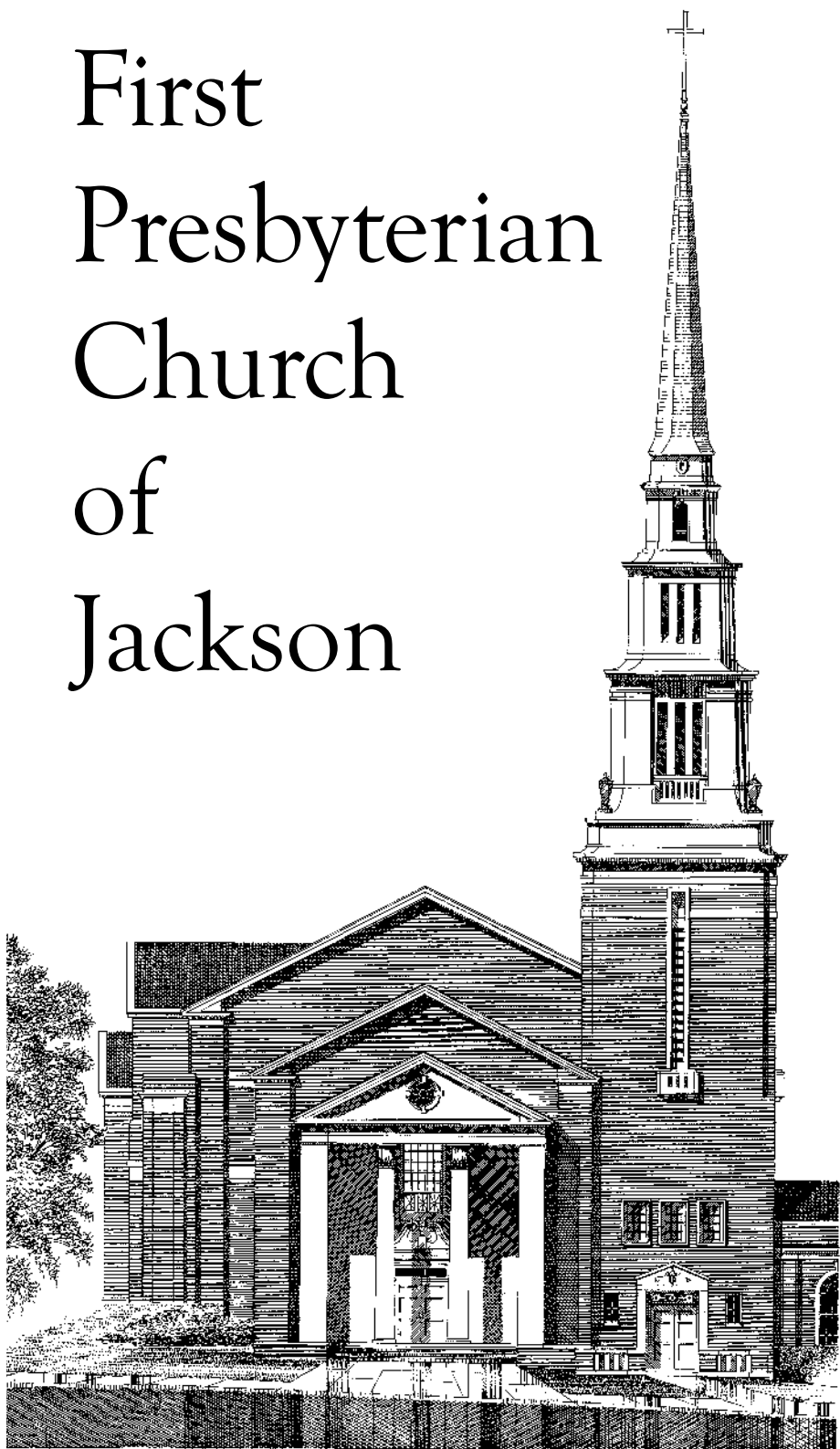


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*"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"*

# THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Dr. David T. A. Strain  
Senior Minister

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon  
Minister of Missions

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “May Love Be Ours” .....Mary Beth Bennett  
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Who Is on the Lord's Side?” ..... Caradog Roberts

The Call to Worship — Psalm 100

The Hymn No. 101 — “Come, Thou Almighty King”

The Invocation

The Doxology

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

The Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.  
You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

The Prayer of Confession... adapted from *The Strasbourg Liturgy*, John Calvin (1545)

Heavenly Father, you are pleased to declare your holy will to us, and to instruct us in the righteousness of your law. Write and engrave it on our hearts, that we would seek to serve and obey you alone throughout our lives. Do not impute to us transgressions that we have committed against your law. As we experience your grace in such abundance, may we have cause to praise and glorify you, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Psalm 119:153–160..... tune: *Morecambe*

**Look on my sorrows and deliver me,  
For I do not forget your law, O Lord.  
Redeem my soul and vindicate my cause;  
Preserve my life according to your word.**

**The wicked will not see deliverance,  
Because they do not follow your decree.  
According to your justice guard my life;  
How great is your compassion, Lord, for me!**

**How many are my persecuting foes!  
Yet from your laws I have not turned away.  
I look upon the faithless with disgust,  
Because your holy word they disobey.**

**Consider how I love your precepts, Lord,  
And in your loving-kindness strengthen me.  
The word that you have spoken is the truth;  
Your righteous laws will stand eternally.**

The New Testament Reading — 1 Timothy 6:11–16 .....pew Bible page 993

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “Lord, Here Am I” ..... John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.  
Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

Willing my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss,  
Willing to follow, if Thou will but lead; only support me with grace in need.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

