

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Ninth 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. 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 — "Gaelic Morning" arr. Dan Forrest
Dr. Grace Shumaker, Piano

The Introit — "We Come O Christ to You"

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 32 — "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

The Invocation

The Doxology

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

The Gideon Report Mr. Reginald Blunt

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 51 — "O Jehovah, Hear My Words"

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 147 pew Bible page 525

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "God So Loved the World" Carl Nygard, Jr.

God so loved the world, so loved the world, so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son, that He gave His only Son.

God so loved the world that everyone who would believe, who would believe,
in His only Son, shall have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
But God so loved the world that through His Son the world might be saved,
the world might be saved.

God so loved the world, so loved the world, so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son, that He gave His only Son
That all who would believe, believe in Him, who would believe in Him
would have everlasting life, would have everlasting life.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Reading — 1 Thessalonians 2:13–16pew Bible page 986

The Sermon..... Dr. Strain
Blameless at His Appearing: Responding to the Gospel

The Hymn No. 347 (stz. 1–5)— “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

The Postlude — “He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him” J.S. Bach
Rae Shannon, Organ



GIDEON SUNDAY

Today is Gideon Sunday. Gideons International is a nonprofit organization supported by individual Christians, local churches, and pastors who realize that presenting people with the Holy Scriptures is an indispensable element in winning them to Christ. All contributions are used to make it possible for others to have their own copy of God’s Word as a free gift.

An offering will be taken at the end of both morning worship services, as you exit the Sanctuary. If you want to receive contribution credit through FPC, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with “Gideon” in the memo line.

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. Scott H. Miller
Young Adults and College Minister

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

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

The Prelude — “He Will Hold Me Fast”Merker
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 145:1–3

The Hymn — “In God the Mighty Father” hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn — “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Offering

***The Offertory** — “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” Rodgers/Wyse
Gabbie Bowden, Alto; Paul Bowden, Tenor; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Samuel 18:6–16 pew Bible page 241

The Sermon — A Jealous King.....Mr. Miller

The Hymn No. 332 (stz. 1–3)— “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

The Lord’s Supper

The Words of Institution
The Invitation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove, with all your quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Savior’s love, and that shall kindle ours.**

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.

GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23–26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

The Lord's Table

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

Christ's Presence

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9, 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 Russ Home (2337 Twin Lakes Cir.)

Monday, June 10, 2024

10:30 a.m.	Caregivers' Support Group.....	WH 202 B
2:00 p.m.	Junior High Snow Cone Summer.....	Nandy's Candy

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Parlor
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Wednesday, June 12, 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.	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 13, 2024

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

Friday, June 14, 2024

11:30 a.m.	Senior Adults Luncheon	the Creekmore's (143 McHarris Rd.)
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Saturday, June 15, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, June 16, 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 Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd.)

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

CAREGIVERS MINISTRY — JUNE 10

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet Monday, June 10, in Westminster Hall 202B from 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. The purpose of our Caregivers' Ministry is to gather similarly situated caregivers who desire to learn, share stories, and grieve as we walk together through the valley of a loved one's suffering with dementia and dementia-related illness. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Fairly at 601-941-5004.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

For five weeks this summer, our women's Bible study will work our way 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 13, 20, 27, July 11, and 18; 10–11:15 a.m. in Westminster Hall 202.

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 769-572-3535 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 — MEMBERSHIP CLASS BEGINS JUNE 19

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 distinctiveness 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.

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.

MOTHER DAUGHTER SISTER FRIEND DINNER

Devotion to the Word

We know that as Christian women, we are called to be devoted to the Word by spending time in it regularly, but we often struggle to do that. At the Mother Daughter Sister Friend Dinner, Boopie Beard, Mary Helen McGee, and Ella Payne will share some of their own stories and recommended resources for various stages of life. The menu will include a picnic fare of sliders and hot dogs, fruit, homemade chips and ice cream. Join us on Tuesday, June 18 at 6 p.m. for a delicious and encouraging time! Register online at fpcj.ms/events.

CHILDREN'S CHURCHTIME

Children's Churchtime has concluded for the summer. Childcare during 11 a.m. worship service for those in the Threes Class is available in room N4 in the nursery. Children in the Fours Class are invited to attend the service with their parents. Children's Churchtime will resume in September.

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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.

Abigail Conroy – serving with MTW in El Salvador; email: abigail.conroy@mtw.org

Franky & Alaina Garcia – serving with MNA in Gatineau, Quebec, Canada as a church planter; email: frank@gracegatineau.ca

Mission First – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Mission First is an inner-city mission organization that seeks to meet the tangible needs of individuals as an avenue to engage their paramount spiritual needs. email: lthigpen@missionfirst.org

FLOWERS

To God be the glory! MOMS Bible Study is 50! In 1974, Jo Lynn Swayze started a Bible study with eight women. The Lord has grown it to include 150 women on Wednesday mornings and Tuesday evenings. The flowers today are given as a celebration of MOMS Bible Study and as a thank you to the ladies who have taught over the years: Jo Lynn Swayze, Nan Kipp, and Jane Wiggins.

EVENING COMMUNION — TONIGHT

Communion will be observed in the evening worship service. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements are available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the PCA will be held June 10-14 in Richmond, Virginia. The following church leaders and pastors will attend this year:

Ruling Elders
Stuart Clarke
David Cleland
Ned Currie
Wayne Husband
Alan Walters
Mark Windham

Teaching Elders
Wiley Lowry
Jamie Peipon
David Strain
Charlie Wingard

JOIN US FOR SUMMER MIDWEEK!

Our Summer quarter of Midweek begins this Wednesday, June 12. We begin with dinner from 5–6 p.m. in Miller Hall. Programs for all ages begin at 6 p.m.

For adults, D groups will not meet over the summer, but we will gather in Miller Hall for a large-group summer series: **The Gospel at Hearth and Home: 7 Weeks on Cultivating Gospel-Shaped Homes**. What does a flourishing Christian home look like? Whether we live on our own, or in a big household, our homes are places for Jesus and his work in the world. This summer we want to spend Midweek thinking and praying together about how the gospel shapes our home lives.

For children who are rising fourths through rising sixth graders, we have Midweek Summer Nights series: **Faithful to All His Promises**. Come celebrate the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father whose promises are all “Yes and Amen” in Christ! Using 2 Cor. 1:20 as our theme verse, each week we’ll explore a precious promise God has given His children in Christ! We will have teaching, crafts, and other fun activities each week.

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.