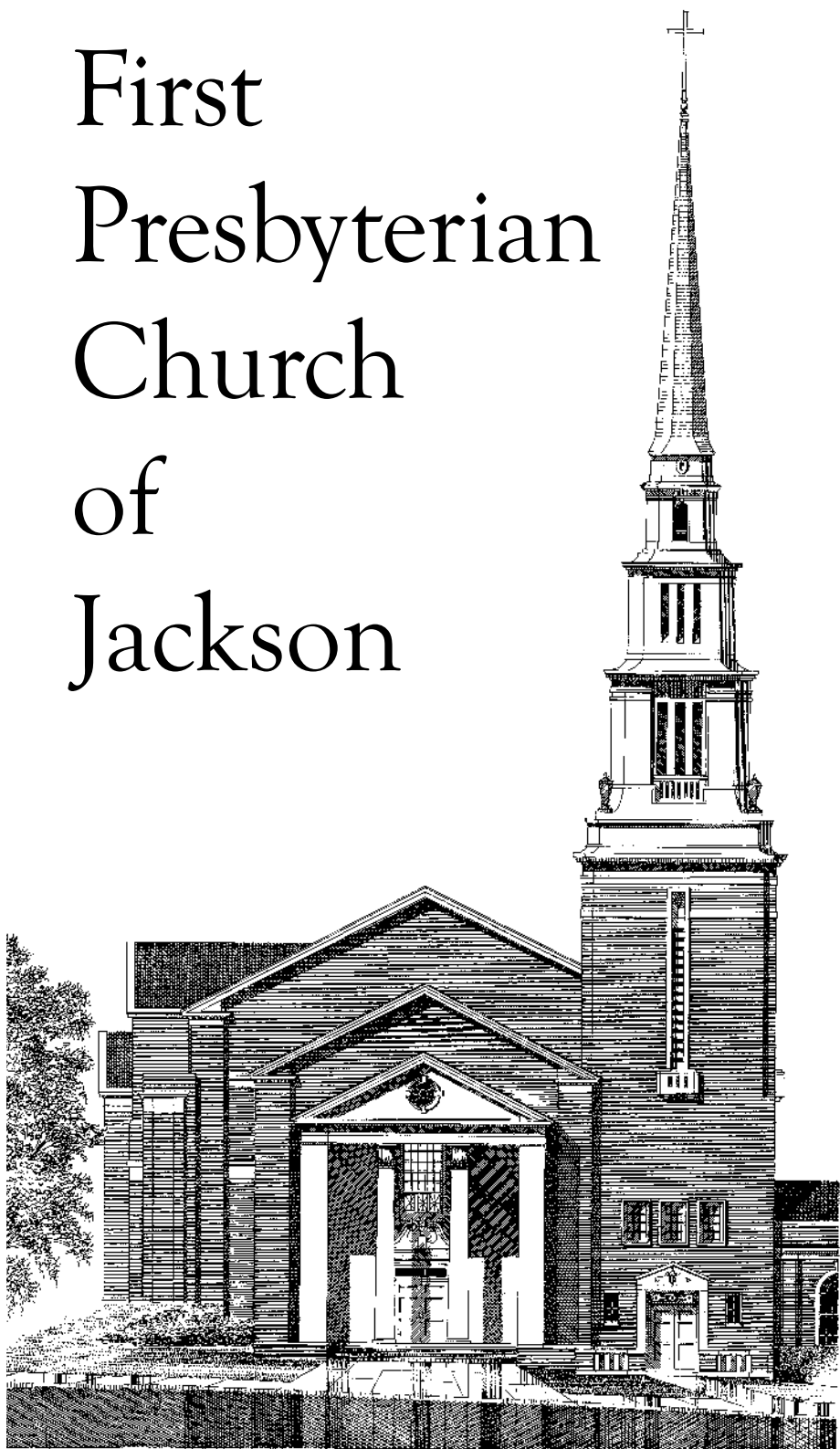


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twelfth Day of November, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

MORNING WORSHIP

Ten-Thirty O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Charlie Wingard — Minister of Shepherding

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

The First Presbyterian Brass Ensemble

The Introit — "Praise Ye the Lord" ..... G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 2 — "O Worship the King"

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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 Solo — "For We Share the Grace" ..... Ryan Miller

Ryan Miller

One person gives freely, and gains even more

To give of their riches, the rich are made poor

Two coins from a widow on the treasury floor

We give of ourselves, our wealth is the Lord.

