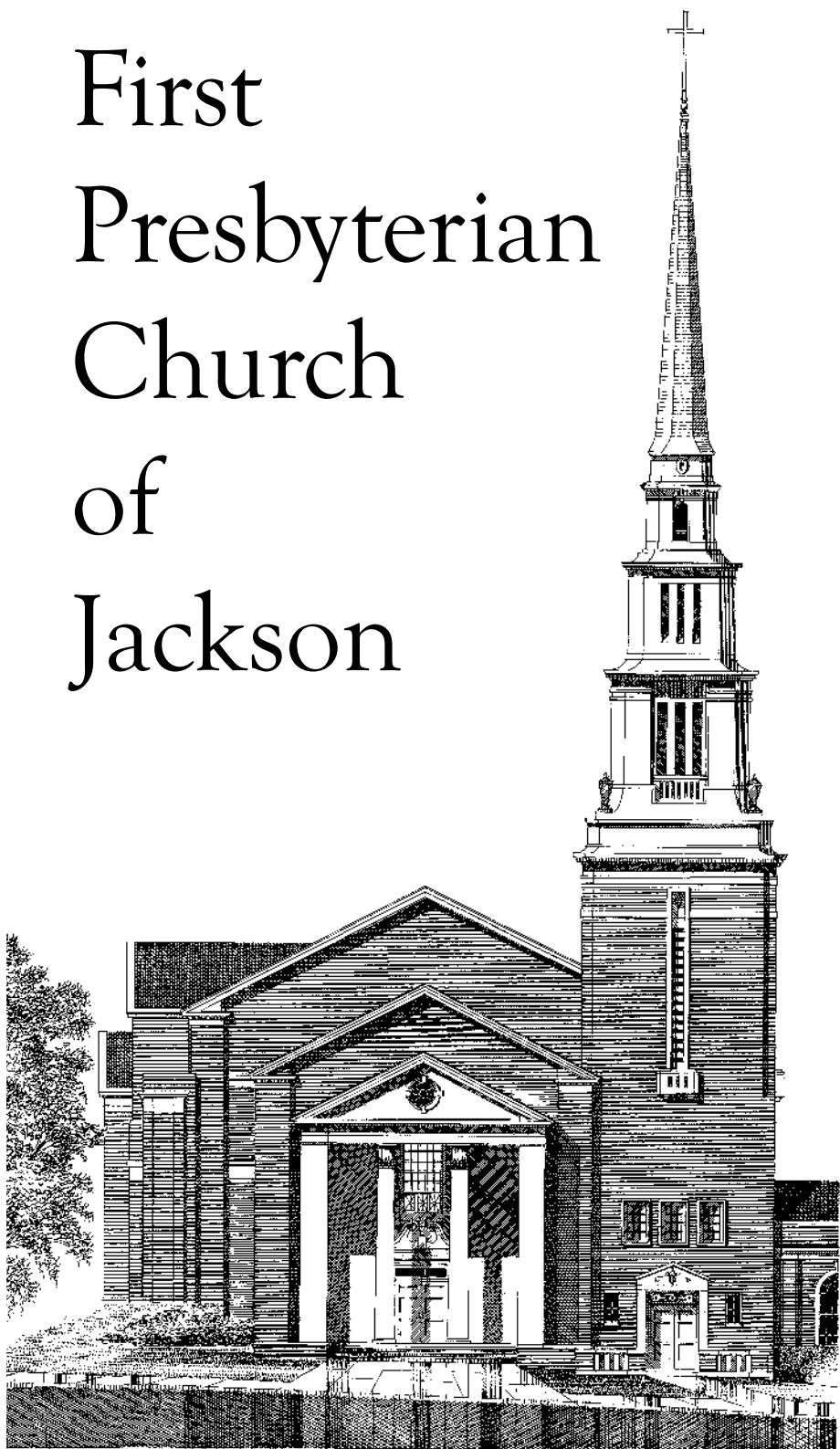


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourteenth Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Four
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

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 — "Christ, Who Is My Life"..... Johann Gottfried Walther
Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — "Behold Now, Praise the Lord".....Everett Titcomb

The Call to Worship — Adapted from Psalm 136 and Isaiah 9

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

For unto us a Child is Born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Of the increase of His kingdom and His government there shall be no end.