Living or dying, I still would be Thine, yet I am mortal while Thou are divine.  
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right, pity and bring me again to the light.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:153–160 .....pew Bible page 516

The Sermon — A Lamp to Our Feet: Give me Life! ..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 455 (stz. 1–4) — “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing Love! How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?**

The Postlude — “Allegro” .....Norman Coke Jephcott

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

**The Reverend Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor**  
Discipleship Department

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

The Prelude — “Prelude in C” .....J.S. Bach  
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 149:1, 2

The Hymn No. 700 — “Come, We That Love the Lord”

The Invocation

The Mission Team Commissioning... Mr. Jamie Peipon, Minister of Missions

The Evening Prayer.....Dr. Craig Flowers, Ruling Elder

The Greetings

The Offering

The Offertory — “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)” Newton/Tomlin/Giglio  
Paul Bowden, Tenor; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q133. Who are to be baptized? **A. Believers and their children.**

Q134. Why are we baptized even as little infants? **A. Because God includes the children of believers in his covenant and marks them in baptism.**

Q135. What did Jesus say about little children? **A. “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”**

Q136. What does baptism call you to be? **A. A true follower of Christ.**

\* The Meditation & Prayer .....Mr. Scott Miller, Minister of College and Young Adults

The Psalm — “From Depths of Woe” (Psalm 130) ..... hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 17 ..... pew Bible page 926

The Sermon — **To the Gentiles: The World Turned Upside Down** ...Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow),  
from all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow).**

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.

## 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.

Charlie Barbour  
Eli Biggs  
Laura Box  
Andy Brown  
Bradley Burke  
Wyatt Collier  
Nolan Canoy  
Harrison Fulcher  
Sara Beth Henson  
Banks Hewitt  
Blair Hurst  
Wells Jordan  
Henry Lowry  
Jack Madden  
Peyton Mills  
Lytle Moore  
Cate Nall  
Rebekah Oakley  
Percy Oliver  
Katie Poole  
Warner Russ  
Luke H. Smith  
Luke R. Smith  
Sydney White

# GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## MARCH 2024

Below you will see where giving towards the church's ministry expenses stands through March 2024. Our church is seeing encouraging growth in our congregation and in our ministry. Please join us in minding the growing needs of our church body and our kingdom-work as you plan your giving.

### FPC MINISTRY

	MARCH 2024	YEAR TO DATE ACTUALS	YEAR TO DATE BUDGETED
GIVING	<b>\$573,563</b>	<b>\$1,564,018</b>	<b>\$1,552,085</b>
EXPENSES	<b>\$639,964</b>	<b>\$2,038,374</b>	<b>\$2,121,019</b>
NET GIVING OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	<b>(\$66,401)</b>	<b>(\$474,356)</b>	<b>(\$568,934)</b>

Every dollar we use to support global and national missions arrives at the church as a gift designated for missions, separate from our regular giving to support the ministry of FPC. Your missions giving directly supports 60+ global missionaries, 10+ campus ministers, and 15+ North American church planters. Please support the making of disciples around North America and around the world by making a gift to Missions by writing "Missions" on your check or by selecting "Missions" on our online giving platform.

### MISSIONS

	MARCH 2024	YEAR TO DATE APR '23–MAR '24
GIVING	<b>\$132,245</b>	<b>\$803,620</b>
EXPENSES	<b>\$84,391</b>	<b>\$1,003,028</b>
NET GIVING OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	<b>\$47,854</b>	<b>(\$199,408)</b>

# FPC THIS WEEK

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

## Monday, May 6, 2024

10:00 a.m.	Circle 2.....	Home of Finney Moore
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## Tuesday, May 7, 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
6:00 p.m.	Young Adults BBQ.....	the Tortorici Home (1822 Laurel St.)

## Wednesday, May 8, 2024

5:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner .....	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime.....	Playground
5:30 p.m.	Families Count (last class and graduation) .....	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 11, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting .....	PH
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## Sunday, May 12, 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)

LH—Lowe Hall MB—Main Building MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite  
PH—Patterson Hall SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

## 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.

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

**Adair Evans** – Adair serves with MTW among the refugees in Germany.  
email: [laurenadair.mtw@gmail.com](mailto:laurenadair.mtw@gmail.com)

**James Post** – James serves as the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Oklahoma.  
email: [james.post@ruf.org](mailto:james.post@ruf.org)

**PEARSON Foundation** – supported through Mission to Jackson, provides mentorship and discipleship to students through in-school mentoring, faith-based community mentoring in cooperation with the Rankin County Juvenile Court, after school activities, summer learning, and enrichment.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Harry Fulcher by his family.

## DEACON ELECTION — TODAY

This morning 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.

## UTAH MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING — TONIGHT

The mission team will be commissioned tonight for their trip to St. George, Utah. One of our most privileged responsibilities as a “sending body” is to pray for our short-term mission teams as they go out from our midst to be of gospel service to others. Follow our FPC Missions Instagram account [@fpcmissions](https://www.instagram.com/fpcmissions) for updates on their trip. You may also email Jo Lynn for the specific prayer requests at [jolynnm@fpcjackson.org](mailto:jolynnm@fpcjackson.org).

### Team Members

Thomas Clement, Elliott Farris, Peyton Gunter, Harper Keeler, Daniel Kerr, Scott Miller, Thomas Rogers, and Tim Tumutod.

## 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](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org) to reserve a place.

## JOIN FPC!

The next offering of the Foundations Class during the Sunday School hour will begin June 2. 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.

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Check out FPC’s 2023 Annual Report online at [fpcj.ms/annual-report](https://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. The report also illustrates the connection between our giving and the ministry value gained, including highlights of a number of ministries within FPC.