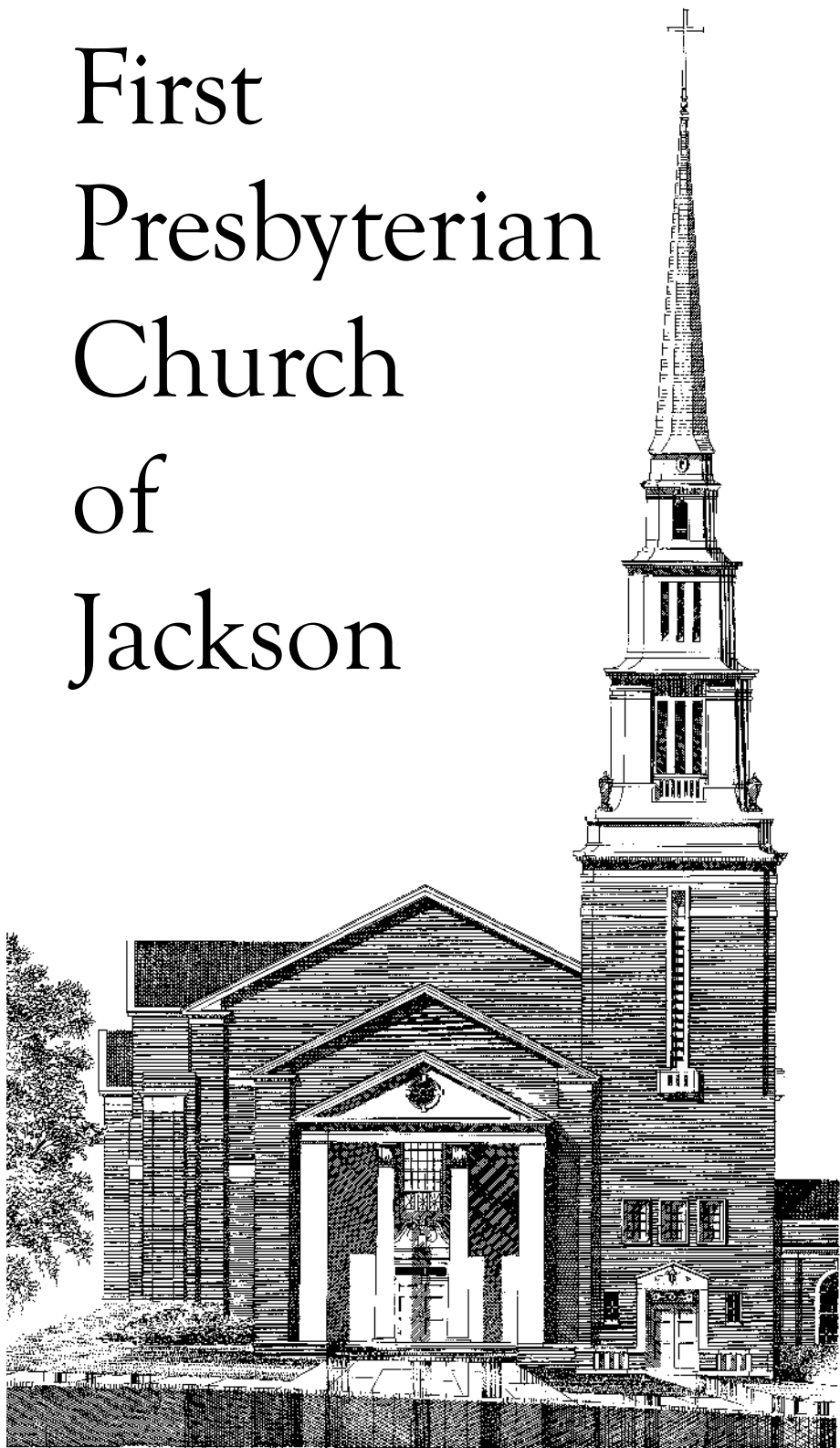


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

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 — "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"..... Wilbur Held
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"..... Ludwig van Beethoven

The Call to Worship — Revelation 4:2, 6, 8

The Hymn No. 100 — "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology (Tune: *Westminster Abbey*)

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — "O Love How Deep"..... Everitt Titcomb

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
How passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God,
Should take our mortal form for mortals' sake,
For us He prayed, for us He taught, for us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not Himself, but us,
All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forever more.
Amen.

