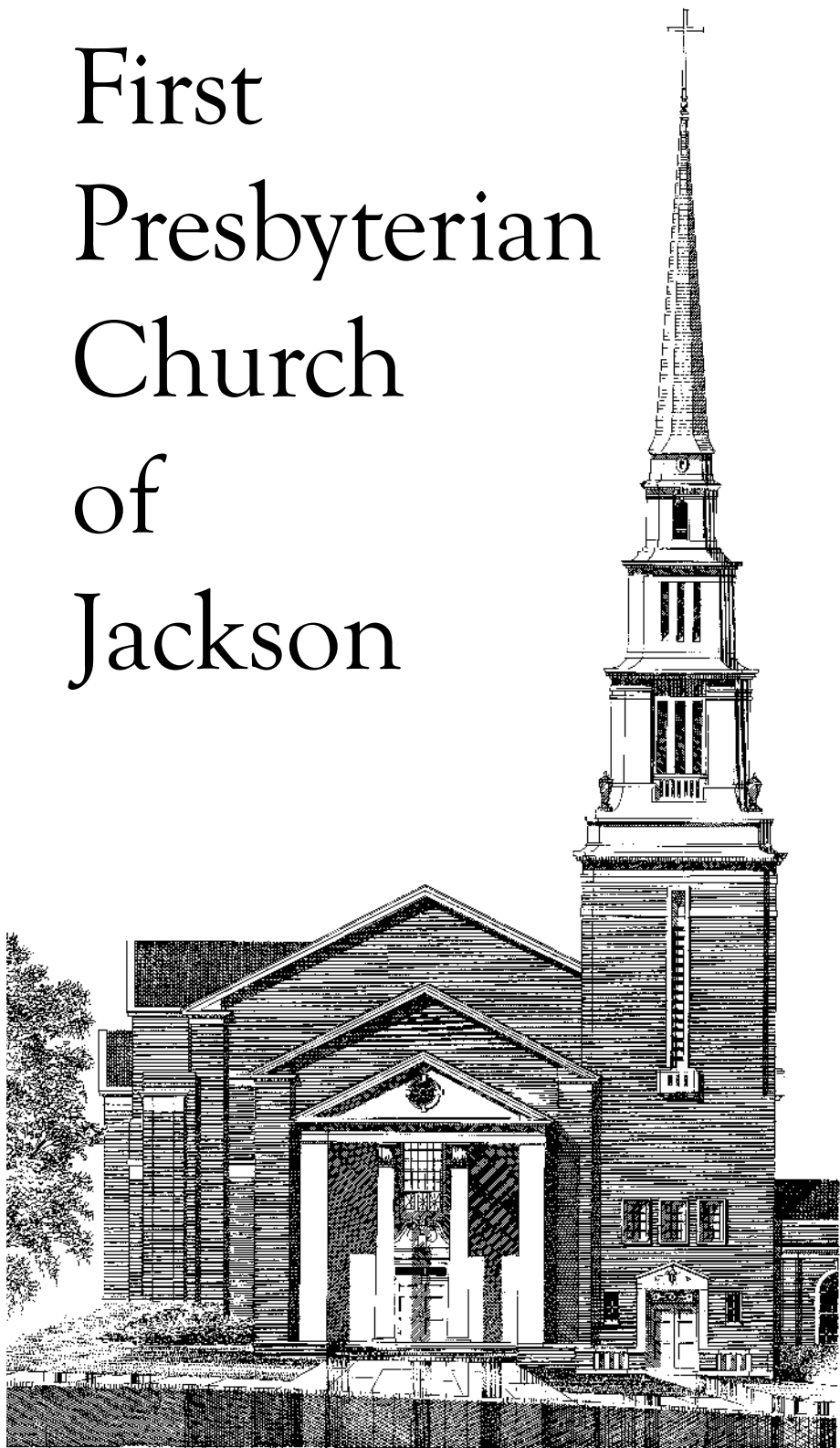


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Third of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan Master

President, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Greenville, SC

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain

Senior Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Stand up and Bless the Lord" Charles Callahan

The Introit — "Let Thy Holy Presence" Paul Tchesnokov
Jeff Brown, Guest Director

The Call to Worship — Psalm 100

The Hymn No. 66 — "God Is Known among His People"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology (tune: *Nun Danket*)

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 Mission Reports Mr. Joel Spence (8:30 a.m.)
Mr. Wright Busching (8:30 a.m.)
Mr. Bassam Chedid (11:00 a.m.)
Mr. Thomas Dreyer (11:00 a.m.)

The Mission Challenge Dr. Jimmy Moore

The Offering

The Offertory — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Harry Simeone

All Hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball

To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord, crown Him Lord of all.

Lord of all earth, Lord of all Heaven, Lord of all time.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song, and sing His praise our whole life long.

