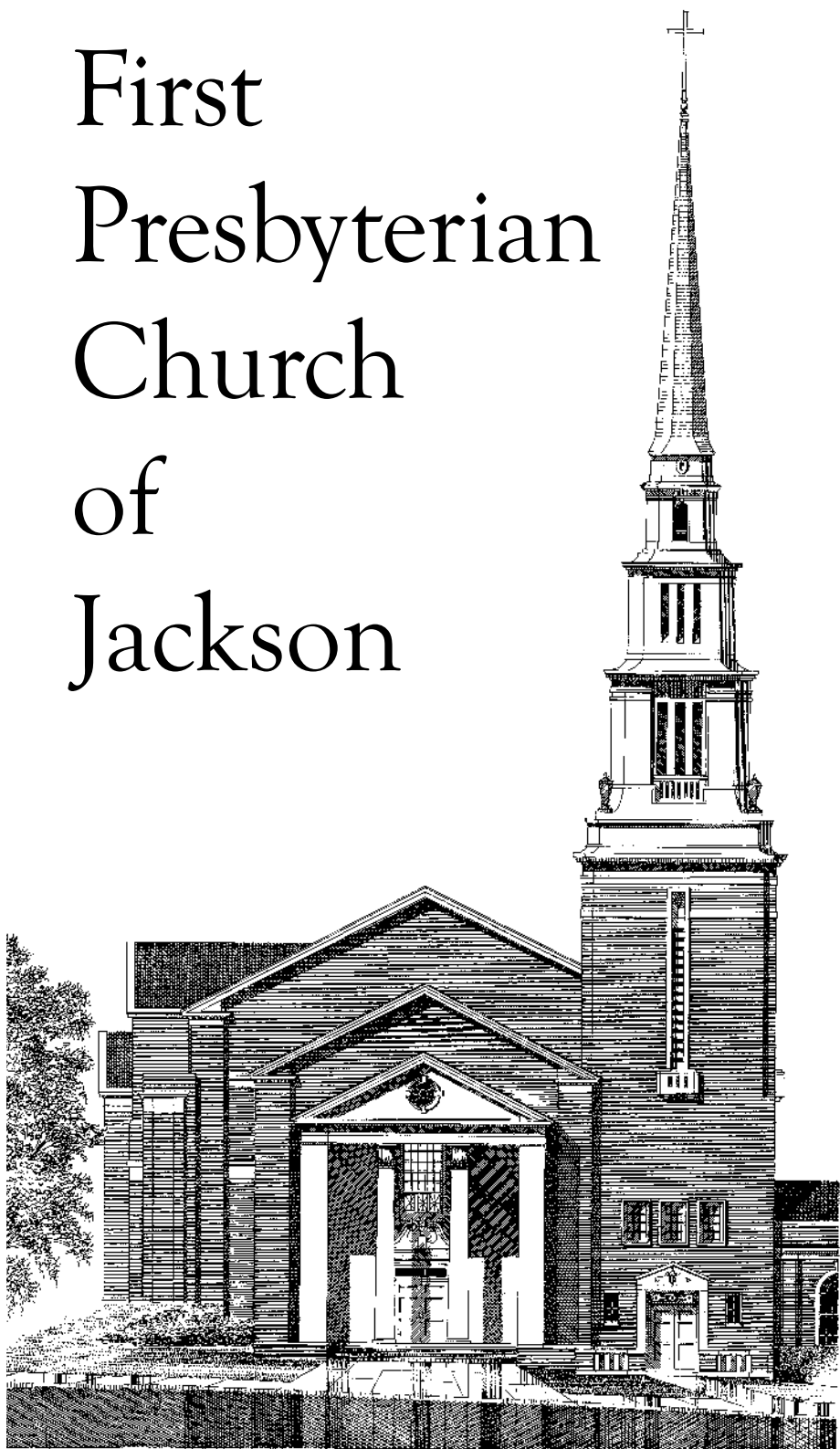


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Nineteenth 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. 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 — "Aria" (*12 Concerto Grosso*) ..... G. F. Handel  
Bonnie Brown, Violin I Asura Jaseniviciute, Viola  
Emily Williams, Violin II Nancy Bateman, Cello

The Introit — "Almighty God of Our Fathers" ..... Will James

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 521 — "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology ..... (Tune: *Hyfrydol*)  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory.  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution  
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families  
The Biblical Promise  
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Baptism  
The Baptismal Benediction

The Hymn No. 189 (stzs. 1, 2, and 4) — "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

The Offering

The Offertory — "Pilgrim's Hymn" ..... Stephen Paulus  
Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream,  
Both now and forever and unto ages and ages, Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 119:89-96..... (pew Bible page 514)

The Sermon — A Lamp to Our Feet: Safe and Sound .....Dr. Strain

The Psalm No. 119:89-96..... (Tune: *Azmon*)

89. O Lord Your word is firmly fixed. In heaven it reigns supreme.
90. Your faithfulness forever lasts: The earth, You made, stands fast.
91. They stand today, Your will obey, but I would now be dead,
92. If I had not embraced Your word and made it my delight.
93. I never will forget the Law by it You give me life.
94. I'm Yours, save me, for all my days. I've read and loved your ways.
95. The wicked lie in wait for me, but I have read your word:
96. They're doomed; You win; I'll see their end. Your perfect word is true.