The Hymn No. 520 — "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 143.....(pew Bible page 523)

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Reading — Ephesians 4:11-16.....(pew Bible page 977)

The Sermon — The Work of Ministry Mr. Peipon

The Hymn No. 575 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

To keep your armor bright, attend with constant care;
Still walking in your Captain's sight, and watching unto prayer.
From strength to strength go on; wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the power of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.

The Postlude — “Saints of Zion” Dwight Gustafson

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. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain

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

The Prelude — “Gabriel’s Oboe”Ennio Morricone
Bonnie Brown, Violin

The Call to Worship — 1 Chronicles 16:23-25

The Hymn No. 164 — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Invocation

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

The Greetings

The Evening PrayerMr. Bob Cunningham, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”arr. Robert J. Powell
The Student Choir, Rebekah Lipscombe, Accompanist

Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord for He is kind.

Let us blaze His Name abroad, for of gods He is the God.

He with all commanding might filled the new-made world with light;

He the golden tressed sun caused all day his course to run;

For His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living He doth feed, His full hand supplies their need;

Let us, with a gladsome mind praise the Lord, for He is kind,

For His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

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

Q111. What did Christ give us to teach us about prayer? A. **The Lord’s Prayer.**

Q112. What is the Lord’s Prayer? A. **The Lord’s Prayer is, “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”**

The Meditation & PrayerMr. Jamie Peipon, Minister of Missions

The Hymn — “I Run to Christ” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 10 (pew Bible page 918)

The Sermon — To the Gentiles: Should I Not Pity Nineveh?Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

The Postlude — “March in C”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.

THE CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION

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

Hall Bailey	George Fair	Jimmy Moore
Mark Baird	Spence Flatgard	John Neill
Kyle Ball	Craige Flowers	Phillip Parker
Ken Ball	Marcy Forester	Bill Payne
Bo Bowen	Dave Fulcher	Richard Ridgway
David Bowling	Matt Graves	Ben Roberson
Max Bowman	Claude Harbarger	Steve Rosenblatt
Bud Bratley	William Harper	Richard Russ
Sharkey Burke	Sam Hensley	John Lowe Smith
Donnie Cannada	Zeb Henson	Paul Stephenson
Stuart Clarke	Larry Houchins	Bill Stone
David Cleland	Paul Hurst	Danny Story
Reid Cotten	Wayne Husband	Tian Teh
Jack Crawford	Rob Jones	Tim Threadgill
Holt Crews	Harper Keeler	Mike Tramel
Bob Cunningham	Crane Kipp	Barry Vickery
Ned Currie	Stephen Kruger	Alan Walters
Arthur Davis	George May	Cal Wells
Steve Edwards	Doug McDaniel	Marcus Wilson
David Elkin	John McVey	Mark Windham
Parker Ellison	Hu Meena	

Elders Emeriti

Buddy Bartling, John Buchanan, Bill Cox, Jr., John Crawford, Doug Dale, Sr., Owen Elder, Bebo Elkin, Ken Fairly, Alan Futvoye, Dick Johnson, Rob Love, Buz Lowry, Robert Mims, Jim Moore, Doyle Moorhead, Lee Owen, Jojo Payne, Bill Penn, Tom Rice, Mark Sorgenfrei, Marvin Stockett, Orrin Swayze, Jim Tohill, Noel Toler

THE DIACONATE

Matt Ballew	Anthony Hall	Jim Poole
Charles Barbour	Ty Hardy	Trey Porter
Will Barbour	Allen Holiman	Jim Prince
Walter Brand	Josh Hollingsworth	Jonathan Randle
Jay Brown	Dallis Ketchum	Weston Russ
Beau Burrow	Rob Lake	Bryan Rutledge
Glen Bush	Robert Leard	Ken Seawright
David Case	David Luter	Jeff Skelton
Bill Crim	Mike Manning	Taylor Smith
T Dale	David Marchetti	Cary Spence
Paul Davis	Harrison Matheny	Ernie Strahan
Price Davis	John McBride	Jeff Sumrall
John Davis	Jason McNeel	Stewart Swayze
Dave Dear III	Read Meadows	Ford Terry
Auston Edwards	Doug Morgan	Hugh Trussell
Jamey Elkin	Mike Myers	Matthew Turnage
Bailey Fair	Nathan Oakley	Will Vise
Paul Forster	Walt Wofford	Arthur Wadsworth
Matt Glover	Chris Wyatt	Coles Wilkins Jr
Buddy Graham	Rob Oates	Neil Witherow
Henry Greaves	Lee Owen	Chase Wynn
Bo Gregg	Virgil Payne	