All hail His name! We crown Him Lord of all, Lord of all,

Lord of all, Lord of all!

The Missions Conference Hymn — “O God of Light” (hymn insert)
The Pastoral Prayer

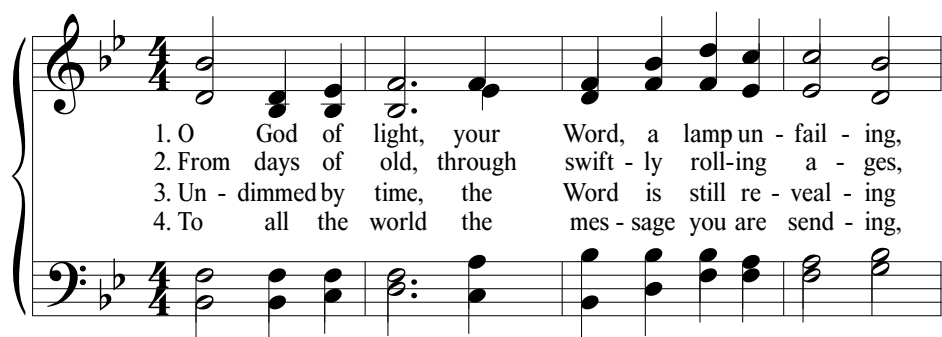
HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination
The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 13:1-3(pew Bible page 921)
The Sermon — The Church and the CommissionDr. Master
The Hymn No. 449 (stzs. 1-3) — “We Rest on Thee”
The Benediction
The Congregational Response
 We rest on Thee our shield and our defender!
 Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise.
 When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
 Victors we rest with Thee, through endless days.
 When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
 Victors we rest with Thee, through endless days.
The Postlude — “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”..... Don Hustad

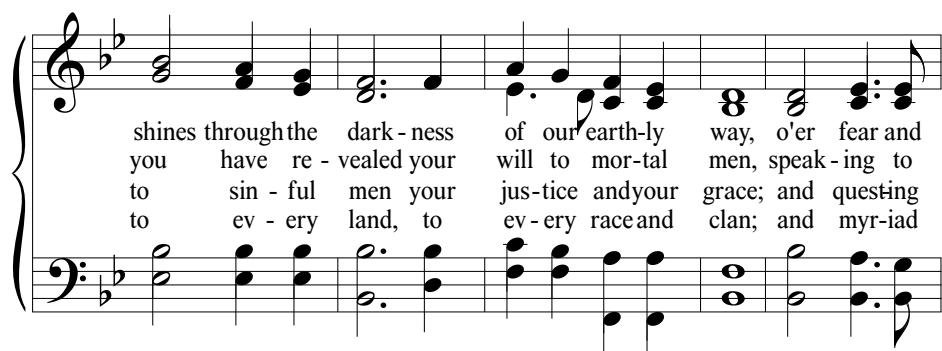
WELCOME

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.

O God of Light, Your Word, A Lamp Unfailing



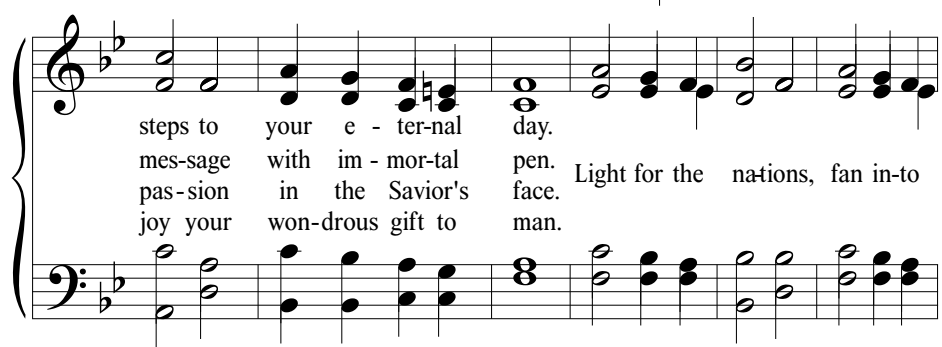
1. O God of light, your Word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
 2. From days of old, through swift - ly roll - ing a - ges,
 3. Un - dimmed by time, the Word is still re - veal - ing
 4. To all the world the mes - sage you are send - ing,



shines through the dark - ness of our earth - ly way, o'er fear and
 you have re - vealed your will to mor - tal men, speak - ing to
 to sin - ful men your jus - tice and your grace; and questing
 to ev - ery land, to ev - ery race and clan; and myr - iad



doubt, o'er black de - spair pre - vail - ing, guid - ing our
 saints, to proph - ets, kings, and sa - ges, who wrote the
 hearts that long for peace and heal - ing see your com -
 tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing, ac - claim with



steps to your e - ter - nal day.
 mes - sage with im - mor - tal pen. Light for the nations, fan in - to
 pas - sion in the Savior's face.
 joy your won - drous gift to man.



flame, our love for Christ our King and to make known His name.

