

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair
FPDS Chaplain & Assistant Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" Mark Hayes
Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — "Behold Now, Praise the Lord" Everitt Titcomb

The Call to Worship — Ephesians 5:18b-20

The Psalm — "O Sing a New Song" (Psalm 98) (insert)

The Invocation

The Doxology — "All Praise We Give to God" W. Wymond
All praise we give to God, the Holy Trinity
We praise the Father, Son and Spirit joyfully.
Creator God, our Shepherd, Savior Lord and King
to Thee we sing!

The Prayer of Confession *The Book of Common Prayer* (1552)
Modernized Version

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 681 — "How Gentle God's Commands"

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 145.....pew Bible page 524

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “I Am Not My Own” Craig Courtney

With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

I am not my own, I am not my own,
not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own,
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I am not my own.
I am not my own, I am not my own,
not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own,
His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.
I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together,
in eternal life He gives me hope.
By the power of His Holy Spirit,
I will live for Him.

I am not my own, I am not my own,
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I belong to Him, I belong to Him,
in life, in death my only comfort,
I belong to Him.

I will live for Him.
Forever, and ever,
for ever, and ever,
forever more.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Reading — 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10pew Bible page 986

The Sermon..... Dr. Strain
Blameless at His Appearing: The Pattern of Gospel Change

The Hymn No. 94 (stz. 1-5) — “How Firm a Foundation”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never no never forsake.”**

The Postlude — “Love Divine” (*Blaenwern*)Stephen Cleobury

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.

Psalm 98

1.O sing a new song to the Lord, for
 2.The great sal - va - tion wrought by Him Je -
 3.He *mind - ful of His* *grace and truth* to
 4.O all the earth, sing to the Lord and
 5.With harp make mu - sic to the Lord; with

won - ders He has done; His right hand and His
 ho - vah has made known. His jus - tice in the
Is - rael's house has been. The great sal - va - tion
 make a joy - ful sound. Lift up your voice a -
 harp a psalm O sing! With horn and trum - pet

ho - ly arm the vic - to - ry have won.
 na - tions' sight He o - pen - ly has shown.
of our God all ends of earth have seen.
 loud to Him; sing psalms! Let Joy re - sound.
 raise a shout be - fore the Lord, the King.

6. Let seas in all their vastness roar,
 the world, its living horde.
 Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
 their joy before the Lord.

7. Because He comes, He surely comes,
 the judge of earth to be!
 With justice He will judge the world,
 all men with equity.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Mr. Jennings L. Duncan
Congregational Care Intern

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

The Prelude — “Be Thou My Vision”Rutter
Dr. Dave Snyder, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 36:5-9

The Hymn — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” (hymn sheet)

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Here Is Love” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Wayne Husband, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Jack Schrader
Reed Hairston, Soprano

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

Q141. Did Christ remain in the grave after his crucifixion? **A. No. He rose
bodily from the grave on the third day after his death.**

* The Meditation & PrayerDr. Rupert Hunt Taylor, Discipleship Department

The Hymn No. 699 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “Like a River Glorious”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Samuel 16..... pew Bible page 238

The Sermon — I Have Provided Myself a King Mr. Dempsey

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Ev’ry joy or trial falleth from above,
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust him fully all for us to do;
they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

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 the Tree House.

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2024! Join us as we pray that they would cling to Jesus as their true Vine as they begin this next new, exciting phase of life.

Nathan Baird
Charlie Barbour
Eli Biggs
Laura Box
Andy Brown
Bradley Burke
Wyatt Collier
Anna Grace Doggett
Harrison Fulcher
Eliza Hawkins
Sara Beth Henson
Banks Hewitt
Blair Hurst, Jr.
Wells Jordan
Henry Lowry
Jack Madden
Mary Kathryn Mason
Meredith McClain
Jake McGehee
Peyton Mills
Lytle Moore
Cate Nall
Rebekah Oakley
Percy Oliver
Katie Poole
Warner Russ
Luke H. Smith
Luke R. Smith
Taylor Smith
Sydney White
Ann Stuart Woodson

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 26, 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
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)

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

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

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

	No Midweek Dinner or Activities	
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS

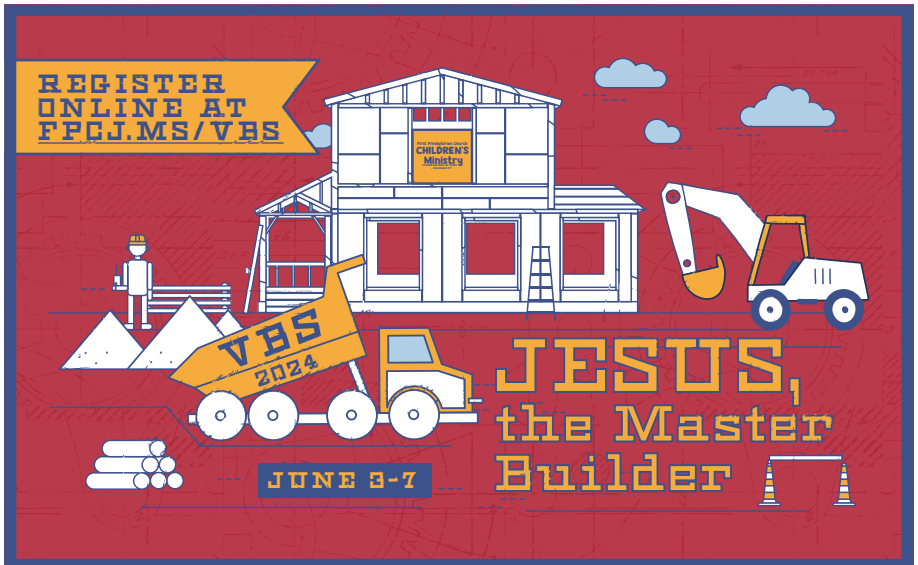
Saturday, June 1, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, June 2, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
2:00 p.m.	VBS Meeting for ALL Volunteers.....	Sanctuary
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)

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, 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew – Mr. Andrew serves in A & P mentoring and coaching leaders to strengthen existing teams and to plant new teams among unreached people groups.

Samuel & Sara Tyson Husband – Samuel serves as the Chaplain at the Schools of Perea and the Director of New City Memphis. email: shusband@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Ellie and Elliot Robertson.

SUMMER MIDWEEK — BEGINS JUNE 12

We are currently taking a break from our Midweek activities, and will resume with our summer programs on June 12. Adults will gather in Miller Hall for our summer series, **The Gospel at Hearth and Home: Seven Weeks on Cultivating Gospel-Shaped Homes.**

SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — JUNE 14

Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun on June 14, at 11:30 a.m. at the Creekmore's cottage located at 143 McHarris Rd. in Madison. We will have a lunch followed by a short message. The cost of the event is \$3 per person. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

SEW & SOW CAMP — JUNE 17-20

Sewing camp will meet the week of June 17. The cost is \$5 and includes your pattern for our project. Contact Sharon Teh at sewbusy321@hotmail.com or 601-946-1517 to register for this beginner class. Space is limited, and age eight and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

JOIN FPC!

The next offering of the Membership Class will begin June 19 on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. This 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.

DAVID FELKER SABBATICAL

In the spring of 2023, the Management Committee of the Session approved a sabbatical for David Felker, which began on May 23. The term “sabbatical” is derived from the word “sabbath” and is therefore intended to be a dedicated time of rest and rejuvenation. Please join us in praying for David and his family as they prepare to take a summer away from daily ministerial duties. We hope you will also commit to praying for the Felker family during their time away — that the time would be restorative and that they would have the opportunity for personal and spiritual renewal.

FPC UNDER CONSTRUCTION

FPC will be Under Construction this summer! Beginning May 28, work will be done on the HVAC unit that serves the three floors of the main building. We are very excited about the new unit that will be installed, bringing a much needed update to the building. This work is being done proactively to ensure our church and school can function effectively this fall. However, for the duration of the project, the main building will be without A/C, impacting Children's Sunday School throughout the summer. Parents, your child's new location for Sunday School has been emailed to you, or you may always stop by the Tree House, and we will direct you to the right location! The Bookstore will also be affected and will be closed beginning May 28.