

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Day of November, 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
FPDS Chaplain

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”..... Charles Callahan
Rae Shannon, Organ

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

The Call to Worship — Psalm 99:1-5

The Hymn No. 94 — “How Firm a Foundation”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology (Tune: *Laudes Domini*)

We praise our Glorious God, the blessed Trinity,
Who reigns in earth and sky.
The Father and the Son, the Spirit,
Three in One.
We give our hearts to Thee.

The Stewardship Message..... Mr. Chase Wynn

The Psalm — 119:81-88



My soul yearns for Your sal - va - tion,



still my hope is in Your word. All Your pro - mi -



ses e - lude me, will You ev - er com - fort me?

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Though I'm like a smoke - shrunk wine-skin
I will not for - get Your law. How much long-er
must I wait, Lord, 'Till You pun-ish all my foes?

85. They dig pitfalls just to stop me, All these things against Your law.
86. How they persecute and hound me, Help Lord! For I trust your word.
87. They almost wiped me out from earth, But I held fast to Your law.
88. In Your love preserve my life, Lord I'll obey Your spoken word.

The Offering

The Offertory — “This Is My Father’s World” arr. Mack Wilberg

With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and ‘round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees; of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world: the birds their carols raise,
The morning light the lily white declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King let the heavens ring! God reigns: Let the earth be glad!

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 119:81–88 (pew Bible page 514)

The Sermon — A Lamp to Our Feet: Life in a Spiritual War Zone....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 575 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

To keep your armor bright, attend with constant care;
Still walking in your Captain’s sight, And watching unto prayer.
From strength to strength go on; Wrestle and fight and pray,
Tread all the powers of darkness down, And win the well-fought day.

The Postlude — “How Firm a Foundation” Don Hustad

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

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

The Prelude — “Softly and Tenderly”arr. Dale Wood
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 40:1, 3–5

The Hymn No. 408 — “Day Is Dying in the West”

The Invocation

The Anthem — “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”
The Four and Five Year Olds’ Choir
Kristi Jordan, Director; Joy Graves, Accompanist

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 — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening PrayerMr. Steve Edwards, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Let Us with a Gladsome Mind” Robert J. Powell
The Student Choir; Rebekah Lipscomb, Accompanist

Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, for He is kind,

Let us blaze His Name abroad, for of gods He is the God.

He with all commanding might filled the new-made world with light;

He the golden tressed sun caused all day his course to run;

For His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living He doth feed, His full hand supplies their need;

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord for He is kind.

For His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

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

Q95. What is the fifth commandment? A. **The fifth commandment is “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord God is giving you.”**

Q96. What does the fifth commandment teach you? A. **To love and obey my parents and all others that God appoints over me.**

The Meditation & Prayer.....Mr. David Felker, Executive Minister

The Hymn (stzs. 1 & 2) — “A Debtor to Mercy Alone”..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 8:26–40 (pew Bible page 917)

The Sermon.....Mr. Lowry
Beginning from Jerusalem: Beyond the Rivers of Ethiopia

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**My name from the palms of Your hands
Eternity will not erase,
Impressed on Your heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end will endure,
Until I bow down at Your throne,
Forever and always secure,
A debtor to mercy alone.**

The Postlude — “Epilogue”.....Norman Gilbert

*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.

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.

FPC THIS WEEK

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.)

Monday, November 6, 2023

12:00 p.m.	WIC Council Meeting	PH
6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal Dinner	MH & MS

Tuesday, November 7, 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
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night Bible Study	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, November 8, 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 9, 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

Friday, November 10, 2023

9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Holiday Potpourri Home of Mart & Laura Lamar (4120 Eastover Dr.)	
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Sunday, November 12, 2023

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 a.m.	Churchwide Luncheon	Sanctuary
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 Ball Home (418 Hampton Court)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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. For more information, please contact misiondepartment@fpcjackson.org. To sign up to adopt a crate, please visit: fpcj.ms/crates-for-ukraine.

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!

Q&A WITH DAVID STRAIN — NOVEMBER 29

On November 29, during Midweek, we will have a time of question and answer with David Strain. This time has been set aside to delve into any questions that you may have from the Bible Reading Plan. Please submit questions in advance to ministersoffice@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.

FPDS ACORN FUND

We are excited to announce the launch of the FPDS Acorn Fund, the Day School's new annual giving initiative. We invite you to invest in the mission of FPDS: to plant seeds of Christlikeness into the hearts of children. Gifts to the FPDS Acorn Fund will benefit each FPDS student, as the school will use the unrestricted funds to provide academic excellence and sow the gospel into every aspect of our children's education. Your gift will also support keeping tuition competitive by supplementing the school's annual budget. Planned areas of use for the Acorn Fund are professional development of the school's staff as they teach and minister to our children, improvements to our school facilities and infrastructure, and enhancements to technology resources in the classroom. Most importantly, a gift to the FPDS Acorn Fund is your opportunity to partner with FPDS as we help grow our children from acorns of faith into "oaks of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:3). Please consider supporting the ministry of the school through the FPDS Acorn Fund as you plan your year-end giving. For more information visit fpcjackson.org/giving.

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 jollynnm@fpcjackson.org.

Jonas & Patricia Stava – Jonas serves with MTW as a church planter in Stange, Norway. email: pattielee@icloud.com

Andrew & Vanessa Chesebro – Andrew serves as a church planter in Brighton, MI. email: andrew@urcstaff.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David G. Wasson, Sr. by his family.

FALL MEN’S BREAKFAST SERIES — NOVEMBER 7

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

Men, join us for the final week of our Fall Men’s Breakfast Series, led by David Strain! Plan to be with us on Tuesday morning from 6:30–7:30 a.m. and invite a friend to join you! Registration is available at fpcjackson.org/events.

ONE SUNDAY — NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, November 12, our entire church will come together for One Sunday!

Ministry Fair	All Morning	Baird Center Gym
Adult Sunday School	9 a.m.	Baird Center Gym
FPCYM Sunday School	9 a.m.	Baird Center Gym
Children’s Sunday School	9 a.m.	Regular Classrooms
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Churchwide Luncheon	11:45 a.m.	Baird Center Gym

Don’t miss this special day in the life of our church as we celebrate the work God is doing 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!

EVENING COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

Communion will be observed in the evening service next week. Please begin preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord’s Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

CRUSADER SHOWCASE — NOVEMBER 6

We cordially invite you to join us for a special evening of exploration at FPDS, Monday, Nov. 6 from 5–7 p.m. 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.