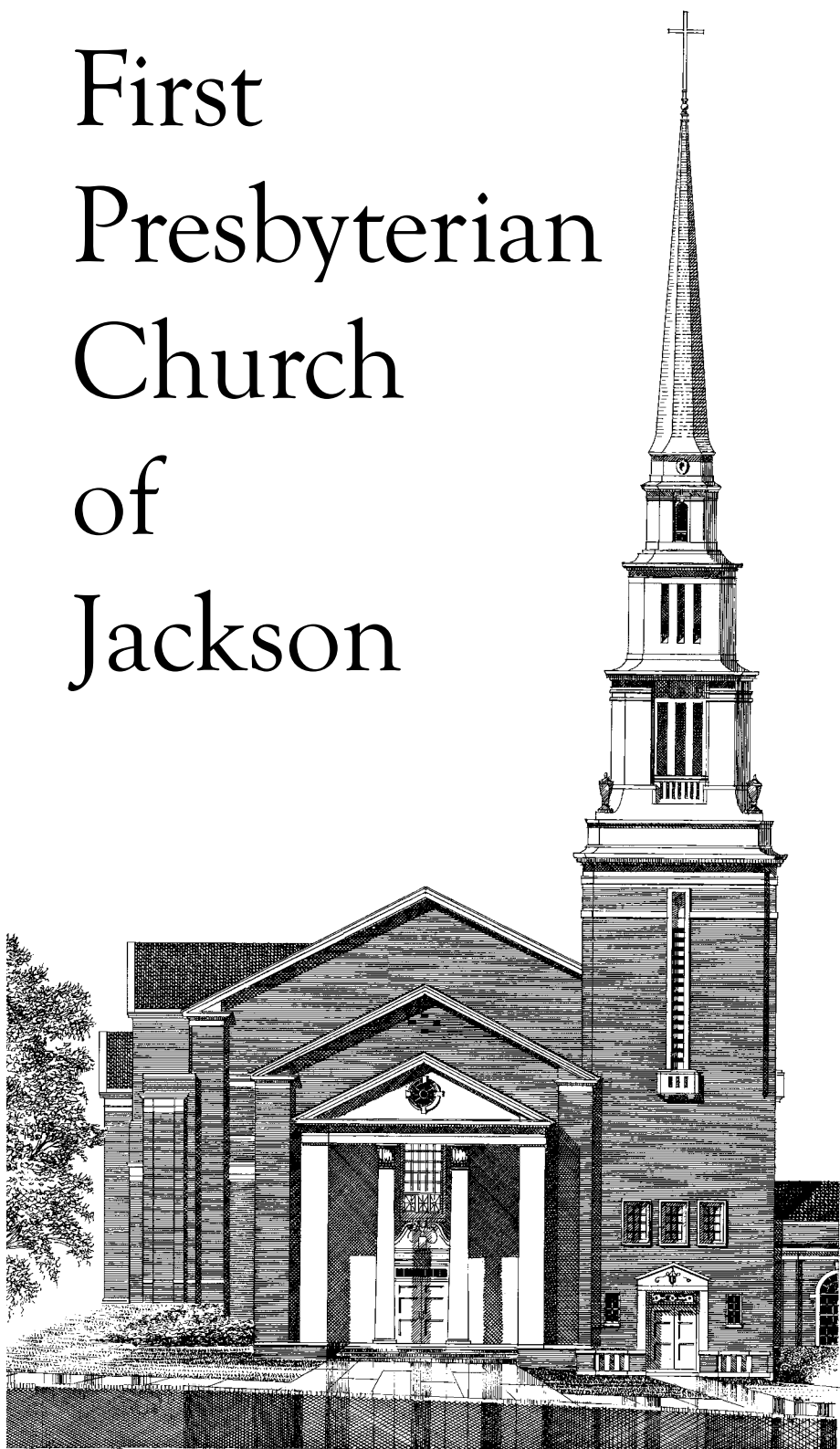


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*"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-First Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Four  
MORNING WORSHIP  
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker  
Executive Minister

The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard  
Minister of Shepherding

## APPROACHING THE THRONE OF THE LORD

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

The Prelude — “Aria” .....Andrew Carter  
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Awake, My Heart” ..... Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship

The Psalm No. 12 — “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim” (Psalm 135:1–7, 21)

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology .....tune: *Hyfrydol*  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

The Offering

The Anthem — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”... Isaac Watts/arr. Martin  
When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died;  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.  
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen.

## HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Romans 8:31–39.....(pew Bible page 944)

The Sermon — The Love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord ..... Mr. Felker

The Psalm No. 87 — “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (Psalm 23)

# COMMUNING AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

## 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 (stzs.1-3) — “In Christ Alone”

**In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
’Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live**

**There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

## The Benediction

### The Congregational Response

**No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life’s first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.**

The Postlude — “Allegro in B Minor” ..... Johann Gottfried Walther

# GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. 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.

## **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 and Pastoral Care

**The Reverend Mr. Scott Miller**  
Minister of Young Adults and College

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

**The Prelude** — “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”.....arr. Halberg  
David Snyder, Piano

**The Call to Worship** — Ephesians 4:1-3

**The Hymn No. 2** — “O Worship the King”

**The Invocation**

**The Hymn** — “Arise My Soul” ..... (hymn sheet)

**The Children’s Choir Hymns** — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”  
“Now I Belong to Jesus”  
The First and Second Grade Choir  
Margaret Wadworth, Director; Kimberly Sumrall, Accompanist

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer**.....Mr. Paul Hurst, Ruling Elder

**The Offering**

**The Offertory** — “From All That Dwells Below the Skies”..... G. Young  
The Student Choir; Matt Oomkes, Director; Rebekah Lipscombe, Accompanist

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

Q126. How many sacraments are there? **A. Two.**

Q127. What are they? **A. Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.**

Q128. Who appointed these sacraments? **A. The Lord Jesus Christ.**

Q129. Why did Christ appoint these sacraments? **A. To distinguish His people from the world, and to comfort and strengthen them.**

\* The Meditation & Prayer .....Mr. Grant Carter, Students & Families Intern

**The Hymn (stzs. 1-4)** — “Lo, He Comes” ..... (hymn sheet)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Acts 15:35-16:5 ..... (pew Bible page 924)

**The Sermon** — **To the Gentiles: It Can Be Complicated** ..... Mr. Lowry

**The Benediction**

**Yea, amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne.**

**Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own;**

**O come quickly! O come quickly! Alleluia! Come, Lord, Come!**

**The Postlude**

\* 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, April 21, 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.	Insight at Providence Pres.....	(1580 Clinton Raymond Rd.)

## Monday, April 22, 2024

5:00-7:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Move Up Event .....	Pond Side Dr.
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## Tuesday, April 23, 2024

9:30 a.m.	Sew and 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, April 24, 2024

5:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner .....	MH
5:00 p.m.	Nursery Search Committee Meeting .....	WH 204A
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime.....	Playground
5:30 p.m.	Families Count .....	PH
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups.....	Various Locations
	New Testament Survey with Guy Waters.....	Miller 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, April 25, 2024

11:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry Golf Tournament.....	Lake Caroline
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## Saturday, April 27, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting .....	WH 202
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## Sunday, April 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
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 Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **MATCHING GIFT TO SUPPORT OUR FPDS TEACHERS**

Join us in celebrating a generous matching gift made by an anonymous donor for the benefit of FPDS teachers. Between now and May 31, any gift given to First Presbyterian Day School and designated to benefit teacher retention and appreciation will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$25,000. Every school day, more than 600 children come into the church building, learning academic skills and the wisdom of God's Word. They also see godly character modeled for them through our dedicated and gifted teachers at FPDS. If you would like to assist FPDS in its priority of retaining and showing appreciation to these teachers, our partners in ministry, you may give online at [fpcj.ms/give](https://fpcj.ms/give), selecting the fund "FPDS — Teachers," or via check with "FPDS — Teachers" noted on the memo line.

## **BILL WYMOND MUSIC MINISTRY INTERN FUND**

In honor of Dr. Bill Wymond's ministry and legacy at First Presbyterian Church, we are excited to announce the launch of the Bill Wymond Music Ministry Internship Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide training for future Christian leaders in the ministry of music: gifts made to this fund will be used to create an internship within FPC's music ministry as a training ground for college students or seminarians who have a desire to pursue a calling to music ministry or to a ministry in which their music training will be an essential component. If you would like to honor Dr. Wymond or to partner with FPC in this ministry priority, please consider making a gift via check or online with "Bill Wymond Internship Fund" on the memo line. If you would like to discuss making a gift, please contact Chase Wynn, Director of Giving and Stewardship, at [chasew@fpcjackson.org](mailto:chasew@fpcjackson.org).

