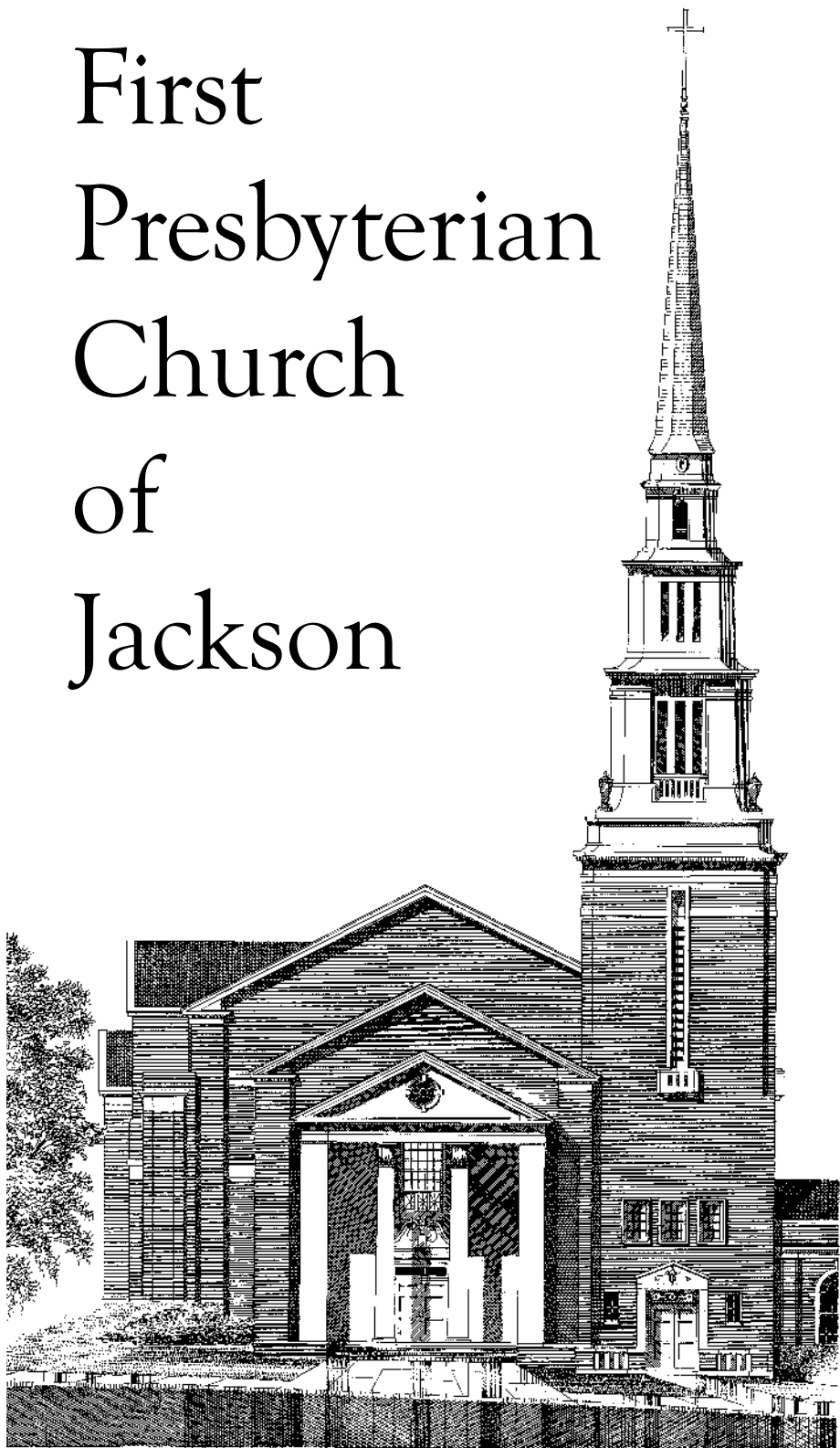


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-Four  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard  
Minister of Shepherding

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "The Humble Heart"..... Robert Lau

The Introit — "Worthy is the Lamb" (*Messiah*) ..... G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 170 — "Fairest Lord Jesus"

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

All glory, laud and honor to You, Redeemer, King.  
We lift our voice in worship, together praise we sing.  
You made the earth, the heavens, the stars, the seas, all things.  
Now, joyfully, Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts to You we bring.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling-Place" ..... Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts;  
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth,  
For the courts of the Lord; yea, for the living God.  
How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts;  
Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore,  
How lovely is Thy dwelling-place.

The Psalm 119:105-112

4 Your word's a lamp un-to my  
8 feel a light that guides me on my  
11 way. I've made an oath  
14 and that I will keep That I'll o -  
bey Your right- cous laws.

