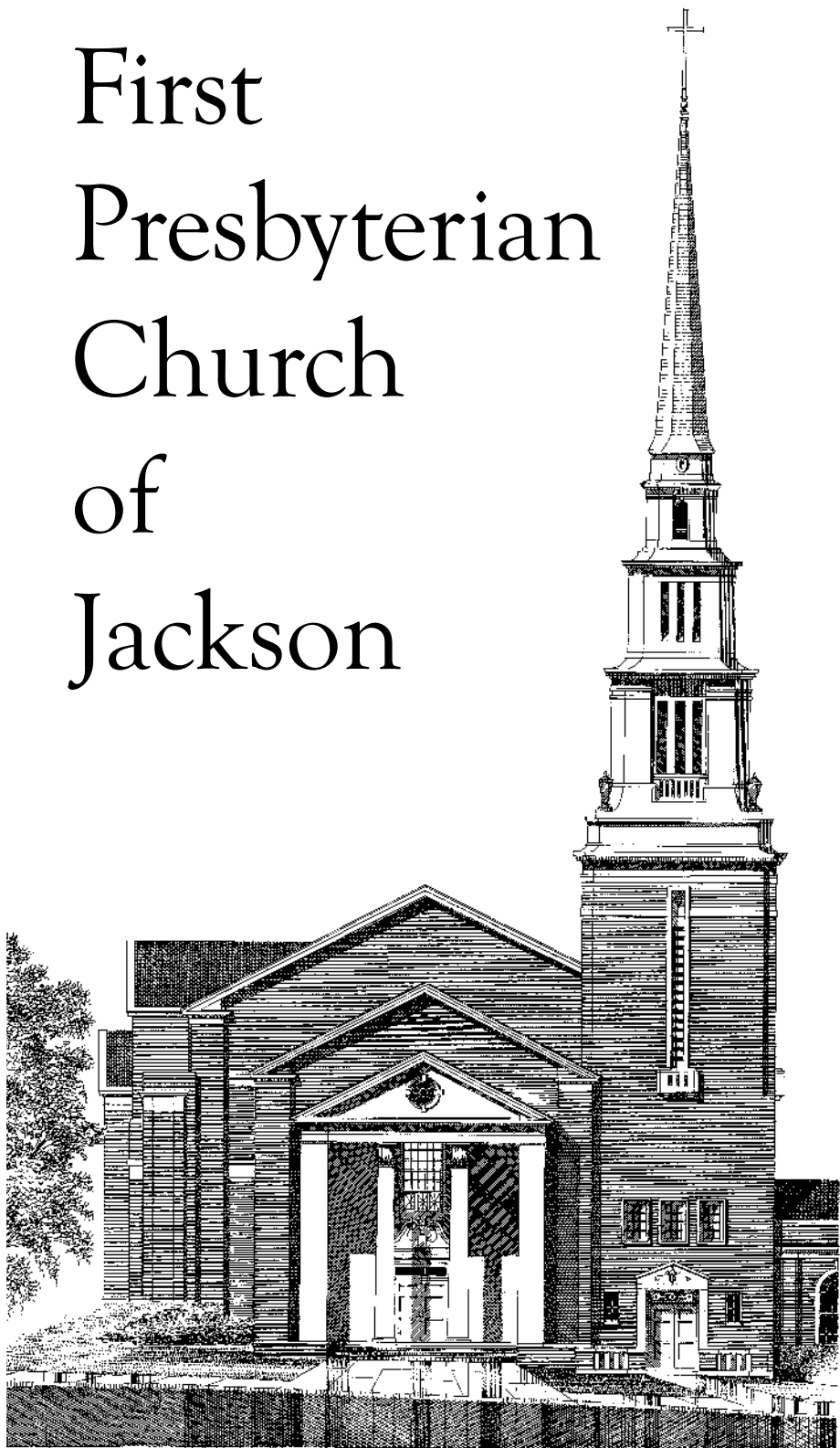


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-First 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. Scott H. Miller
Young Adults and College Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Recognition of the Shorter Catechism Recitation (8:30 a.m.)

The Prelude — "Lord, Give Us Peace".....arr. Catherine McMichael
Emily Williams, Violin; Nancy Bateman, Cello; Rae Shannon, Organ

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

The Call to Worship — Romans 11:33-36

The Hymn No. 455 — "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given.
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore:
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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. 413 (stzs. 1 & 3) — "Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer"

The Offering

The Offertory — "Wonderful Words of Life".....arr. Barlow Bradford

With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty; teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Sweetly echo the Gospel Call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus only Savior, sanctify us forever,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Sing them over again to me, wonderful, wonderful words of life.