Let us Worship God.

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

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

Come, Thou fount of every blessing
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — "I Will Arise".....Shaw/Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in His arms.

In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten-thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten-thousand charms.

The Hymn No. 459 — “I Am Not Skilled to Understand”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 141..... (pew Bible page 522)

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Reading — Romans 5:1-7:25..... (pew Bible page 942)

The Sermon — Peace and Purity (and Constant Conflict)Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 654 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.**

The Postlude — “Crown Him with Many Crowns”.....Albin C. Whitworth

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 Dr. David T. A. Strain
Senior Minister

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

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

The Prelude — “O Lord, What a Morning”..... Southern Spiritual
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 460 — “Amazing Grace!”

The Invocation

The Missionary ReportMr. Jonas Stava

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Hall Bailey, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Solo — “In the Bleak Midwinter”..... H. Darke
Reed Hairston, Soloist

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

Q105. What is the tenth commandment? A. **The tenth commandment is “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.”**

Q106. What does the tenth commandment teach you? A. **To be content with whatever God chooses to give me.**

The Meditation & Prayer..... Dr. Rupert Hunt-Taylor, Discipleship Intern

The Hymn No. 478 (stzs. 1-3) — “I Love to Tell the Story”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Romans 8:1-39.....(pew Bible page 944)

The Sermon — The Dynamics of Spiritual Life..... Dr. Strain

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

I love to tell the story for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song.
‘Twill be the old, old story, that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

The Postlude — “Recessional”..... Martin Shaw

*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.

THE CHURCH STAFF

THE MINISTERS

David T. A. Strain
Senior Minister

David Felker
Executive Minister and Minister of Discipleship

Billy Dempsey
Minister of Congregational Care

Wiley Lowry
Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care

Scott Miller
Minister of Young Adults and College

Jamie Peipon
Minister of Missions

Gary Sinclair
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

Charlie Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

Bill Wymond
Minister of Music and Worship

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Young Adults Female Coordinator

Lisa Oswalt
Women and Children Administrative Assistant

Mark Phillips
Sanctuary Sound Technician

Trey Porter
TV Ministry Producer

Hellen Powell
Assistant Nursery Coordinator

Jenny Sanders
Creative Director

Rae Shannon
Organist

Kenneth Smith
TV Ministry Assistant

Ruth Smith
Wedding Coordinator

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TV Ministry Assistant

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AV/IT

Kimberly Wilkins
Children's Director

Chase Wynn
Director of Giving and Stewardship

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Jennings Duncan
Congregational Care Intern

Peyton Gunter
College Ministry Intern

George Herndon
Students and Families Intern

William Skinner
*Senior Minister's and
Discipleship Intern*

Rupert Hunt-Taylor
Discipleship Intern

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 14, 2024

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
4:45 p.m.	Communicant Class.....	MH
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202 A
5:00 p.m.	Prayer for Global Missions	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)

Monday, January 15, 2024

Church Office Closed
Circles Meet This Week

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

	Circles Meet This Week	
9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow	WH 302
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	SC 213
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
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 Romans Intensive	MH
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

Thursday, January 18, 2024

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.	Joni & Friends Luke 14 Dinner Volunteer Training.....	PH

Saturday, January 20, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, January 21, 2024

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
4:45 p.m.	Communicant Class.....	MH
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202 A
5:00 p.m.	Prayer for Global Missions	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	the Henson Home (4 Pond Side 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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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.

Monday, January 15

(Due to the MLK holiday, Circles 3 and 14 will meet January 22.)

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Becky Ivison
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4	Home of Anne Cunningham
10:00 a.m.	Circle 5	Home of Linda Marchetti
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer

Tuesday, January 16

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

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, we hope you'll join us for MOMS this spring! We will continue to offer two options, one that meets every Wednesday morning and one for working mothers that meets every other Tuesday night. This semester, our MOMS at Night will continue their study of the book of James, led by Jane Wiggins. On Wednesday mornings, David Strain will lead us through an overview of a personal Bible study. A nursery is available, but space is limited. Registration is now available on the church website or app at fpcjackson.org/events. For more information, email moms@fpcjackson.org.

