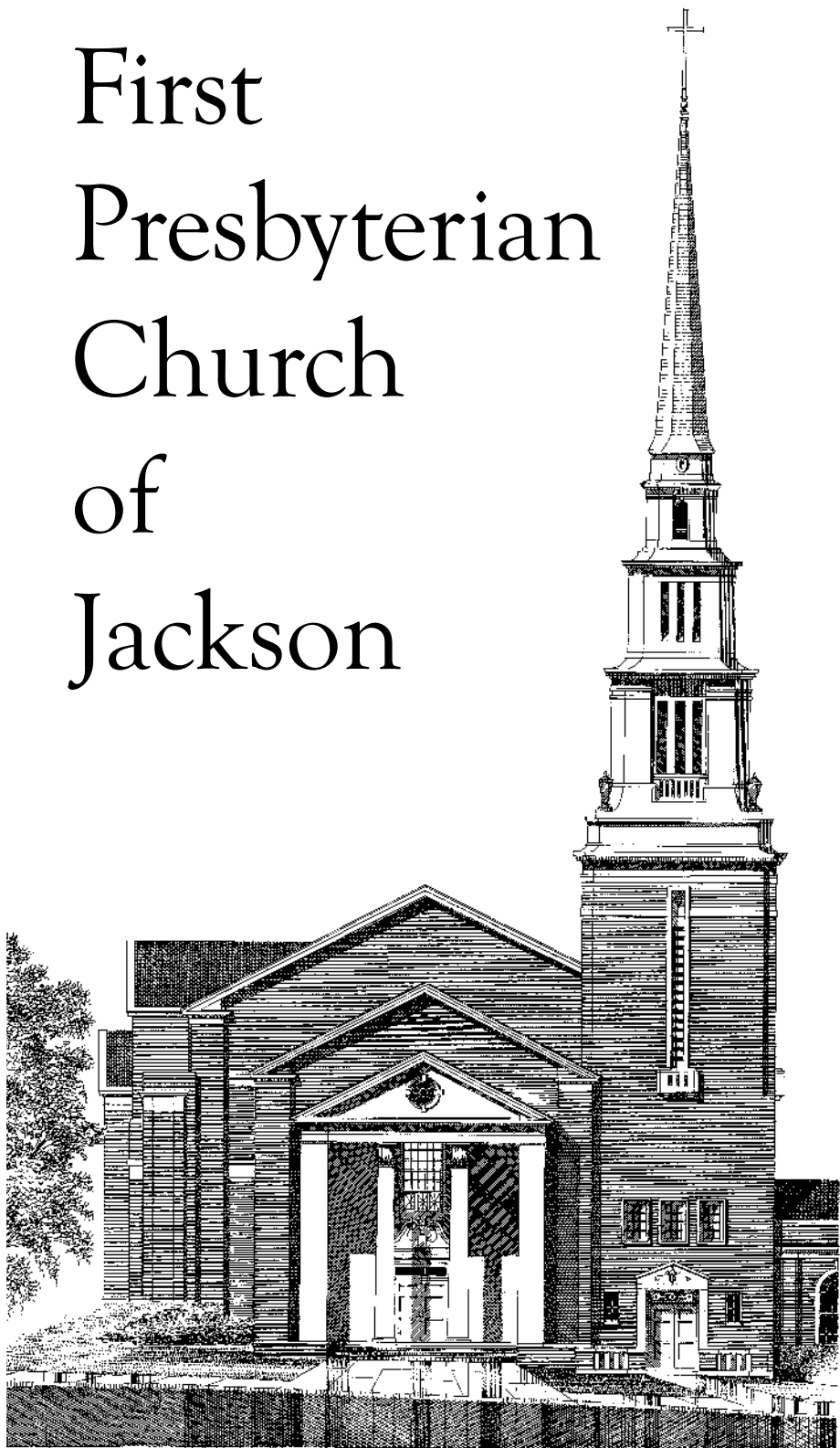


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Tenth Day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Four  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker  
Executive Minister

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "God Himself Is Present".....Michael Burkhardt

The Introit — "With a Voice of Singing".....Martin Shaw

The Call to Worship — Hebrews 10:19-25

The Hymn No. 345 — "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology — "Gloria Patri"..... (tune: *Regent Square*)

**Glory be to God the Father, and to Christ His only Son;  
Praise we too the Holy Spirit, Binding all the church in one;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and evermore. Amen.**

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis  
The Introduction of New Members  
The Questions of Membership  
The Prayer  
The Declaration  
The Blessing

The Offering

The Offertory — "No More Night" ..... Walt Hannah

The timeless theme, earth and heaven will pass away.  
It's not a dream, God will make all things new that day.  
Gone is the curse from which I stumbled and fell;  
Evil is banished to eternal hell.  
No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again.  
Praises to the great "I Am",  
We will live in the light of the risen Lamb.

