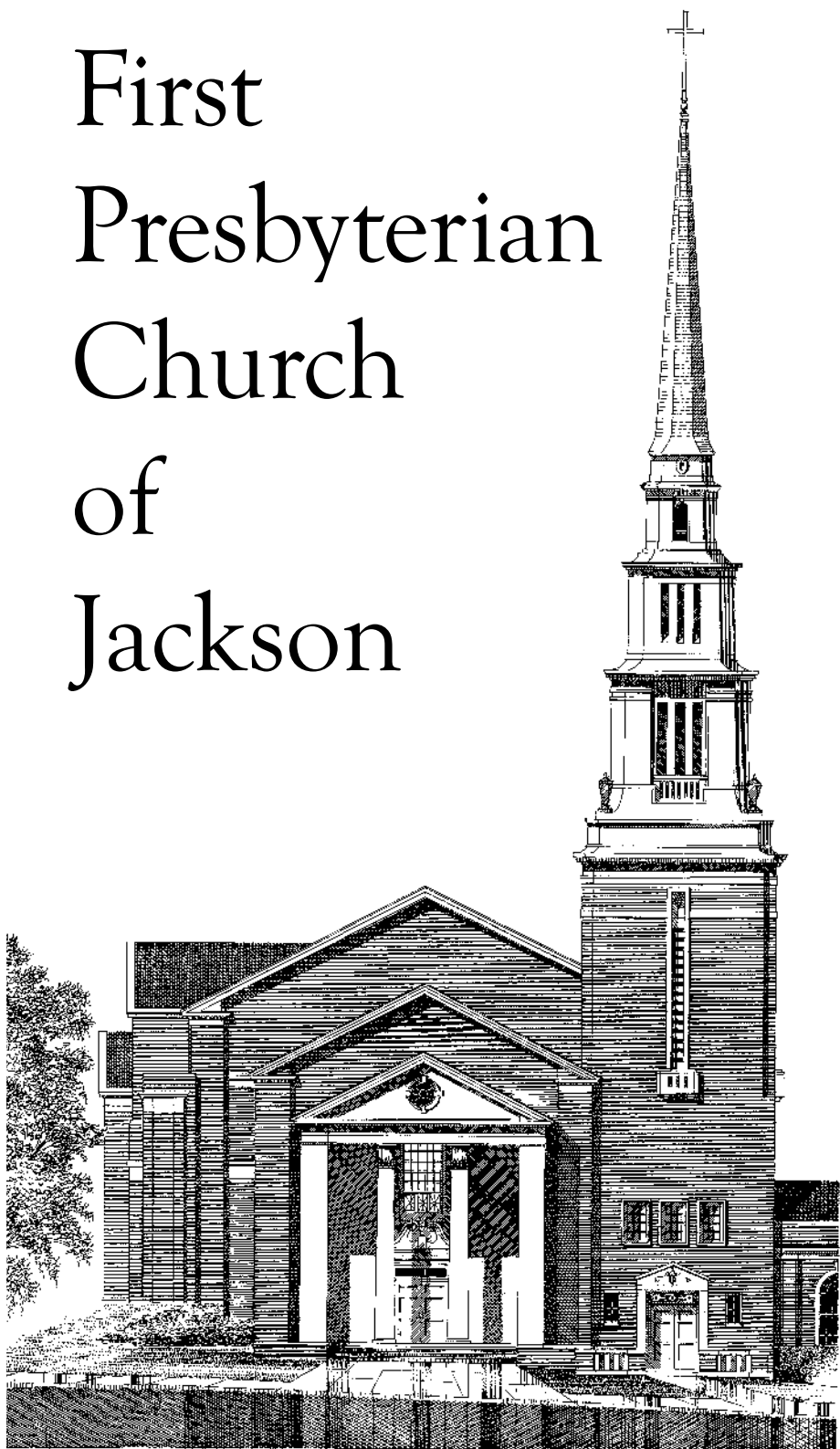


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Jerusalem"C. Hubert H. Parry
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "The Lord Reigns"

The Call to Worship — 1 Corinthians 15:57

The Hymn — "Victory in Jesus" bulletin insert

The Invocation

The Doxologytune: *Azmon*
To God all glory, praise and love,
we'll ever sing on earth,
and join with heaven's joyful praise
to proclaim our Savior's worth.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven:
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again,
according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

SEEKING GOD’S FACE

The Hymn No. 499 — “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 144.....(pew Bible page 524)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

**The Offertory — “Come, Ye Disconsolate” Thomas Moore/arr. Terre Johnson
with Kathryn Edwards, Piano**

Come ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish.
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope when all others die, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
“Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure.”

Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever-knowing
earth has no sorrow, but heav'n can remove.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Reading — Philemon (pew Bible page 1000)

The Sermon — Finding ForgivenessMr. Lowry

The Hymn No. 359 (stz. 1-4) — “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,
while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.**

**From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

The Postlude — “Lord We Bow Before Your Glory” Paul S. Jones

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.

