

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

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

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF THE LORD

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

The Prelude — “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”Gerald Near
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Let Thy Holy Presence”Paul Tchesnokov

The Call to Worship — Romans 15:5-6

The Hymn No. 660 — “O God beyond All Praising”

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology — “Gloria Patri”Greatorex
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

The Offering

The Offertory — “Come Christians, Join to Sing” Gordon Young

Come Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Sing alleluia, O sing Alleluia! O sing, sing, sing: O sing Alleluia; O sing alleluia!
O sing alleluia, O sing alleluia! O sing Alleluia; O sing, sing Alleluia! Alleluia.

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky! Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen! Amen! Amen!

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12pew Bible page 987

The Sermon..... Dr. Strain
Blameless at His Appearing; Sanctification: The Will of God for You

The Hymn No. 472 — “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched”

COMMUNING AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

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 Hymn No. 661 — “As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams” ... Tune: *Arlington*

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

The Postlude — “Come People of the Risen King”Getty/Townend

GUIDE TO THE MORNING 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.

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. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

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

The Prelude — “Mirror of the Past” Caleb Hudson
Mike Beasley, Trumpet; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 63:1–4

The Hymn — “Arise, My Soul, Arise” hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 2 — “O Worship the King”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Spence Flatgard, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “My Tribute” Andre Crouch; arr. Linn

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

Q150. What will the new heaven and the new earth be like? **A. A glorious and happy place, where the saved will be with Jesus forever.**

* The Meditation & PrayerMr. Wiley Lowry, Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care

The Hymn (stz. 1–4) — “Lo, He Comes” hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Samuel 1:1–12; 5:1–5...pew Bible page 254

The Sermon — A King Enthroned Mr. Sinclair

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne.
Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for Thine own.
O come quickly! O come quickly! Alleluia! Come, Lord, come.**

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, July 14, 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 202A
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.)

Monday, July 15, 2024

2:00 p.m.	Junior High Snow Cone Summer.....	Nandy's Candy
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Tuesday, July 16, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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Wednesday, July 17, 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, July 18, 2024

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

Saturday, July 20, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast.....	PH
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Sunday, July 21, 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 202A
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 Jordan Home (9 Pond Side 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

SANCTUARY GUIDELINES

To help ensure the safety of our congregation, backpacks and large bags are not allowed in the sanctuary. If you come to church with a large bag, you will be asked to leave it in the Deacon's Closet in the sanctuary foyer and may retrieve it following the service. Also, please do not bring food or drinks (including travel mugs, water bottles, etc.) into the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE TWOS AND THREES CLASSES

Maury Ball

Nan Kipp

Nathan

Mary

Helen Lewis

Oakley

Bowden

Gina McRae

Bill Payne

Debbie

Glynda

Judy Payne

Brock

Mosby

Katy

Ann Davis

Alice

Roberson

Rusty

Nicholas

Cindy

Hawkins

Elizabeth

Snowden

Emily Hoff

Noblin

Ruby Ann

Kern Hoff

Larry Noblin

Walsh

Julie Jordan

Deborah

Charlotte

Crane Kipp

Oakley

Watkins

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.

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.

Andrew Sheppard – Andrew serves in evangelism, discipleship, and mentoring of university students with Mission to the World in Ukraine. email: ADShep7@gmail.com

Tim & Lana Higginbotham – Tim serves as the Operations Director of North American Indigenous Ministries (NAIM) overseeing field directors and ministries. email: higginbotham@naim.ca

PEARSON Foundation – Supported through Mission to Jackson, PEARSON 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 and summer learning and enrichment.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Quinn on behalf of the Belhaven University School of Education.

COMMUNION — TODAY

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

SUPPORT TWIN LAKES CAMP

This summer at Twin Lakes Camp, 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 our 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 supporting the ministry of Twin Lakes!

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

Our women's Bible study will continue to work through The Beatitudes using John Stott's book as our guide, July 18 at 10–11:15 a.m. in Westminster Hall 202. Join us!

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

GriefShare is a ministry of support and encouragement for those grieving the death of a loved one. Using the Bible and the shared experience of others, participants will discover how to navigate the profound difficulties of bereavement. Our next 13-week GriefShare course will begin Wednesday, August 21, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. To register, please contact Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.