See all around, now the nations bow down to sing.  
The only sound is the praises to Christ, our King.  
Slowly the names from the book are read;  
I know the King, there's no need to dread.  
No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again.  
Praises to the great "I Am",  
We will live in the light of the risen Lamb.

See over there, it's a mansion prepared for me  
where I can live with my Savior eternally.  
No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again.  
Praises to the great "I Am",  
We will live in the light of the risen Lamb.  
We will live in the light of the risen Lamb.  
Hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

The Psalm 119:121–128..... (tune: *Toulon*)

- 121. I have performed all that is right and just,  
So leave me not to my oppressors' will.
- 122. Ensure the welfare of Your servant, Lord;  
Let not the insolent oppress me still.
- 123. My eyes grow weak while looking for Your aid,  
While waiting for Your righteous promise, Lord;
- 124. So deal with me according to Your love,  
And teach me the commandments of Your word.
- 125. I am Your servant; give enlightenment  
So that Your statutes I may understand.
- 126. O Lord, now is the time for You to act;  
Your law is being broken in the land.
- 127. Because I set my heart on Your commands,  
And love them more than gold, than purest gold,
- 128. And since I reckon all Your precepts right,  
Each wicked path with hatred I behold.

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 119:121–128..... (pew Bible page 515)

The Sermon — A Lamp to Our Feet: A Servant and His Savior.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 172 (stzs. 1–4) — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Let us praise, and join the chorus  
of the saints enthroned on high;  
here they trusted him before us,  
now their praises fill the sky:  
“You have washed us with your blood;  
You are worthy, Lamb of God!”

The Postlude — “Postlude in A minor”.....Johann Gottfried Vierling

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.

# THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

## QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on February 18, 2024, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Sam Berry  
Ady and Brad Blakney  
(George Bennett)  
Andrea Bonner  
Tammie Brown  
Abbie Carroll  
Aly Davis  
Sarah Grace Duncan  
Rebecca Glaser

Tim Hoehner  
Joan Jakab  
John Sharp and Alex Kirk  
Andy Ladd  
Matthew Oomkes  
Bailey and Martha Seals  
Elisabeth Sinclair  
Alan and India Torrey  
(Lorelei & Hassen)

( ) Children joining as non-communing members

## JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is April 7, 2024. New member forms can be found online at [fpcj.ms/membership](https://fpcj.ms/membership) or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by March 27. As a part of the joining process, new members must attend the Foundations Class, which will take place from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Sundays beginning March 24. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).

# EVENING WORSHIP

Five O’Clock

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

**Mr. William H. Skinner**  
Senior Minister’s and Discipleship Intern

The Greetings and Announcements (4:55 p.m.)

The Prelude ..... Nancy Bateman, Cello; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Hebrews 10:22, 23

The Hymn No. 55 — “To God Be the Glory”

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 460 — “Amazing Grace!”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer ..... Mr. Max Bowman, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”..... (arr. Kristen Campbell)  
Nancy Bateman, Cello

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

Q116. What is the second petition? (of the Lord’s Prayer) A. **The second petition is, “Thy kingdom come.”**

Q117. What does it mean to pray, “Thy kingdom come?” A. **We are asking God to bring more and more people to hear, believe, and obey His gospel.**

The Meditation & Prayer..... Mr. George Herndon, Students and Families Intern

The Hymn No. 347 (stzs. 1–5) — “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 12:1–24..... (pew Bible page 920)

The Sermon — To the Gentiles: Violent Hands and Bended Knees...Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

The Postlude — “Wexford Carol” ..... (arr. Catherine McMichael)

\*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, March 10, 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<br>(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, March 11, 2024

Circles Meet This Week

## Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Circles Meet This Week

|            |                            |           |
|------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 9:30 a.m.  | French Camp Quilters ..... | Bookstore |
| 10:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study .....    | WH 305    |

## Wednesday, March 13, 2024

No Midweek Dinner or Activities

|           |                             |    |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----|
| 5:50 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... | MS |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----|

## Saturday, March 16, 2024

|           |  |        |
|-----------|--|--------|
| 7:30 a.m. | Men's Prayer Meeting .....               | WH 202 |
| 9:00 a.m. | Center for Pregnancy Choices Event ..... | PH     |

## Sunday, March 17, 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<br>(age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes) |

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

## DELIGHTING & DIGGING DEEP IN THE WORD — APRIL 5 & 6

### Women's Ministry Seminars with Jen Wilkin

Jen Wilkin is an author and Bible teacher. Come as she shows us the joy we can experience as we delight in God's word and the ways in which we can dig deep for ourselves. Join us Friday, April 5, 6–8 p.m. and Saturday, April 6, from 8:30–11:30 a.m. You may register for one or both of the sessions at [fpcj.ms/delight-in-the-word](https://fpcj.ms/delight-in-the-word). There is a nursery available.