## **VBS DONATIONS NEEDED**

This year's VBS is scheduled for June 3–7, and we are partnering with Operation Christmas Child! Throughout the week, sixth graders will be packing shoeboxes, and the offering collected by our children during VBS will go toward mailing our shoeboxes. Suggested (new) 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.

## **VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Planning for VBS 2024 is underway. If you are willing to volunteer, we have a place for you. There is a need for table guides (who lead children to their various activities and encourage them with their scripture memory verses), craft volunteers, song leaders, music accompanists, and general floaters. If you are interested email Mary Jordan Lamar at [mmcdill88@gmail.com](mailto:mmcdill88@gmail.com) or Kimberly Wilkins at [kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org).

## **TWIN LAKES CAMP — HIRING CAMP COUNSELORS**

Do you want to make an impact this summer? Do you know someone who would make a great addition to our Twin Lakes Camp staff? Our counselors (age 18–22) are at the heart of the ministry, serving campers and fellow staff within the beautiful backdrop of the Lord's creation. Join us in the joy of camp! Apply online at [twinlakescamp.org](https://twinlakescamp.org).

## **WE'RE HIRING — NURSERY COORDINATOR**

We are looking for a full-time Nursery Coordinator who 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. For more information and to apply, visit [fpcj.ms/employment](https://fpcj.ms/employment).

## **BRASS ENSEMBLE OPPORTUNITIES**

Do you currently play a brass instrument, or did you play in a high school or college band? Have you considered dusting off your horn and playing again? The FPC brass ensemble is a good opportunity to do just that! The group is composed of brass players of all ages who enjoy using their talents in the service of Lord's Day worship. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7:10 p.m. in the sanctuary. If interested, please contact Nathan Oakley at [oakley.nathan@gmail.com](mailto:oakley.nathan@gmail.com) for more information.

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

N & F – serving in Asia with a church plant

**Brock & Katie Larson** – serving as church planters in Fargo, ND;  
email: [brock@christcovenantfargo.org](mailto:brock@christcovenantfargo.org)

## IN MEMORIAM

June Basile McDonald — April 5, 2024

## COMMUNION — TODAY

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services today. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available to pick up on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

## MEN'S MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT — APRIL 25

Men, it is time for the annual Men's Ministry Golf Tournament at Lake Caroline! The day begins with lunch at 11:30 a.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Tickets for lunch are \$10, and it is \$50 per person to play. You may register individually or as a four person team online at [fpcj.ms/events](http://fpcj.ms/events).

## CPC LIFE WALK — MAY 4

First Presbyterian Church will have a team of walkers at the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Center for Pregnancy Choices. We would love to have you on our team! If you would like to register as a walker or sponsor one, please go to [cpcmetrofriends.org/lifewalk](http://cpcmetrofriends.org/lifewalk).

## SECURITY RESPONSE TRAINING — MAY 4

On Saturday, May 4, the church will provide security response training. Breakfast will be provided at 8:30, and the training will start at 9 a.m. All men are invited, and we hope that deacons, elders, and ushers will make plans to be with us so we can equip men of all ages and areas of the church to handle any security incident that may arise during the week and on Sundays. Let us know you're coming by registering online at [fpcj.ms/events](http://fpcj.ms/events).

## DEACON ELECTION — MAY 5

On May 5, we will meet at 10:30 a.m. to elect new deacons. Thirty-four men accepted the nomination and were approved by the Session to stand for election. The first 20 men to receive a majority vote will be elected. Members can vote for as many nominees as they choose. An email was sent listing all the nominees, and the list can be found online at [fpcj.ms/deacon-election](http://fpcj.ms/deacon-election). Booklets have also been printed and are available around the church.

## MISSIONS IN MAY — CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK

Please plan on your elementary children joining us May 1, 8, and 15, at 6 p.m. for Missions in May! We will hear from missionaries who are serving locally, nationally, and internationally. Rising 4-year-olds through current fifth graders are invited to hear reports of the Lord's kingdom work from all over the globe. In addition to hearing from missionaries, we will make crafts and have other fun activities! You don't want to miss it! Adults will continue with fourth quarter electives and D Groups.

## PHONE CHANGES FOR FPC STAFF

You may have noticed some changes to our phone numbers here at FPC in recent weeks. We are in the midst of a transition of our phones, and many of our staff extensions and direct lines have changed. You can find our staff direct lines online at [fpcjackson.org/staff](http://fpcjackson.org/staff), or you may always call our main line which remains unchanged at 601-353-8316, and our church receptionist, Anna Kathryn Clarke Hoehner, will direct you.