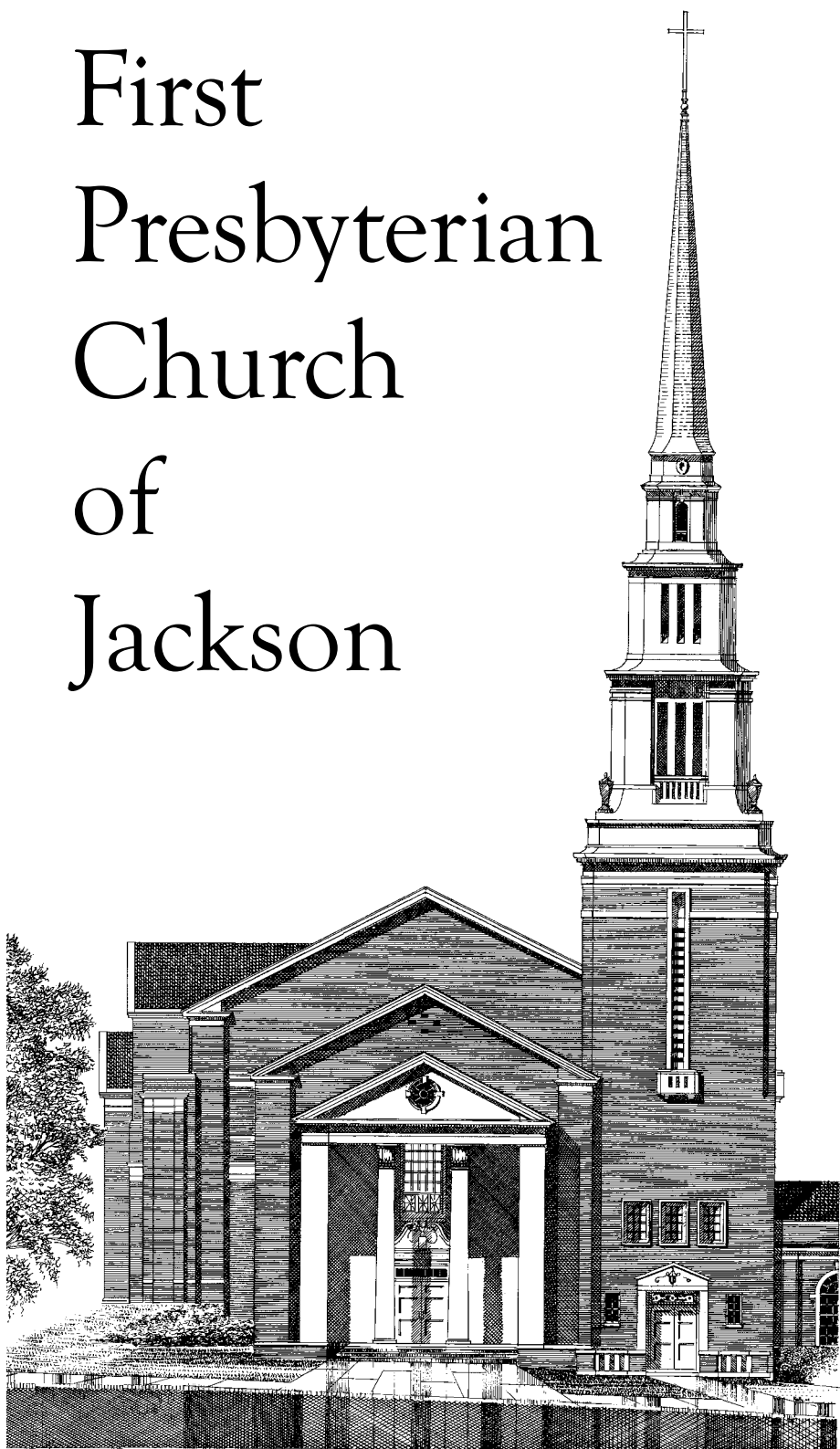


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "It Is Well With My Soul" Molly Ijames
Nancy Bateman, *Cello* Rae Shannon, *Piano*

The Introit — "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"Beethoven

The Call to Worship — Psalm 9:7-11

But the LORD sits enthroned forever;
He has established His throne for justice.

**And He judges the world with righteousness;
He judges the world with uprightness.**

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!

Tell among the peoples His deeds!

The Hymn No. 115 — "All Creatures of Our God and King"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

**Crown Him the Lord of Years, The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
All Hail, Redeemer, Hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

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 — "Come Home" Courtney

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, you who are weary come home.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me?
Come home, come home, you who are weary come home.

O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home, you who are weary come home.
Come home, come home, you who are weary come home.

Rene Young, *Soloist*

The Psalm 119:145–152.....(tune: *Eventide*)

I call with all my heart Lord, answer me,
And then all your decrees I will obey.
I cry aloud to you, Lord; save my life
And I will keep your statutes every day.