To brothers and sisters all whom be in need

We send forth His blessings and cast out good seed

To follow His steps, sweet Jesus take lead

For we have been fed and His sheep we will feed

We have been called to bring forth His light

For no greater love than a friend give his life

Our pleasure in Him, who paid the full price.

For we share the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

Children come quickly, give freely with love

We honor the Lord with blessings hereof

Good things that we have are sent from above

Salvation from death on wings of the dove

We have been called to bring forth His light . . . .

The act of forgiveness He gave for the lost  
But called all His people to consider the cost  
To lose for the world is never a loss  
When sharing His victory, a gift from the cross

We have been called to bring forth His light . . . .  
For we share the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Stewardship Message**..... Mr. Matthew Turnage, Stewardship Chair

**The Offering**

**The Anthem — “O Word of God”** ..... Craig Courtney

With Michael Beasley, Trumpet

O word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high.  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging. O Light of our dark sky;  
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

O Word of God, the Church from You, our Savior,  
received the gift divine, and still that light is lifted  
o’er all the earth to shine.  
It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the heaven-drawn picture of Christ the living Word.

O Word of God, The Scripture is a banner, before God’s host unfurled;  
It is a shining beacon above the dark’ning world.  
it is the chart and compass that o’er life’s surging tide,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to You, O Christ, will guide.

O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations Your true light as of old.  
O teach Your wand’ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face.  
Amen!

**The Hymn No. 642 — “Be Thou My Vision”**

## **HEARING GOD’S VOICE**

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Corinthians 8:1–15...** (pew Bible page 967)

**The Sermon — Poverty and Riches** .....Dr. Strain

**The Hymn No. 57 — “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”**

**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 — “Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace”**.....J. S. Bach

### **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

**The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair**  
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

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

**The Prelude** — “And Can It Be?” .....arr. Dan Forrest  
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

**The Call to Worship** — Isaiah 52:10

**The Hymn No. 478** — “I Love to Tell the Story”

**The Invocation**

**The Anthem** — “For the Beauty of the Earth”  
The First and Second Grades Choir; Dr. Margaret Wadsworth, Director

**The Greetings**

**The Offering**

**The Offertory** — “That Man Is Blessed, Who Fearing God”  
Erin Miller, Amanda Roberson, Ryan Miller, and Ben Roberson

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Acts 9:1–30 .....(pew Bible page 917)

**The Sermon** — **Beginning from Jerusalem:** Road to Damascus .....Mr. Lowry

**The Hymn No. 264** — “Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

**The Lord’s Supper**

The Words of Institution  
The Invitation  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Hymn No. 254 (stzs. 1–4)** — “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

**But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away, ’tis all that I can do.**

**The Postlude** — “Postlude on ‘Crucifer’”.....Sydney Nicholson



ONE Mission | ONE Community

**ONE SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 12**



**COMMIT**



Scan to  
make your  
**2024** pledge.

Prayerfully consider using a Pledge Card to make a commitment to give to FPC in 2024. Your pledge is an important tool for supporting FPC's mission as we seek to glorify God by making disciples. The resources that you commit to give help change lives through the gospel.

## TWO WAYS TO PLEDGE

### PAPER PLEDGE CARD

Fill out the Pledge Card included with your Stewardship Book (or pick one up today) and turn it in as an act of worship today during the service. Or you may mail your Pledge Card to the church business office.

### ONLINE PLEDGE CARD

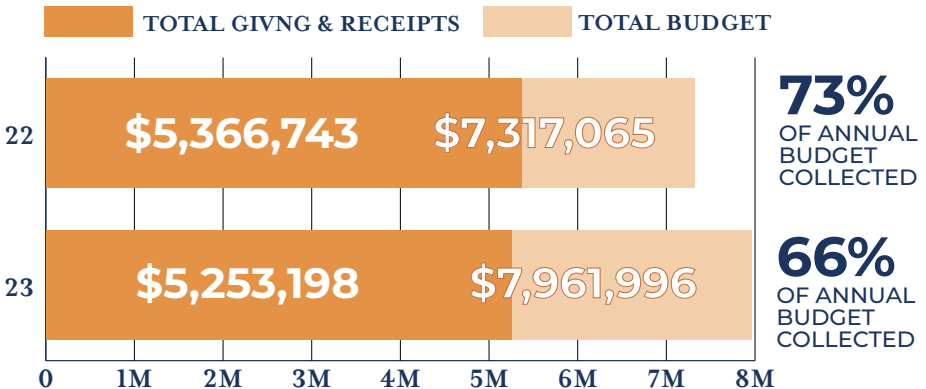
Pledge online at [fpcjackson.org/stewardship](https://fpcjackson.org/stewardship). You may also pledge through the FPC Jackson app. Easily access the online Pledge Card by scanning the QR code above with your smart device camera.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