Deacons Emeriti

John Allgood, Lewis Bell, Vic Blaylock, Barry Cannada, John Cox, Paul Cox, Bobby Dye, Larry Edwards, Robert Feild, Gary Herring, Jim House, Carey Johnston, Robert Miller, Walter Newman, Lee Paris II, Cy Rosenblatt, William F. Sneed, Joe Uithoven, Joe Wilkins, Johnny Young

FPC THIS WEEK

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.)

Monday, February 12, 2024

11:00 a.m.	Caregivers Support Group	WH 202B
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	MS

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series.....	MH
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
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, February 14, 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	WH 304
	Foundations	WH 204
	Growth Class.....	PH
	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
7:15 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15, 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 16, 2024

11:30 a.m.	Senior Adults Luncheon	PH
------------	------------------------------	----

Saturday, February 17, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
-----------	----------------------------	--------

Sunday, February 18, 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.	New Members Received	PH
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 Fesko Home (108 Charlestowne Square)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES

Men, you are invited to join us for our Tuesday morning study at 6:30 a.m. beginning this week. Our series this spring is The Unfamiliar God, led by Rupert Hunt Taylor, 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. Guests are most welcome; help us spread the word! Register online so we can plan for breakfast at fpcj.ms/events.

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, February 11

9:30 a.m.	Circle 8	The Orchard
10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Beth Keeler
10:00 a.m.	Circle 3	Westminster Hall 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Circle 5	Home of Linda Marchetti
12:00 p.m.	Circle 14	Miller Hall
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer

Tuesday, February 12

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

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.

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.

CHURCH HEALTH SURVEY

We are continuing to analyze the results of the Church Health Survey and want to keep you updated about the process. As you may remember, the survey was intended to help us gauge the spiritual health of our church — a difficult thing to measure! The health of a church depends in no small part on the spiritual wellness of its individual members. We can look to certain guides — attendance in worship, personal devotional and prayer time, love for others through service and hospitality — to help us get a sense of the overall health of our members. We received a lot of very helpful feedback from you, and we are so grateful for the congregation's broad participation in the survey. Over the next week, we will be conducting a series of focus groups to dive a little deeper into some of the themes we saw in your responses. In April, we hope to be able to come to you with information on the things we have learned, both where we are thriving and where we need to improve.

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.

Bruce & Pam – Bruce serves as the country director in Uganda with Mission to the World. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Joe & Kristi Cristman – Joe serves as a church planter in Lombard, IL.
email: jocristman@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are from the wedding of Julia Markow and John Arthur Eaves and are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Peter John Markow, senior and Mr. and Mrs. John Spears Ellett II, grandparents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur Eaves, senior and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Thomas Lindley, grandparents of the groom; and Mrs. Karen Lindley Eaves, mother of the groom.

CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS

Come join us on Tuesday mornings, now 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.

2024 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

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

For more information or to register, visit fpcj.ms/missions-conference.

Sunday, February 25

Guest Minister Aaron Halbert, Worship Services 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28

Missions Midweek

Dinner with our honored guests — 5 p.m. in Miller Hall

Missions Midweek Session — 6 p.m. in Miller Hall

Children's Missions Time — 6 p.m. in regular rooms

Thursday, February 29

Women's Luncheon with Professor Jill — 11:30 a.m. in Miller Hall

Men's Dinner with Missionary Panel — 6 p.m. in Miller Hall

Friday, March 1

Senior Adults Coffee and Conversation — 10 a.m. in Miller Hall

Sunday School Class Dinners with Missionaries — Contact your Sunday School Class President for more info.

Saturday, March 2

Saturday Session with Jonathan Master — 8:30-11 a.m. in Miller Hall

RUF Meet and Greet — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Baird Center Courtyard

Sunday, March 3

Guest Minister, Jonathan Master, Worship Services 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m.

Sunday School Reports from Guests — 9:45 a.m. in Patterson, Miller, and Lowe

Dinner on the Grounds — 6 p.m. in the Baird Center Gym