- 107. I've suffered much, O Lord You know. You'll save my life; the Word says so!
- 108. Accept the joyful praise I sing to you. Instruct me in Your holy laws.
- 109. No matter what the danger be I'll not forsake Your sacred laws.
- 110. Though evil men set snares for me I will not stray or fall away.
- 111. Your statutes are my heritage. In them my heart finds joy and strength.
- 112. My heart is fixed forever, Lord. To follow them, yes to the end!

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — Philippians 3:10-21 .....(pew Bible page 981)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:105-112 .....(pew Bible page 514)

The Sermon — A Lamp to Our Feet: The Way of the World .....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 646 (stzs. 1-3) — “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
make all our moments calm and bright.  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
shed o’er the world Thy holy light.

The Postlude — “Jubilate”.....Gordon Young

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 & Pastoral Care

**The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker**

Executive Minister

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

**The Prelude** — “God’s Peace after a Trial”.....S. Karg-Elert  
William Wymond, Organ

**The Call to Worship** — Isaiah 25:9

**The Hymn No. 253** — “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

**The Invocation**

**The Greetings**

**The Offering**

**The Offertory** — “My Inmost Heart Raises a Grateful Hymn”.....S. Karg-Elert

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Acts 9:32-43 .....(pew Bible page 918)

**The Sermon** — **To the Gentiles: No More Dying There**.....Mr. Lowry

**The Hymn No. 264 (stzs. 1-2)** — “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. 264 (stzs. 3-4)** — “Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

**The Benediction**

**The Postlude** — “Sonata III: *Con mote maestoso*” ..... Felix Mendelssohn

# GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

## WELCOME

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together during our evening worship service. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

## THE LORD'S TABLE

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

## CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## 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.)

## Monday, February 5, 2024

12:00 p.m.	WIC Council Meeting .....	PH
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## Tuesday, February 6, 2024

9:00 a.m.	Crafts for Missions .....	WH 302
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters .....	Bookstore
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study.....	WH 305
12:00 p.m.	FPCYM Parents Prayer Lunch.....	Whole Foods
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night Bible Study .....	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class .....	PH

## Wednesday, February 7, 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 Adult Programs	
	D Groups .....	Various Locations
	Compass (Registration Required) .....	WH 202
	Evangelism Training .....	TBD
	Foundations .....	WH 204
	Growth Class.....	Patterson Hall
	Prayer Meeting.....	Session Room
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 8, 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.	Young Adults Bonfire .....	143 McHarris Rd. in Madison

## Friday, February 9, 2024

5:30-9:30 p.m.	Joni & Friends Luke 14 Dinner.....	MH
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## Saturday, February 10, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting .....	WH 202
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## Sunday, February 11, 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 Box Home (5316 Red Fox Rd.)

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

## 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.

## 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 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).

## SENIOR HIGH GIRLS AND MOMS BREAKFAST — FEBRUARY 24

What does the Bible have to teach us about how our own identities are rooted securely in Christ? For young women made in the image of God, this topic is critically important. Senior High Girls and their moms are invited to join us as we hear from Beth Keeler, Saturday, February 24, 9:30-11:30, at the home of Mary Tison Brown.

## 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. Register online at [fpcj.ms/events](https://fpcj.ms/events).

## 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. 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. Give online or manage recurring payments at [fpcj.ms/give](https://fpcj.ms/give).

## PLEASE NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE SANCTUARY

We thank you for refraining from bringing food or drinks (including travel mugs, water bottles, etc.) into the sanctuary.

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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).

**Moner & Stenia Shaded** – Moner serves with International Messengers in Warsaw, Poland in pastoral ministry and outreach. email: [mshaded@data.pl](mailto:mshaded@data.pl)

**Bentley & Sarah Love Crawford** – Bentley serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University. email: [bentley.crawford@ruf.org](mailto:bentley.crawford@ruf.org)

## **EVENING COMMUNION — TONIGHT**

Communion will be observed in the evening worship service tonight. 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.

## **CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS**

Come join us on Tuesday mornings, beginning February 6 through March 5 as we hand-craft Christmas ornaments for our missionaries. This ministry is such an encouragement to those who are serving away from home. No craft skills are required! We meet from 9-11 a.m. in Westminster Hall 302. A nursery is available upon request. Contact Sharon Teh for more information at 601-946-1517 or [sewbusy321@hotmail.com](mailto:sewbusy321@hotmail.com).

## **YOUNG ADULTS BONFIRE — FEBRUARY 8**

Young Adults, join us for dinner and a bonfire on Thursday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Creekmore Property (143 McHarris Rd. in Madison).

## **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.



## **MIDWEEK ELECTIVES — BEGINNING FEBRUARY 7**

Our third quarter Midweek electives for adults begin this week. 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](http://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)

#### **Growth Class**

Practical advice for how to engage in regular Bible reading and prayer

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

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