

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth 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 Dr. Charles M. Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Deborah Govenor
Dr. Grace Shumaker, Piano; Rae Shannon, Organ

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

The Call to Worship — Psalm 135:13–21

The Hymn No. 389 — “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” (Psalm 118)

The Invocation

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 through-out eternity.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn — “Speak O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today

**in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail,
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.**

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 149.....pew Bible page 526

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “If Ye Love Me” Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter.
That He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth.

And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you,
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Reading — 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10.....pew Bible page 987

The Sermon Dr. Strain

Blameless at His Appearing: Good News about a Growing Church

The Hymn No. 76 (stz. 1–4)— “Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven” (Psalm 103)

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 — “Jesus Shall Reign”Albin C. Whitworth

SERVICE GUIDE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles' Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its author, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is "Apostolic" in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: "Ghost" is employed where we would use "Spirit," the word "quick" where we would use "living," and "catholic" where we would use "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.

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 Mr. Gary W. Sinclair
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

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

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

The Prelude — “My Heart Ever Faithful” Bach / Friedman
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 57:1-3, 11

The Hymn No. 457 — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Dr. Sam Hensley, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Fairest Lord Jesus / All Creatures of Our God and King”
Traditional / arr. Lipscombe

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

Q145. What happens to unbelievers when they die? **A. Their bodies will return to dust also, but their souls will go to hell.**

Q146. What is hell? **A. Hell is an awful place, where unbelievers are separated from God to suffer for their sins.**

* The Meditation & PrayerDr. Charlie Wingard, Minister of Shepherding

The Hymn (stz.1-4) — “Who Are These Like Stars Appearing” ...hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Samuel 24:1-22 pew Bible page 246

The Sermon — God Continues to Shape David’s Heart Mr. Sinclair

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**These, like priests, have watched and waited, offering up to Christ their will,
Soul and body consecrated, day and night to serve him still;
Now, in God’s most holy place, blest they stand before his face.**

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 30, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday SchoolVarious 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 WorshipSanctuary
(age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)
7:30 p.m. Senior High Insightthe Lowry Home (4144 Oakridge Dr.)

Monday, July 1, 2024

2:00 p.m. Junior High Snow Cone Summer.....Nandy's Candy

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

9:30 a.m. French Camp Quilters..... Parlor

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

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

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 5, 2024

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Saturday, July 6, 2024

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast PH

Sunday, July 7, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday SchoolVarious 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 WorshipSanctuary
(age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)
7:30 p.m. Senior High Insightthe Watkins Home (2212 Heritage Hill Dr.)

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

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEERS FOR FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD GRADE

Dea Bowling
Michael Bowling
David Case
Genneysa Case
Kathryn Edwards
Steve Edwards
Lou Ann Flatgard
Cherry Dean Fyke
Jim Galbraith
Melissa Galbraith
Justin Goebel
Kristen Goebel
DeeDee Hester
John Eric Hester
Allison Jeffries
Brad Jeffries

Ann Kemp
Christy Ketchum
Dallis Ketchum
Mary Jordan
Lamar
Willem Lamar
Kellon Lawrence
Rae Ann Lawrence
Kelly Love
Sam Love
Ann Lowry
Buzz Lowry
Alston Ludwig
Lauren Ludwig
Teri Newcomb
Katie Nicholas

Taylor Nicholas
Ann Owen
Lee Owen
Marcia Penn
Becky Perrett
Fred Perrett
Jeff Sumrall
Kimberly Sumrall
Kurt Vande Streek
Mary Ellen
Vande Streek
Arthur
Wadsworth
Margaret
Wadsworth
Coles Wilkins
Julie Wyatt

First Presbyterian Church

**CHILDREN'S
Ministry**

"rooted and built up in Him"
- Colossians 2:7

Sunday mornings in the Children's Ministry are a joyful time as our children learn the Bible, sing hymns, and are shown the love of Christ! This weekly program would not be possible without all our dedicated volunteers who edify, nurture, and guide our covenant children.

Get Involved

Join us in this ministry by volunteering to be a Sunday School teacher for the upcoming year, which begins September 1. There are many opportunities for service including taking roll, helping with crafts, leading music, accompanying songs, or being a "Table Buddy" who encourages children in learning scripture and catechism memorization. To volunteer or for more information, contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 769-230-3626.

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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.

Mark & Jane Kuo – Mark is serving as a Church Planter in Taiwan under Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church, Simpsonville, SC. email: markchkuo@gmail.com

Daniel & Molly Tortorici – Daniel serves with RUF as the Associate Campus Minister at the University of Alabama. email: daniel.tortorici@ruf.org

Young Life of Jackson – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Young Life seeks to share the gospel, lead adolescents to Christ, and help them grow in their faith.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert C. Cannada, a ruling elder of First Presbyterian Church, who was instrumental in the founding of the Presbyterian Church in America and Reformed Theological Seminary.

FPC DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

We are thrilled to announce that Rupert Hunt Taylor has been named Director of Discipleship at FPC. In this role, he will be taking on the responsibilities that David Felker has held as Minister of Discipleship, heading up our Adult Sunday School operations, Midweek programming, and Men's Ministry. This shift will allow Rev. Felker to focus his efforts on his role as Executive Minister of FPC. Rupert, who is a native of the United Kingdom, joined our Intern staff last year when he began his Master of Divinity studies at RTS. Rupert was originally ordained in 2014 as Associate Minister at the Tron Church, Glasgow, and served as a part-time tutor on the Cornhill Scotland course in expository preaching. In 2016, he was installed as minister of Edinburgh North Church, where he pastored for seven years. Prior to ministry, Rupert worked as a veterinary surgeon. He is married to Jen, and they have four children.

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 TWIN LAKES CAMP

Twin Lakes Summer Camp 2024 is underway. This summer, approximately 1,500 children will form friendships, enjoy fun-filled activities, experience the outdoors, and hear and see the gospel lived out through their counselors in this vital ministry of First Presbyterian Church. As the summer camp staff facilitates this ministry across 600 acres of campground, there is a need for additional camp transportation. **If you or someone you know has a golf cart, four-wheeler, Mule, Gator, or similar vehicle that is no longer being used or for which you may be considering a replacement or an upgrade, please consider donating it to Twin Lakes.** If you itemize, you should be able to take a deduction for the fair market value of the vehicle being donated. If you are interested in discussing donating a vehicle to Twin Lakes, or other ways to support the camp, please contact Chase Wynn, Director of Giving and Stewardship, at 662-397-0579 or chasew@fpcjackson.org. Thank you for considering supporting the ministry of Twin Lakes in this way!

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.