

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy".....Albert L. Travis
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"..... Welsh Melody

The Call to Worship — Matthew 11:28-29

The Hymn No. 181 — "We Come, O Christ, to You"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

Glory be to God the Father, and to Christ his only Son:
Praise we too the Holy Spirit, binding all the church as one:
As it was in the beginning now and evermore shall be;
Glory, honor, praise and blessing all creation sings to Thee!

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis
The Introduction of New Members
The Questions of Membership
The Baptism (11 a.m.)
The Prayer
The Declaration
The Blessing

The Offering

The Offertory — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!".....arr. Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness, and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriends thee.
Praise to the Lord the King of Creation! O let all that is in me adore Him.
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again, gladly forever adore Him! Amen!

The Hymn No. 709 — “Now I Belong to Jesus”

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 4(pew Bible page 1002)

The Sermon — The Promise of Rest..... Mr. Lowry

The Hymn No. 188 (stzs. 1-3) — “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

We rest on Thee – our shield and our defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.

The Postlude — “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”Lesbia 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.

THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on October 1, 2023, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Caleb Aultman	Miriam Fair
Jonathan and Mary Becker	Rebekah Hazlewood
Charles and Melissa Blanchard (Samuel)	George Herndon
Bea Blanchard	Leslie Howe
*Hastings Boyd	Rupert and Jen Hunt-Taylor (Evelyn, Barnabas, and Josephine)
Elizabeth Brown	Phoebe Hunt-Taylor
Steve Brown	Peyton Gunter
Sanford Clark	Sky Marshall
Jim and Bubblez Delfin (Karis and Kezed)	Brad and Olivia McCay (Luke, Jake, and Kace)
Will Devenish	Harrison Seeley
Lee and Bonney Ellison (Mark)	Mary Claire Stockett (Sam & Mary Caroline)

*Covenant child joining as a communing member

() Children joining as non-communing members

JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is December 3. New member forms can be found online at fpcj.ms/membership or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by November 22. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 22, 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

Tuesday, October 24, 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 25, 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.	John Reed Miller Lecture Series	Sanctuary
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 26, 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 28, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, October 29, 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.	Reformation Day Service (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary

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

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, we are conducting a survey designed to gauge the spiritual health of our congregation and church. The electronic survey can be found online at fpcj.ms/survey or via the QR code (right). Paper copies of the survey are available at the reception desk and in the Greeting Courtyard for those who cannot complete the digital version.



EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair
FPDS Chaplain

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

The Prelude — “Brother James’ Ari” English Tune
The FPC String Ensemble

The Call to Worship — Jeremiah 31:2-6

The Hymn No. 588 — “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

The Invocation

The Honduras Mission Team Commissioning

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 Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Donnie Cannada, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Arise My Soul, Arise!”

The Boys’ Choir; Danial Bunting, Director; Lydian Peipon, Accompanist

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

Q90. What is the fourth commandment? A. **The fourth commandment is “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.”**

Q91. What does the fourth commandment teach you? A. **To work six days and keep the Sabbath day holy.**

Q92. What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath? A. **The first day of the week, called the Lord’s Day.**

*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.

Q93. Why is it called the Lord's Day? A. **Because on that day the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead.**

Q94. How should you keep the Lord's Day? A. **I should rest from my daily work and faithfully worship God.**

The Meditation & Prayer..... Mr. George Herndon, Students & Families Intern

The Hymn No. 444 (stzs. 1-3) — “O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 8:1b-25..... (pew Bible page 916)

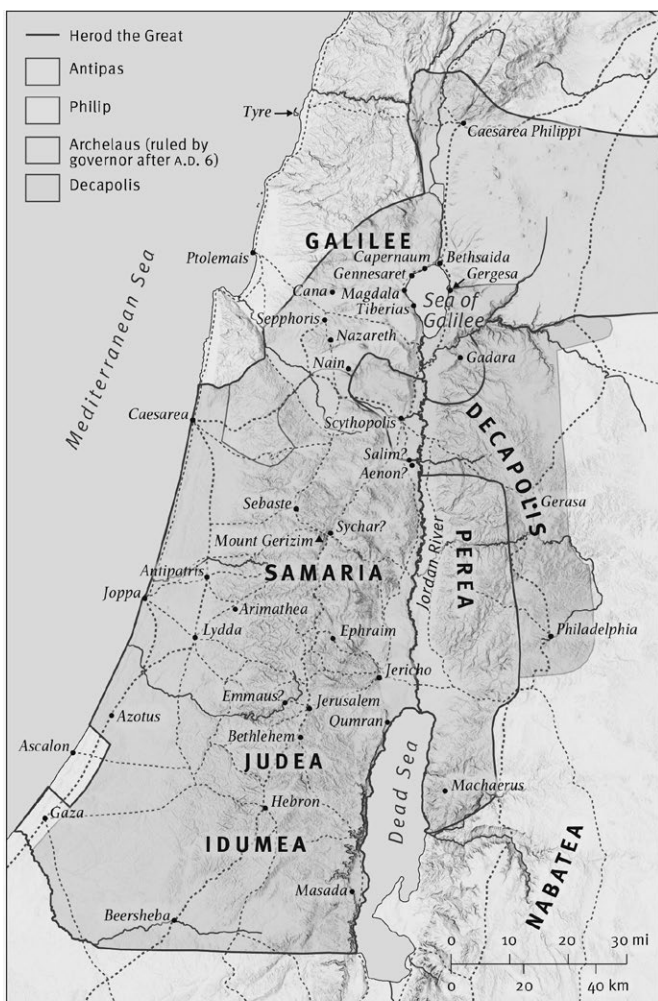
The Sermon.....Mr. Lowry
Beginning from Jerusalem: Throughout Judea and Samaria

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Give of your sons to bear the message glorious;
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,
And all your spending Jesus will repay.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

The Postlude — “Improvisation on ‘Tidings’”



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.

Jeff & Katie Saunders – Jeff serves with Mission to the World as a campus minister in Japan. email: jeff.saunders@ruf.org

Mike & Roxanne Winebrenner – Mike serves as a church planter at Christ Fellowship in Horn Lake, MS. email: mike.winebrenner@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Houston Stephenson, IV by Tricia and Alan Walters, Katy and Daniel Brink, and Anna and Alan Walters. John 17:24

HONDURAS MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING — TONIGHT

The Honduras mission team will be commissioned tonight for their trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on 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.

JOHN REED MILLER LECTURE SERIES — OCTOBER 25

All our adult Midweek programs will pause on Wednesday, October 25, as we gather in the Sanctuary for the John Reed Miller Lecture by Jason Helopoulos, senior pastor of University Reformed Church in East Lansing, Michigan.

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).

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.

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!

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.