FATHER SON RETREAT — JANUARY 19-20

Register online at fpcjackson.org/events for the Father Son Weekend, January 19-20, at Twin Lakes! Join us for what we hope is a deeply formative camping weekend for dads and sons, with a lodging option. The cost is \$65 per father and son; additional sons are \$30.

MID-SOUTH MEN'S RALLY — FEBRUARY 2

Each year, First Presbyterian Church hosts the Mid-South Men's Rally, an evening of praise, worship, and fellowship anchored in the preaching of God's word. Men from across Mississippi and neighboring states attend this event every year, and it has become a multi-generational gathering as fathers, sons, and grandsons participate together. Please make plans to attend the 38th Mid-South Men's Rally on February 2, with speaker Sandy Willson, Interim President of *The Gospel Coalition* and Pastor Emeritus at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

CHURCH-WIDE SURVEY RESULTS

We are thankful to have had over 700 responses to our recent survey. The results are being reviewed, and we will share some take-aways with you in the coming weeks. Thank you in particular for your comments and feedback to our open-ended questions. Though the survey was completely anonymous, we would like to be able to respond to some of the personal feedback we received. If you would like to meet individually with a minister or staff member, please let us know by emailing ministersoffice@fpcjackson.org or cwingard@fpcjackson.org.

EXTEND GOD'S KINGDOM

Give to the Missions Designated Fund

We are excited by how God is expanding His kingdom through the ministries and individuals supported by FPC. Each dollar that we send out to our missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers first arrives at the church as a dollar designated for missions by the giver. It is only through your designated gifts that we can continue to support our missionaries. By giving to the missions designated fund (in fulfillment of your 2023-2024 missions pledge OR perhaps for the first time) you are actively participating in God's global mission. Your generous gifts keep our missionaries on the field, keep PCA pastors on college campuses through RUF, and allow us to plant and revitalize churches across North America. Give online or manage recurring payments at fpcj.ms/give.

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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.

Jon & Olya Powell – Jon serves as the University Student Pastor with the church plant in Lviv and Olya serves as a part of the student ministry along with team finances and administration. email: jon.powell@mtw.org

Anne Michal & Grant Carter – Anne Michal serves as campus staff with RUF at Mississippi College. email: annemichal.carter@ruf.org

NEW WEEKDAY ACCESS AND BADGING POLICY

The Diaconate Security Committee and our security staff in coordination with FPDS have put together the following new security policies for the church building during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Regular access to FPC and FPDS facilities during normal “business” hours (M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) will be limited to the FPC Welcome Center entrance (the Pinehurst Ramp) and the FPDS Study Center entrance respectively. All other entrances will be locked outside of exceptions discussed below.
- All members, visitors, parents, etc. should check in at FPC or FPDS reception and wear a temporary name badge while visiting the property. Temporary badges will clearly indicate whether they were issued by FPC or FPDS. FPC members may wear their permanent name tag; however, they should still check-in at the FPC reception desk.
- Visitors to the property for FPC business should check in at the Welcome Center only. (Pinehurst Street Entrance)
- Visitors to FPDS should check in at the FPDS office only. (Belhaven Street Entrance)
- All FPC, FPDS, and SEJ staff will wear their permanent ID badges while on property. Short-term contractors should also wear badges coordinated through the director of facilities.
- Individual gatherings, meetings, or events with 30 or more participants are exempt from the badging requirement and may request an additional entrance to be temporarily unlocked within a reasonable timeframe before and after the event begins. The department requesting the exception is required to provide at least one greeter at the additional entrance in order to welcome participants and communicate with security in the event of a concerning individual entering the premises.

****Note:** This policy does not change current protocol for regular ministry gatherings outside of M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. such as Sunday morning worship, Sunday school, Sunday evening worship, and Wednesday evening midweek ministry.**

JONI AND FRIENDS

The Joni and Friends Luke 14 Dinner is held every other year to encourage and inspire area families with a child or adult with special needs. This year's event will be held at FPC on Friday, February 9. Volunteers are needed, and a special orientation will be offered by Joni and Friends for those who would like to help with this event. Please join us on Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Patterson Hall, to find out how you can help. Scan the QR code to register or volunteer.



2024 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Save the dates: February 28 - March 3, 2024

We would love to have our supported missionaries staying with church families during the missions conference. If you are interested in hosting someone in your home, please contact Janie Clarke janieclarke6@gmail.com or 601-953-4991.