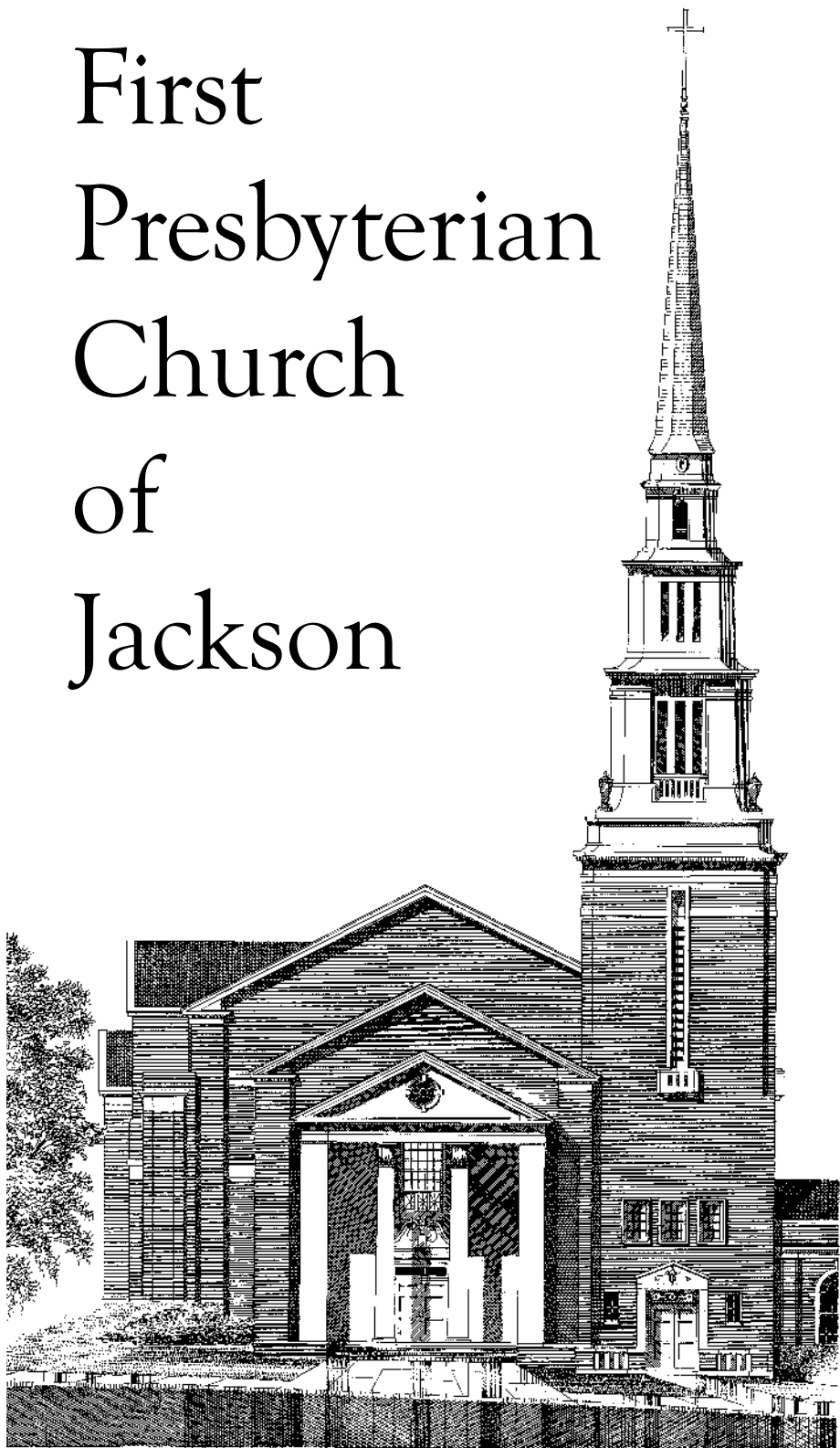


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Eighth 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 Prelude — "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" Paul Leddington Wright

The Introit — "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

The Call to Worship — from Isaiah 9, Ephesians 3, and Revelation 5

To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory  
and might forever and ever!