EVENING WORSHIP

Five O’Clock

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan Master

President, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Greenville, SC

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain

Senior Minister

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

The Prelude — “Stay Thou Near with Me”J. S. Bach
Michael Beasley, Trumpet; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 55:1-3

The Missions Conference Hymn — “O God of Light” (hymn insert)

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 448 — “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

The Greetings

The Missionary ReportsMr. Alex Dwyer
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lennox

The Offering

The Offertory — “Sheep May Safely Graze”J. S. Bach
Michael Beasley, Trumpet

The Hymn No. 441 (stzs. 1-4) — “Jesus Shall Reign”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 3:16 (pew Bible page 888)

The Sermon — Love that Leads to Life Dr. Master

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King.
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!**

The Postlude — “Jesus Shall Reign”
Music Team



A LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS

GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2024

SUN
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GUEST MINISTER JONATHAN MASTER

Morning Worship — 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Evening Worship — 5 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS FROM GUESTS

9:45 a.m. in the following locations

PATTERSON HALL

College
Lighthouse
Lost & Found
Young Adults

MILLER HALL

Covenant
Lamplighters
Life Learners
Pilgrims
Young Seekers

LOWE HALL

Cornerstone
Providence
Salt & Light
Stewards
First Ladies

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS

6 p.m. in the Baird Center Gym

FLAGS IN THE SANCTUARY

NORTH SIDE

Belgium	El Salvador	Honduras
Canada	England	India
China	France	Indonesia
Czech Republic	Germany	Iraq
Egypt	Greece	Japan

SOUTH SIDE

Mexico	Poland	Tunisia
Moldova	Scotland	Uganda
Myanmar	South Africa	Ukraine
Norway	Taiwan	United States
Peru	Thailand	

CENTER

Kyrgyzstan Lebanon Malawi Malaysia

MISSIONS PLEDGE

As you think about giving to missions, it is important to know that every dollar we send to our missionaries arrives at the church, not through our regular offerings, but as a gift designated for missions. Our Mission and Outreach committees have worked hard for many years to identify a faithful, focused, and far-reaching slate of gospel workers to support, including 60+ global missionaries, 10+ campus ministers, and 15+ North American church planters. In order to continue supporting them as we do now, **it is our goal and prayer to raise one million dollars for missions.**

How will we accomplish this goal? First, we need to ask God to fan into flames a desire to see the lost won for Christ in and through our church. We also need everyone's participation. You'll notice that the missions pledge cards include financial commitments as well as a commitment to pray. Even if you have never pledged before, **would you please submit one this year?** If your current circumstances are such that there is no margin to give over and above your tithe, please do pledge to pray. And if you have never given to missions before, we challenge you to make this the year that you pledge to faithfully give.

MAKE YOUR 2024-2025 MISSIONS PLEDGE AT
[FPCJ.MS/MISSIONS-CONFERENCE](https://fpcj.ms/missions-conference) OR SCAN THE QR CODE (RIGHT).



MISSIONS GIVING

PLACE YOUR GIFT DESIGNATED FOR "MISSIONS" IN THE OFFERING PLATE. OR SET UP A SINGLE OR RECURRING GIFT AT
[FPCJACKSON.ORG/GIVING](https://fpcjackson.org/giving) OR SCAN THE QR CODE (LEFT).



FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Reports from Guests	PH, MH, & LH
9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Regular 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.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary
	(age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)	
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on the Grounds	Baird Center Gym
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	the Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd.)

Tuesday, March 5, 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
12:00 p.m.	FPCYM Parents' Prayer Lunch.....	Whole Foods
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night	PH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	MH

Wednesday, March 6, 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
	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
7:15 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 7, 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, March 9, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
All Day	Young Adults Retreat	Twin Lakes

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
	(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

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.

Becky White – Becky serves with Mission to the World in Asia.

Ben & Melanie Kappers – Ben serves with MNA as a church planter in St. George, Utah. email: ben@allsaintsreformed.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary, from the wedding of Natalie Smyth and Jed Day, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. Bill Everett and Mrs. Linda Everett and in loving memory of Patricia Smyth, Keith Valenti, and Thomas and Mildred Day, grandparents of the bride and groom.

GUEST MINISTER — JONATHAN MASTER

Dr. Jonathan L. Master is president of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Greenville, S.C., and a PCA teaching elder. He is the author of several books, *Growing in Grace: Becoming More like Jesus* and *Reformed Theology: Blessings of the Faith*.

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.

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, but sign up by the Early Bird Deadline March 8 and pay \$85. Register online at 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, 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 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.