Victory In Jesus



1. I heard an old, old sto - ry how a
2. I heard a-bout His heal - ing, of His
3. I heard a-bout a man - sion He has



Sav - ior came from glo - ry, how He gave His life on
clean-sing pow'r re - vea - ling, how He made the lame to
built for me in glo - ry, and I heard a-bout the



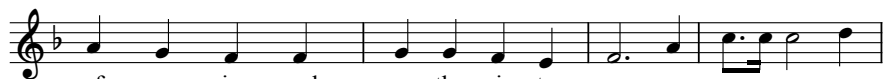
Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me. I
walk a - gain and caused the blind to see. And
streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea; a -



heard a - bout His groan - ing, of His
then I cried, "Dear Je - sus, come and
bout the an - gels sing - ing, and the



pre - cious blood's a - to - ning, then I re - pen - ted
heal my bro - ken spi - rit," and some - how Je - sus
old re - demp - tion sto - ry; and some sweet day I'll



of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.
came and brought to me the vic - to - ry. O vic - to - ry in
sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.



Je - sus, my Sav - ior for - e - ver! He sought me and



bought me with His re - deem - ing blood. He loved me ere I



knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to



vic - to - ry be - neath the clean - sing flood.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Executive Minister

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

The Recognition of the Children's Catechism Recitation

The Prelude — "Were You There?" arr. H.T. Burleigh
Nathan Oakley, Trombone; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — 1 Timothy 1:17

The Hymn — "O Day of Rest and Gladness" (hymn sheet)

The Children's Choir Anthem — "Lift High the Cross"
The Third-Fifth Grade Choir
Daniel Bunting, Director; Caitlin Vickery, Piano

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. Claude Harbarger, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — "Hymn of Mercy" E. Berry / D. Forrest
The Student Choir; Sarah Little, Director

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

Q130. What sign is used in baptism? **A. Washing with water.**

Q131. What does this washing with water represent? **A. That we are united to Christ and cleansed from sin by his blood.**

Q132. Into whose name are we baptized? **A. Into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

The Hymn No. 128 (stz. 1-5) — "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 16:6-40 (pew Bible page 925)

The Sermon — To the Gentiles: Dead Ends and Open Doors..... Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response
**Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.**

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 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 (age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

Monday, April 29, 2024

12:00 p.m.	Circle Bible Teacher Meeting	WH 204
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Tuesday, April 30, 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, May 1, 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 Missions in May	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

Saturday, May 4, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting	WH 202
8:00 a.m.	Center for Pregnancy Choices Life Walk	Trustmark Park

Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
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 (age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Strain Home (7 Pond Side Dr.)

GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM RECITATION

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." -Psalm 119:11

This evening, Charlotte Wadsworth will receive her Bible for recitation of *The Children's Catechism*, which consists of 150 questions and answers.

Catechism memory work begins at First Pres with the Children's Catechism in three-year-old Sunday School. That study continues throughout children's Sunday School and the Catechism Class on Sunday Evenings. The Catechism is a summary of what the Bible teaches in systematic question and answer form. Committing it to memory is invaluable in the life of a believer, as it helps to build a solid foundation for a life of faith.

Paul's Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36–18:22)

c. A.D. 49–51

Paul and Silas revisited the places in Asia Minor where Paul had preached on his first journey (cf. map, p. 2110), while Barnabas took John Mark and sailed to Cyprus. Paul and Silas visited Derbe, Lystra, and Antioch in Pisidia. From there Paul and Silas traveled to Troas, where Paul received a vision of a man from Macedonia calling to them. Crossing into Europe, they passed through several towns along the Egnatian Way and traveled to the cities of Athens and Corinth in southern Greece. Then, sailing to Ephesus and Caesarea, they visited the church in Jerusalem before returning to Antioch of Syria.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1 — “FINALLY, BRETHERN, 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.

Thomas & Erna Dreyer – Thomas serves as a church planter with Reformed Church Randburg in Johannesburg, South Africa. email: thomas@ccchurch.co.za

Seth & Zoe Miller – Seth serves as a church planter in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. email: seth@immanuelpca.org

The Center for Pregnancy Choices – The CPC, supported through Mission to Jackson, offers alternatives to abortion for women experiencing crisis pregnancies, while declaring the good news about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with an emphasis on abstinence education and presenting adoption as a loving option.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill and June Long.

DEACON ELECTION — MAY 5

Next week we will meet at 10:30 a.m. to elect new deacons. Adults will be dismissed from Sunday School at 10:20 a.m. Parents should pick up their children (ages two through second grade) before the 10:30 meeting. The third-sixth grade students will be dismissed on their own. Thirty-four men accepted the nomination and were approved by the Session to stand for election. We will elect up to 20 men who receive a majority vote as well as the highest number of votes. 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. Booklets have also been printed and are available around the church.

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Check out FPC's 2023 Annual Report online at fpcj.ms/annual-report or pick up a copy around the church. This report aims to clarify how money given to our church is utilized. Two separate funds with two separate priorities are used at FPC: Ministry Expenses and Missions. This report also illustrates the connection between our giving and the ministry value gained, including highlights of a number of ministries within FPC. When you give to First Presbyterian Church, you support ministries like the ones highlighted in the report.

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.

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.

BAPTISM — MAY 19

The next baptism date is May 19, 2024. Spaces are available for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Please email emilye@fpcjackson.org to reserve a place.

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, 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.