Friday night's session will help us explore the truth that the righteous and the wicked are separated by what they delight in: the one true God of the Bible, or the ways of the world. We will focus on how we can become people who delight in the Word of God. Saturday morning, we will explore what solid Bible study and teaching look like as well as some practical steps to take. This workshop will be designed to sharpen our skills in studying the Bible. It will also be instructive for those already teaching, or hoping to teach, the Bible.

## ENCOUNTER RETREAT — APRIL 5-7

### Junior High Presbytery-Wide Retreat

Sixth through ninth grade students, join us for a junior high presbytery-wide retreat on April 5–7 at Twin Lakes Camp in Florence, MS. We will join with churches from the Mississippi Valley Presbytery for a great weekend full of games, shared meals, and fellowship with other students. Our speaker Zack Owens will be teaching on the topic Belonging to God. The cost is \$115, and registration closes March 29. Register online at [fpcj.ms/events](https://fpcj.ms/events).

## SENIOR ADULTS DAY TRIP TO COLUMBUS — APRIL 12

Experience a day of fellowship and enjoy all that Columbus has to offer. As part of the itinerary, we will tour the home of our state's famous author, Tennessee Williams, as well as the Southside Historic District. We will wind down over a delicious lunch at Harvey's on Main Street. We will depart from the church campus at 7:30 a.m. and depart from Columbus by 4 p.m. To register, please email the Administrative Assistant for Congregational Care, Emily Eastman, at [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org), or call her office at 601-326-9243. The cost is \$25. Please plan to bring money for your meal.

## VBS DONATIONS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year's VBS is scheduled for June 3–7. During the week, we are partnering with Operation Christmas Child! Throughout the week, our children will be packing shoeboxes, and the offering collected by our children during VBS will go toward mailing our shoeboxes. Would you consider donating new items to be included in our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes? Suggested items include: stuffed animals, balls, brushes, combs, toothbrushes, washcloths, school supplies, socks, flip-flops, chalk, jump ropes, and stickers. Items may be dropped off in the donation box in the Welcome Center. Please no food or liquids.

## WE'RE HIRING

For more information and to apply, visit [fpcj.ms/employment](https://fpcj.ms/employment).

### Student Ministry Female Coordinator

We are searching for a full-time Student Ministry Coordinator to join our team. This person will work specifically with our Junior and Senior High female students. Our ideal candidate will be especially gifted in relational ministry who will show the love of Christ to our students!

### Nursery Coordinator

We are also looking for a full-time Nursery Coordinator. This person will serve the mission of the church by leading the nursery ministry. This includes recruiting, training, and leading the nursery staff as well as serving and shepherding the families and children of the church.

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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).

**Virginia** – Virginia serves in China as a Theological educator.

**Davis & Ashleigh Morgan** – Davis serves with Reformed University Fellowship as the Campus Minister at the University of Southern Mississippi. email: [davis.morgan@ruf.org](mailto:davis.morgan@ruf.org)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gina Payne by Kevin, April, Caroline, Will, and Cate Nall.

## A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

### Global Missions Conference 2024

What a joy it was to spend time with so many of our supported missionaries and learn about their work for the gospel of Christ last week during the Missions Conference. We are honored to support them through both prayer and financial giving. The missionaries and ministries we support at FPC entirely depend on your generous giving! Our goal for 2024–2025 is to give \$1 million for missions. Set up your recurring gift to the missions fund at [fpcj.ms/give](https://fpcj.ms/give).

With a goal of growing each of our hearts for giving towards missions, we encourage our church members to complete a missions pledge (either by returning the paper card or online at [fpcj.ms/missions-conference](https://fpcj.ms/missions-conference)). Our church commends pledging as a useful, time-tested tool for our individual growth in the area of giving. It is our hope that pledging will help each of us give towards an individual commitment for missions throughout this year.

## FOUNDATIONS CLASS — BEGINS MARCH 24

The next offering of the Foundations Class during the Sunday School hour will begin March 24. Foundations is the place to begin if you are considering membership at FPC or would like to know more about our church and the basics of our faith and practice. During the class we will learn what we share in common with all 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, while providing a great opportunity to meet others who have recently found a home here at FPC.

## 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](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).

### *Monday, March 11*

|            |          |                         |
|------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 9:30 a.m.  | Circle 8 | The Orchard             |
| 10:00 a.m. | Circle 2 | Home of Mary Dunbar     |
| 10:00 a.m. | Circle 3 | Westminster Hall 204    |
| 10:00 a.m. | Circle 4 | Home of Elizabeth Minor |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Circle 6 | Home of Beth Archer     |

### *Tuesday, March 12*

|            |           |                      |
|------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 10:00 a.m. | Circle 9  | Westminster Hall 204 |
| 10:30 a.m. | Circle 12 | St. Catherine's      |