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

To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
forever and ever!

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

Let us Worship God.

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

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

**You servants of God Your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad His wonderful name;  
That name, all glorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.**

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — "The Majesty and the Glory"..... Thomas Fetteke

With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers:

The moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor;  
and have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
but what is man, Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name  
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,  
and so would we, and so would we.  
Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia!

**The Solo — “To All Those in Rome” .....** Ryan Miller  
Ryan Miller, Soloist

As Abraham’s lines would stretch through the skies  
Descendants outnumber the stars  
As Moses would tell of the Lord’s mighty hand  
The promised salvation all ours

To all those in Rome, I bring you His peace  
To all those in Rome in the gutters and the streets  
To the broken who cry out and plead with the night  
To you be the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Zacchaeus who climbed up the sycamore tree,  
Called down to follow the King  
The woman who clung to the Lamb’s spotless hem,  
Her faith her lone offering

To all those in Rome. . . .

And Peter who wept as the rooster did call  
Still trusted to feed the King’s sheep  
Forgiveness was purchased that day on the cross  
Oh death just where is your sting

To all those in Rome. . . .

As David did sing to the God of all things,  
We lift up our voices in song  
And Paul did declare to the saints with their sins,  
The scales from our eyes are all gone

To all those in Rome. . . .

To all those in Rome His promise is sure  
From the garden, to the cross, to new heavens, new earth  
To His children who cling to their adoptive birthright  
To you be the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**HEARING GOD’S VOICE**

**The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 142.....**(pew Bible page 523)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The New Testament Reading — Romans 14:1-23.....**(pew Bible page 948)

**The Sermon — The Virtue of a Catholic Spirit .....**Dr. Strain

**The Hymn No. 359 (stzs. 1-3) — “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

**When we asunder part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.**

**The Postlude — “O Savior Reign the Heavens”.....**Helmut Walcha

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

**The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain**

Senior Minister

**The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey**

Minister of Congregational & Pastoral Care

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

**The Prelude** — “Like a River Glorious” .....arr. Dan Forrest  
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

**The Call to Worship**

**The Hymn** — “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”..... (hymn sheet)

**The Invocation**

**The Ministry Report**..... John Noblin, Lifeline

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** ..... Mr. Ned Currie, Ruling Elder

**The Offering**

**The Offertory** — “Man of Sorrows” ..... Lloyd Larson  
The Student Choir; Rebekah Lipscomb, Accompanist

Surely He has borne our griefs.

Surely He has borne our sorrows.

He was wounded for us, bruised and rejected for us,

The chastisement of our sin was placed on Him.

Surely He has borne our griefs.

Surely He has borne our sorrows.

He was chosen for us, alone,

He stands there for us.

The sins of all the world were placed on Him.

All we like sheep have gone astray,

We've turned to our own way,

yet by His stripes we have been healed.

Messiah, holy Lamb of God,

Redeemer full of love,

Rejected Man of sorrows.

Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God who came;

He came for ruined sinners to reclaim!

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Surely He has borne our griefs.

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

Q109. What is prayer? A. **Prayer is praising God, giving thanks for all his blessings, and asking him for the things he has promised in the Bible.**

Q110. In whose name should we pray? A. **Only in the name of Christ.**

The Meditation & Prayer..... Mr. Wiley Lowry, Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care

\*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 Hymn (stzs. 1 & 2) — “Let the Earth Resound”..... (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Romans 15:1-30 .....(pew Bible page 949)

The Sermon — Benediction, Doxology, and World Evangelization..... Dr. Strain

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Let the earth resound with songs of faith  
at the wonder yet to come  
when all sin and pain are put to death  
and the church and Christ are one.  
When we stand as God’s great family  
and meet the Father’s gaze  
and we share in His eternal joy  
as we join in ceaseless praise.  
King immortal, Faithful God,  
crowned with splendor, rich in love!  
Let the heavens and earth resound  
with songs of praise to You.