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

- The Prayer of Illumination**
- The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Romans 11:1-36(pew Bible page 946)
- The Sermon** — Marvel at the Master Plan.....Dr. Strain
- The Hymn No. 109 (stzs. 1, 2, 4, & 5)**
“Lord, My Weak Thought in Vain Would Climb”
- 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** — “Psalm 19” Marcello



SHORTER CATECHISM RECITATION

“I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”
Psalm 119:11

Catechism memory work begins at First Pres with the Children’s Catechism in three-year-old Sunday School. That study continues throughout children’s Sunday School and the Catechism Class on Sunday Evenings. The Catechism is a summary of what the Bible teaches in systematic question and answer form. Committing it to memory is invaluable in the life of a believer, as it helps to build a solid foundation for a life of faith.

This morning, Anderson Payne will receive his Bible for recitation of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, which consists of 107 questions and answers.

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

Mary Eloise Christopher
daughter of Wade and Laura Christopher

Melody Graves
daughter of Mason and Joy Graves

David "Farris" Moore
son of Sanford and Hannah Moore

Brooksher Phillip Rees
son of Charles and Mary Garner Rees

The next baptism date is March 17, 2024.
Spaces are available for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.
Please email emilye@fpcjackson.org to reserve a place.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

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

Mr. William Grant Carter
Students and Families Intern

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

The Prelude — “Vocalise”Sergi Rachmaninoff
Nancy Bateman, Cello; William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship — Romans 12:1-2

The Hymn No. 699 — “Like a River Glorious”

The Invocation

The Ministry Report.....Erin Kate Goode, CPC

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Ned Currie, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “What Wondrous Love” arr. Wasson

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

Q107. Can you keep the Ten Commandments perfectly? A. **No. Since the fall of Adam, the only One who has been able to do this is Jesus.**

Q108. Of what use are the Ten Commandments to you? A. **They teach me what is pleasing to God, and how much I need a Savior.**

The Meditation & PrayerMr. Stephen Biggs, Director of Students and Families

The Hymn (stzs. 1-4) — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Romans 12:1-21 (pew Bible page 947)

The Sermon — A Transformed Life..... Dr. Strain

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Haste you on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven’s eternal days before you,
God’s own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close your earthly mission,
Soon shall pass your pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

The Postlude — “Postlude in D”Flor Peeters

*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, 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.)

Monday, January 22, 2024

10:00 a.m.	Circle 3	WH 204
12:00 p.m.	Circle 14.....	MH

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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 24, 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 25, 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

Saturday, January 27, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, January 28, 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
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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 Ball Home (418 Hampton Court)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JONI AND FRIENDS — FEBRUARY 9

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. Scan the QR code to register or volunteer.



2024 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Save the dates: February 25 – March 3, 2024

"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations." - Isaiah 42:6

Sunday, February 25 — Guest Minister, Aaron Halbert

Sunday, March 3 — Guest Minister, Jonathan Master

More information to follow.

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.**

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.

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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.

Alonzo & Esther Ramirez – Alonzo serves in campus ministry, seminary training, and church planting with Peru Mission USA in Cajamarca, Peru.

email: ssagustin21@yahoo.com

Harris & Laura Beth Bond – Harris serves as a church planter in Monroe, LA.

email: harris.bond@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Charles M. “Max” Sudduth — January 9, 2024

Mrs. Bobbye Garretson — January 12, 2024

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary, from the wedding of Mallory Fisher and Bryer Weast, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Kevin Weast, father of the groom, and Donald Fisher, grandfather of the bride.

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 RUE, and allow us to plant and revitalize churches across North America. Give online or manage recurring payments at fpcj.ms/give.

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.

FOUNDATIONS CLASS

A new Foundations Class begins on Wednesday, February 7 at 6 p.m. in Westminster Hall 204. Those interested in membership at FPC, or in learning more about our church are cordially invited to the Foundations Class. During the class we will learn what we share in common with Bible-believing Christians, as well as about the distinctives of Presbyterianism. We will hear from ministry leaders about what’s taking place at First Pres. The Foundations Class is also a great place to meet others who have recently found a home here at FPC.