Lynn @jollynnm@fpcjackson.org.

THANKSGIVING GATHERING

Gather with your church family this Thanksgiving Day! Our deacons are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner for those in our congregation who may be unable to gather with family and loved ones this year. We will gather for an informal Thanksgiving service at 11 a.m. in Miller Hall, followed by the meal at 11:45. The church will provide the meat, and those who attend will bring sides and desserts. Bringing a dish that serves at least eight people will ensure that there is enough for everyone. Please call Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 to sign up and let us know what you'd like to bring. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor who may be alone this Thanksgiving, as well. They'll be more than welcome!

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.

Gethin & Katie Jones – Gethin serves with UFM Worldwide in Lille, France as a church planter. email: Gethin.a.jones@gmail.com

Franky & Alaina Garcia – Franky serves with MNA in Gatineau, Quebec, Canada as a church planter. email: frank@gracegatineau.ca

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret and Bill Cook by their daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth Cook.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Elizabeth “P’nut” Simmons — October 18, 2023

FALL MEN’S BREAKFAST SERIES — OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 7

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

Men, join us for the final two weeks of our Fall Men’s Breakfast Series, led by David Strain! 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 available at fpcjackson.org/events.

MEN’S MINISTRY BARBECUE — NOVEMBER 2

Men, invite a friend and join us on Thursday, November 2, at 6 p.m. for some great barbecue and casual time together at the Creekmore property. You will find directions and registration at fpcjackson.org/events.

CRUSADER SHOWCASE — NOVEMBER 6

We cordially invite you to join us for a special evening of exploration at FPDS. Our open house is an opportunity to engage with our dedicated staff, discover the exciting changes, and experience the FPDS community.

HOLIDAY POTPOURRI — NOVEMBER 10

FPDS’s only fundraiser, Holiday Potpourri generates more than \$200,000 annually for educational and extra-curricular improvements to our school without raising tuition. Sponsors, parents, and volunteers come together for this half-day event consisting of a home and garden showcase, Bountiful Bakery, Gift Gallery, Silent Auction, Tasting Tea, musical performances by our own talented students, and much more.

Tickets can be purchased from FPDS Students, at the FPDS Office, or the day of the event. Each ticket includes the chance to win \$1,000. (You do not need to be present to win.)

Since 1974, the event has contributed to many projects and upgrades that continue to benefit our students, faculty, and staff. Funds raised from the 2023 event will support technology upgrades and training, including interactive displays in the classrooms and Apple device management.