The Postlude — “The Rejoicing”.....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.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## 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
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 Ball Home (418 Hampton Court)

## Tuesday, January 30, 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.....	WH 305
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class .....	PH

## Wednesday, January 31, 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, February 1, 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

## Friday, February 2, 2024

5:15 p.m.	Mid-South Men's Rally Dinner.....	MH
6:30 p.m.	Mid-South Men's Rally Session I.....	Sanctuary

## Saturday, February 3, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting .....	WH 202
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## Sunday, February 4, 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
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 Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd.)

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

## SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — FEBRUARY 16

### A Missions Conference Preamble

Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun on February 16, at 11:30 a.m. in Patterson Hall. We will start off with a lunch followed by a short devotion from Billy Dempsey on the topic of Caring for Missionaries. Dennis and Rhonda Conroy as well as Clay and Darlene Quarterman will join us for an informative panel discussion. The cost of the event is \$3 per person. We ask all attendees with the last name starting with letters A-G to bring a dessert and those with H-Z to bring a side. Beef tips and rice will be provided by the church. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## SPRING BREAK AT LAGUNA BEACH

This beloved trip is intentionally structured to promote rest and fellowship as we spend time together sharing meals, enjoying the beach, and learning during the evenings at an Insight-style teaching time. Stephen Biggs will be the speaker. Our prayer is that this trip will continue to be an example of the rich community of FPCYM and that students would be encouraged and strengthened by this time together. Ninth through twelfth graders are invited to join us March 13-16, 2024. The cost is \$230, but sign up by the Early Bird Deadline February 2 and pay \$195. Register online at [fpcj.ms/events](https://fpcj.ms/events).

## MIDWEEK ELECTIVES BEGINNING FEBRUARY 7

As we continue our January Intensive in the Book of Romans during Midweek, we are also looking forward to our third quarter electives for adults which will begin February 7. Midweek dinner will be held at 5 p.m. in Miller Hall, and our programs for adults, children, and youth begin at 6 p.m. Find out more information at [fpcjackson.org/midweek](https://fpcjackson.org/midweek).

### *Programs for Adults*

#### **Compass: Building Your Finances God's Way**

Limited number of spots available | Register: [discipleship@fpcjackson.org](mailto:discipleship@fpcjackson.org)

#### **Discipleship Groups**

Small groups | [discipleship@fpcjackson.org](mailto:discipleship@fpcjackson.org)

#### **Evangelism Training**

Learn to share Christ with friends and family.

#### **Foundations Class**

For members and visitors | Register: [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org)

#### **Prayer Meeting & Bible Study**

Email prayer requests to [prayer@fpcjackson.org](mailto:prayer@fpcjackson.org).

## 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.

## 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](https://fpcj.ms/give).

# 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 [jolynnm@fpcjackson.org](mailto:jolynnm@fpcjackson.org).

**Will & Judi Traub** – Will served with MTW in partnership with the Free Church of Scotland and Edinburgh Theological Seminary as a OT teacher and as an elder in Dundee, Scotland. Will and his wife Judi are in the States as they are retiring in July.

**Joel & Holly Wallace** – Joel serves as the Director of Ministry Development, Engaging Disability with the Gospel (a ministry of Mission to North America). Email: [joel@engagingdisability.org](mailto:joel@engagingdisability.org).

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Helen Dorothy Gillaspy — January 12, 2024

## EVENING COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

Communion will be observed in the evening worship service next week. Please begin prayerfully 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.

## 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.

This year, participants have also received an invitation to tour the new campus of Reformed Theological Seminary on Friday, February 2, prior to the Mid-South Men's Rally. Find out more and sign up at [fpcj.ms/events](https://fpcj.ms/events).

## 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.



## SPRING MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES

Men, you are invited to join us for our Tuesday morning study at 6:30 a.m. beginning Tuesday, February 13. Our series this spring semester is The Unfamiliar God, during which we will reflect on the many ways our creator is radically different from everything that He has made. Join us for breakfast and fellowship across age and stage. Guests are most welcome; help us spread the word! Register online so we can plan for breakfast at [fpcj.ms/events](https://fpcj.ms/events).