

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Reverend 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 — "Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness"Robert Graham
Rae Shannon, Organ

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

The Call to Worship

The Psalm No. 1 — "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (Psalm 100)

The Invocation

The Doxology W. Wymond

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer King.
We lift our voice in worship, together praise we sing.
You made the earth, the heavens, the stars, the seas, all things.
Now, joyfully, Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts to You we bring.

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

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn — "Before the Throne"Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

**When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me;
to look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God;
with Christ my Savior and my God!**

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 148.....pew Bible page 526

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

**The Offertory — “Pilgrim Song”Ryan Murphy
with Kathryn Edwards, Piano**

My brethren, I have found a land that doth abound with fruit as sweet as honey;
The more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined to shout and sing hosanna.
My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior;

And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.
Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child; I am a child of glory;
I am born from above, my soul is filled with love; I love to tell the story.
My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior.
And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.

My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings, and contemplates the hour
When the messenger shall say, 'Come quit this house of clay,
and with bright angels tower.'

My soul doth go where I may know the glory of my Savior;
And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Reading — 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5pew Bible page 986

**The Sermon Dr. Strain
Blameless at His Appearing: What Keeps Pastors Up at Night**

The Hymn No. 92 (stz. 1-3)— “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.**

The Postlude — “Maestoso” Hermann Schroeder

SERVICE GUIDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Christian is one who has been given truth to confess. The heart of our confession is the good news that God has come in the flesh to redeem helpless sinners from our natural state of sin and misery. But it is the bad news of our natural sin and misery that makes the good news intelligible. This is why it is necessary and truly beneficial that we, as God's people, corporately confess our sins in worship. Corporate confession is one way that we reorient ourselves to the shocking reality of the kindness, mercy, and inestimable love of God—"for even while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Our confession of sin also reminds us that we are ever dependent on His grace, because, in this life, we are ever struggling with the darkness of our own sinful hearts. The Bible is crystal clear that even though we've been justified by the blood of Christ, as long as we are on this earthly pilgrimage, we will always be at war with our sin (Col. 3:5). When we confess our sins together, we stop hiding, and we allow the light of God's grace to expose our deeds. And it is in this act of confession that His mercy renews us, fixes our eyes once again upon Christ, and cleanses our consciences to serve the Lord with gladness, joy, and hope—hope that even we can be made clean by the precious blood of Christ!

CATECHISM RECITATION

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

This evening, Liam Bowling will receive his Bible for recitation of *The Children's Catechism*, which consists of 150 questions and answers.

Catechism memory work begins at First Presbyterian Church 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.

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 Dr. Charles M. Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

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

The Recognition of the Children's Catechism Recitation

The Prelude — "Spirit of the Living God / Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
Iverson / Jackson

The Call to Worship — Psalm 124:8

The Hymn No. 343 — "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

The Invocation

The Hymn — "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand" hymn sheet

The Greetings

The St. George, Utah Mission Trip Report ... Mr. Harper Keeler, Ruling Elder

The Evening Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "Like a River Glorious" Mountain, arr. Rice

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

Q143. Will the Lord Jesus come again? **A. Yes! He will return to judge the world on the last day.**

Q144. What happens to believers when they die? **A. Our bodies will return to the dust and our souls will go to be with the Lord forever.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. George Herndon, Students and Families Intern

The Hymn (stz.1-2) — "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Samuel 18:1-9; 23:14-18 ... pew Bible page 241

The Sermon — Godly Friendship Dr. Wingard

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

I take, O Cross, thy shadow for My abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face,
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 23, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
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 Boyd Home (2693 Lake Circle)

Monday, June 24, 2024

2:00 p.m.	Junior High Snow Cone Summer.....	Nandy's Candy
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Tuesday, June 25, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Parlor
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Wednesday, June 26, 2024

5:00–6:00 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.	Membership Class.....	WH 204
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Programs	
	Adults: The Gospel at Hearth & Home	MH
	Children: Faithful to All His Promises.....	Playground
	Junior High and Senior High: D Groups.....	Youth House & Gym

Thursday, June 27, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Women's Summer Bible Study	WH 202

Saturday, June 29, 2024

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

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
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	Location TBD

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

GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

MAY 2024

Below you will see where giving towards the church's ministry expenses stands through May 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

	MAY 2024	YEAR TO DATE
GIVING	\$479,804	\$2,478,629
EXPENSES	\$706,715	\$3,439,623
BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$729,066	\$3,556,460
NET GIVING OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	(\$226,911)	(\$960,994)

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 the world by making a gift to Missions. You may write "Missions" on your check or select "Missions" on our online giving platform.

MISSIONS

	MAY 2024	YEAR TO DATE JAN '24–MAY '24
GIVING	\$74,590	\$440,892
EXPENSES	\$73,280	\$398,152
NET GIVING OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	\$1,310	\$42,740

Because giving is a meaningful part of our worship services at FPC, we want to enable those who give online or in a non-traditional way to actively participate in that part of our worship service along with those who put their checks or cash in the offering plate as it is passed. No matter the means you use to support FPC financially, you should be able to participate in the Offering portion of the Sunday worship service. For this purpose, "Online or Non-Traditional Giving Cards" are available in the tract racks located outside the sanctuary doors. We invite our online givers (or anyone making a gift to the church outside of the worship service) to take one of these cards and to place it in the offering plate when it is passed as part of your worship and as a tangible expression of your gift to the church. Thank you for supporting First Presbyterian Church in its work and worship!

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.

Rick & Terri Herr – Rick serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators as the Ethnic Radio Director and Field Systems customer relations; Terri works with Refuge 139 and Intercultural Communications. Email: rick-terri_herr@sil.org

Lowell & Mae Ivey – Lowell serves with Metanoia Prison Ministries as the Executive Director. Email: livey@pcanet.org

Mustard Seed – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, The Mustard Seed is a Christian organization seeking to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities. Website: mustardseedms.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marilee Goelz by her parents, John and Debbie.

JOIN US FOR SUMMER MIDWEEK!

Join us at Midweek this summer: Dinner is from 5-6 p.m. in Miller Hall, and then stay as we gather for our summer series, **The Gospel at Hearth and Home: Seven Weeks on Cultivating Gospel-Shaped Homes**. For children who are rising fours through rising sixth graders, we have Midweek Summer Nights series: **Faithful to All His Promises**. Our Youth Ministry Midweek programs will meet in the Youth House as well as the Baird Center Gym for Bible study and hang out time.

WOMEN’S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This summer, our women’s Bible study will work through The Beatitudes using John Stott’s book as our guide. If you have to miss a week, jump back in when you’re in town. This Bible study is for women of all ages and stages. Join us as Donna Dobbs and Anne Marie Kerr guide us along the way on Thursdays this summer; June 20, 27, July 11, and 18; 10–11:15 a.m. in Westminster Hall 202.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY IS 50!

Our MOMS Bible study is celebrating 50 years of ministry to the young mothers in our church. We would especially like to acknowledge the ladies who have served as teachers over the years: Judy Terry, Jo Lynn Swayze, Nan Kipp, and Jane Wiggins. Thanks to these ladies and the many others who have served behind the scenes to thousands of young women in our church and the whole Jackson area.

MEN’S MINISTRY ST. LOUIS TRIP — JULY 12–14

Men, sign up to be part of the adventure in St. Louis! Bring a child or grandchild to witness great baseball as the Cardinals and Cubs play for the win. The cost is \$250/person, not including meals and St. Louis sightseeing. This trip is always fun and filled with great memories. Register online at fpcj.ms/events.

SUPPORT GROUPS

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, weekly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, biblical reflection, and prayer. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism meet for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.