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

- O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within,  
But, Jesus draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

The Postlude — “See the Conquering Hero Comes”..... G. F. Handel

## 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.

## VOWS OF BAPTISM

In order for the congregation to participate in the sacrament of baptism and to refresh our own commitment to these vows, they are included below:

### TO THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO

Adeline Marie Becker  
daughter of Jonathan and Mary Becker

Hayes Andrew Hartman  
son of Daniel and Anna Kate Hartman

William Hogan Hartman  
son of Daniel and Anna Kate Hartman

Louis Kirk Hood  
son of Alex and Anne Morgan Hood

Louise Elizabeth Robertson  
daughter of Hess McClellan and Sara Martin Robertson

Henry Wise Walters  
son of Alan and Anna Walters

The next baptism date is January 21, 2023.  
Spaces are available for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.  
Please email [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org) to reserve a place.

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

AT FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

NOV  
28

MOMS AT NIGHT  
CHRISTMAS DINNER

6-8 p.m.

NOV  
29

MOMS  
CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

9-11 a.m.

NOV  
30

MEN'S  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12 p.m.

DEC  
5

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS  
LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

DEC  
7

JUNIOR HIGH  
PROGRESSIVE DINNER

5-7 p.m.

DEC  
9

CAROLS  
AT BELHAVEN  
TOWN CENTER

DEC  
16

BOOKSTORE  
OPEN HOUSE

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

DEC  
17

MUSIC OF  
CHRISTMAS

4 & 6 p.m.

DEC  
24

MORNING WORSHIP  
SERVICE

10 a.m.

DEC  
24

CHRISTMAS EVE  
SERVICE

4 p.m.



# 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 & Families

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

The Prelude — “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”..... Pritchard  
The First Presbyterian String Ensemble

The Call to Worship — Colossians 1:18

The Hymn No. 605 — “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

The Invocation

The Confession of Faith — Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.  
You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Hymn — “Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand” ..... (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Honduras Report ..... Dr. Ken Ball

The Offering

The Offertory — “I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art”  
The Third-Fifth Grade Girl Choir  
Lauren Randle, Director; Caitlin Vickery, Accompanist

\*The Young Children's Devotional — *The Children's Catechism*

Q97. What is the sixth commandment? A. **The sixth commandment is “You shall not murder.”**

Q98. What does the sixth commandment teach you? A. **Not to take anyone's life unjustly and not to sin when I am angry.**

The Meditation & Prayer.....Mr. Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

The Hymn (stzs. 1-5) — “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 9:31 .....(pew Bible page 918)

The Sermon — Beginning from Jerusalem: Safe and Sound .....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Till then I would Your love proclaim with every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Your name refresh my soul in death.

The Postlude — “Postlude on *Forest Green*”..... arr. R. V. Williams

\*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.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## 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.)

## Tuesday, November 21, 2023

3:00 p.m. Crates for Ukraine Deadline

## Wednesday, November 22, 2023

No Midweek Dinner or Activities

## Thursday, November 23, 2023

Church Office Closed

11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Service .....	MH
11:45 a.m.	Thanksgiving Meal .....	MH

## Friday, November 24, 2023

Church Office Closed

## Saturday, November 25, 2023

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting .....	WH 202
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## Sunday, November 26, 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 Fesko Home (108 Charlestowne Square)

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

## YEAR-END GIVING

### *Support the Work of First Presbyterian Church*

Contributions must be received by FPC on or before December 31 or postmarked by December 31 in order to be deductible for the 2023 tax year. The Business Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on December 29. On Saturday and Sunday, December 30 and 31, security will be on site to receive any contributions. Additionally, you may give online through midnight on December 31 at [fpcj.ms/give](https://fpcj.ms/give) or via the church app.

Any gifts received in person or postmarked after December 31 must be applied to the 2024 tax year. For information about how to donate stock to First Presbyterian Church, please contact the Business Office at 601-973-9100 or [businessoffice@fpcjackson.org](mailto:businessoffice@fpcjackson.org).

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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).

**Alex & Eska D** – Alex, serving with MTW Asian Crescent, will be leading a church planting team in Southeast Asia.

**Tim & Lana Higginbotham** – Tim serves as the Operations Director of North American Indigenous Ministries (NAIM) overseeing field directors and ministries. email: [higginbotham@naim.ca](mailto:higginbotham@naim.ca)

## **FLOWERS**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Jo McAnally by her family.

## **A LAMP TO OUR FEET — SECOND QUARTER BEGINS TODAY!**

Our teaching theme this year, **A Lamp to Our Feet: Knowing & Loving the Word of God**, calls us all to be people of the Word, to be Bible people. We hope to recover the thrill of discovery as we learn to interpret the Bible for ourselves. We want to put the joyful use of the Scriptures back at the center of our Christian lives, in the conviction that the Word of God will give light and life to all who embrace its truth.

Our second quarter book full of information and resources for all ages is available for pick up or view it digitally at [fpcj.ms/lamp](http://fpcj.ms/lamp). This week we are continuing the Bible Reading Plan in the book of Mark and our Bible Memorization goal for the quarter: Isaiah 9:2-7! Now is a great time to rejoin us or jump in for the first time!

## **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](http://fpcj.ms/crates-for-ukraine).

## **THANKSGIVING GATHERING**

Gather with your church family this Thanksgiving Day! 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. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor who may be alone this Thanksgiving, as well. They'll be more than welcome!

## **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.

## **BRISTER WARE'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun as our church family gathers in Miller Hall on December 8 at 11:30 a.m. to honor Brister and Marian Ware on his retirement from active ministry. Following our lunch together, we'll enjoy a time of celebration and testimony remembering Brister's years of faithful service here at FPC. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## **FPDS ACORN FUND**

We invite you to invest in the mission of FPDS: to plant seeds of Christlikeness into the hearts of children. 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).