I rise before the dawn and cry for help,
For I have set my hope upon your word.
I stay awake throughout the hours of night,
Reflecting on your promises, O Lord.

Lord, in your loving-kindness hear my voice,
and in your justice save and keep my life.
for those who disregard your holy law
Approach with schemes of wickedness and strife.

Yet you are near to those who seek you, Lord;
All your commands are true and ever sure.
Yes, from your statutes long ago I learned
That you have made them always to endure.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 119:145–152(pew Bible page 515)

The Sermon — *A Lamp to Our Feet: Calls, Cries & Covenant Love* Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 76 (stzs. 1–4) — “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Angels, help us to adore Him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him,
dwellers all in time and space,
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
praise with us the God of grace.

The Postlude — “In Christ There Is No East or West” Harry T. Burleigh

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 April 7, 2024, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

*Neely Boyd	*Melton Sheppard
*Mary Claire Carter	*Stone Skipper
*Caroline Lowry	*Sydney Smith
*Walker McAnally	*Samantha Soen
*Connor McNeel	*Lorelei Torrey
*Henry McPhillips	Lydia Wright
*James Ritchie	*Lettie Wyatt

*Covenant child joining as a communing member

JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is June 2, 2024. New member forms can be found online at fpcj.ms/membership or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by May 22. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational & Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Curnow
Mike Beasley, *Cornet* Rebekah Lipscombe, *Piano*

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 53 — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “The Sands of Time Are Sinking” hymn sheet

The Greetings and Introduction of the Presbytery Commission

The Offering

***The Offertory** — “Amazing Grace”
The Four and Five Year Old Choir
Kristi Jordan, *Director* Joy Graves, *Accompanist*

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Thessalonians 2:17–3:5 (pew Bible page 986)

The Sermon — The Work of the Pastor Dr. Strain

The Order of Installation

The Proceedings of the Presbytery

The Constitutional Questions to the Minister-Elect Dr. Strain
The Constitutional Questions to the Congregation Mr. Wilson
The Installation Prayer Mr. Jones
The Declaration Dr. Strain
The Charge to the Minister Mr. Stephenson
The Charge to the Congregation Mr. Ridgway

The Hymn No. 345 — “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

The Benediction Mr. Felker

The Postlude — “O Love of God, How Strong and True” C. Hubert H. Parry

* Following the offertory, 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 QUESTIONS OF INSTALLATION

Tonight, The Reverend David L. Felker will answer the following questions:

QUESTIONS FOR INSTALLATION

1. Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their Associate Pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of an Associate Pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION FOR INSTALLATION

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive David Felker, whom you have called to be your pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor, that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

PRESBYTERY COMMISSION

In the evening worship service, a commission of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley will install The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker as an Associate Pastor as he continues his work here as Executive Minister.

Dr. David Strain, Teaching Elder

Mr. Billy Dempsey, Teaching Elder

Mr. Wiley Lowry, Teaching Elder

Mr. Caleb Cangelosi, Teaching Elder

Mr. Trey Watkins, Ruling Elder

Mr. Marcus Wilson, Ruling Elder

Mr. Paul Stephenson, Ruling Elder

Mr. Steve Rosenblatt, Ruling Elder

Mr. Claude Harbarger, Ruling Elder

Mr. Rob Jones, Ruling Elder

Mr. Richard Ridgway, Ruling Elder

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See signs in Greeting Courtyard
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime (for age 3 and 4 by Sept. 1)	MB 135
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group	WH 202 A
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)5:00
7:00 p.m.	Reception for David Felker	MH
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Boyd Home (2693 Lake Circle)

Monday, April 15, 2024

6:00 p.m.	Senior Dinner	MH
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Tuesday, April 16, 2024

9:00 a.m.	Sew and Sow.....	WH 302
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Library
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	WH 305
10:30 a.m.	Circle 12.....	St. Catherine's
6:00 p.m.	MOMS @Night Spring Social Dinner	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class.....	PH

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

5:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
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 18, 2024

9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study – Covenant: God's Amazing Grace.....	MH
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Saturday, April 20, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
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Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	See signs in Greeting Courtyard
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)

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.

Daniel and Katy B – Serving with MTW as the Europe Regional Director. For more information, email daniel@mtwbelgium.com.

John & Taylor Blevins – Serving as a church planter at Christ Church Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN. Website: www.cometochrist.church Email: john@johnblevinsiii.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patsy Futvoye by her family.

COMMUNION — APRIL 21

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services next week. 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.

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, 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 to FPC with “Bill Wymond Internship Fund” notated 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.

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 as walker or a sponsor! As of now, we have four on our team, Janie (captain) and Stuart Clarke, Tami Hawes, and Jo Lynn Mayfield. If you would like to register as a walker or sponsor one (or all four), please go to cpcmetrofriends.org/lifewalk.