**NOVEMBER 2023**

As of the end of 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 31 2022 AND 2023



Scan to  
give toward the  
**2023** budget.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, November 12, 2023

9:00 a.m.	Adult & Youth Sunday School .....	Baird Center Gym
9:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School .....	Regular Locations
10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship .....	Sanctuary
11:45 a.m.	Churchwide Luncheon .....	Baird Center Gym and Miller Hall
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 Court)

## Monday, November 13, 2023

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

## Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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 15, 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, November 16, 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
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Thanksgiving.....	The Bean

## Saturday, November 18, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting .....	WH 202
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## Sunday, November 19, 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 Forster Home (4616 East Cheryl Dr.)

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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SING THE BIBLE! — NOVEMBER 16

### Family Night at FPC | Free Event

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](http://fpcjackson.org/events).

## 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!

## MEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS LUNCH — NOVEMBER 30

Men, we're looking forward to kicking off the Christmas season together with a festive lunch, followed by a message from guest speaker Rev. Claude McRoberts III, Senior Pastor of Cahaba Park Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL, on Thursday, November 30, at 12 p.m. Registration is now open at [fpcjackson.org/events](http://fpcjackson.org/events).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON — DECEMBER 5

### The Word Became Flesh

Most of us know the Christmas story backwards and forwards. We can probably recite some of the scriptures about inns, manglers, and shepherds. But what does it really mean that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us?" Please join us Tuesday, December 5 at 11:30 a.m. as Ronjanett Taylor, Associate Site Administrator for the Reformed Theological Seminary Jackson Campus, helps us contemplate the necessity for and the hope of the incarnation of Christ. The cost of the meal is \$8 to be paid at the door. There is a nursery available. We will also be collecting items for the food pantry at Gateway Rescue Mission. If you would like to participate, please bring a non-perishable food item. Register online at [fpcjackson.org/events](http://fpcjackson.org/events).

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children's Sunday School offering for the months of November and December will be designated for the All Things New ministry. The collection will help fund their "Operation Family Blessing" which provides gifts for the inmates' children. When the gifts are delivered, the gospel is presented along with a prayer for the family. Parents, please encourage your child to bring an offering to Sunday School.

## TWIN LAKES SUMMER CAMP — REGISTRATION 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](http://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. 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](http://fpcjackson.org/giving).

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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](mailto:jolynnm@fpcjackson.org).

**Jon & Tanya C** – Jon serves with MTW Europe as a church planter.

**Devon & Taylor Rossman** – Devon serves as a church planter in Mount Pleasant, MI. email: [drossman@urcstaff.org](mailto:drossman@urcstaff.org)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Katherine Tomb by her nieces, Catherine and Elizabeth Cook.

## VETERANS DAY

In honor of our veterans today, there is a slideshow displaying our past and present veterans in the Welcome Center. As a way to thank our veterans personally for their service, we have provided thank you cards so that you can write a veteran from our list provided. If you are a veteran, we would love to honor you with a flower. Please pick one up in the Welcome Center.

## EVENING COMMUNION — TONIGHT

Communion will be observed in the evening service tonight. 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.

## MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

Join us this Wednesday, November 15, for our Midweek Dinner at 5 p.m. and the final week of our fall electives and D Group schedule at 6 p.m. There will be no Midweek activities on November 22, and then we will return for one last Midweek Dinner for the year on November 29, followed by all the youth and adults together for a time of Q&A in Miller Hall with David Strain. This time has been set aside to delve into any questions that you may have from the Bible Reading Plan over the past 13 weeks. There is still time to submit any questions you may have, just send them to [ministersoffice@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ministersoffice@fpcjackson.org).

## 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](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).

### *Monday, November 13*

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Karan York
10:00 a.m.	Circle 3	Westminster Hall 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Circle 5	Home of Rebecca Cleland
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer

### *Tuesday, November 14*

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

## 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](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## CRATES FOR UKRAINE — DUE NOVEMBER 21

This fall, gathering aid will be simpler than it ever has been. For more information, please contact [missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org](mailto:missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org). To sign up to adopt a crate, please visit: [fpcj.ms/crates-for-ukraine](https://fpcj.ms/crates-for-ukraine).