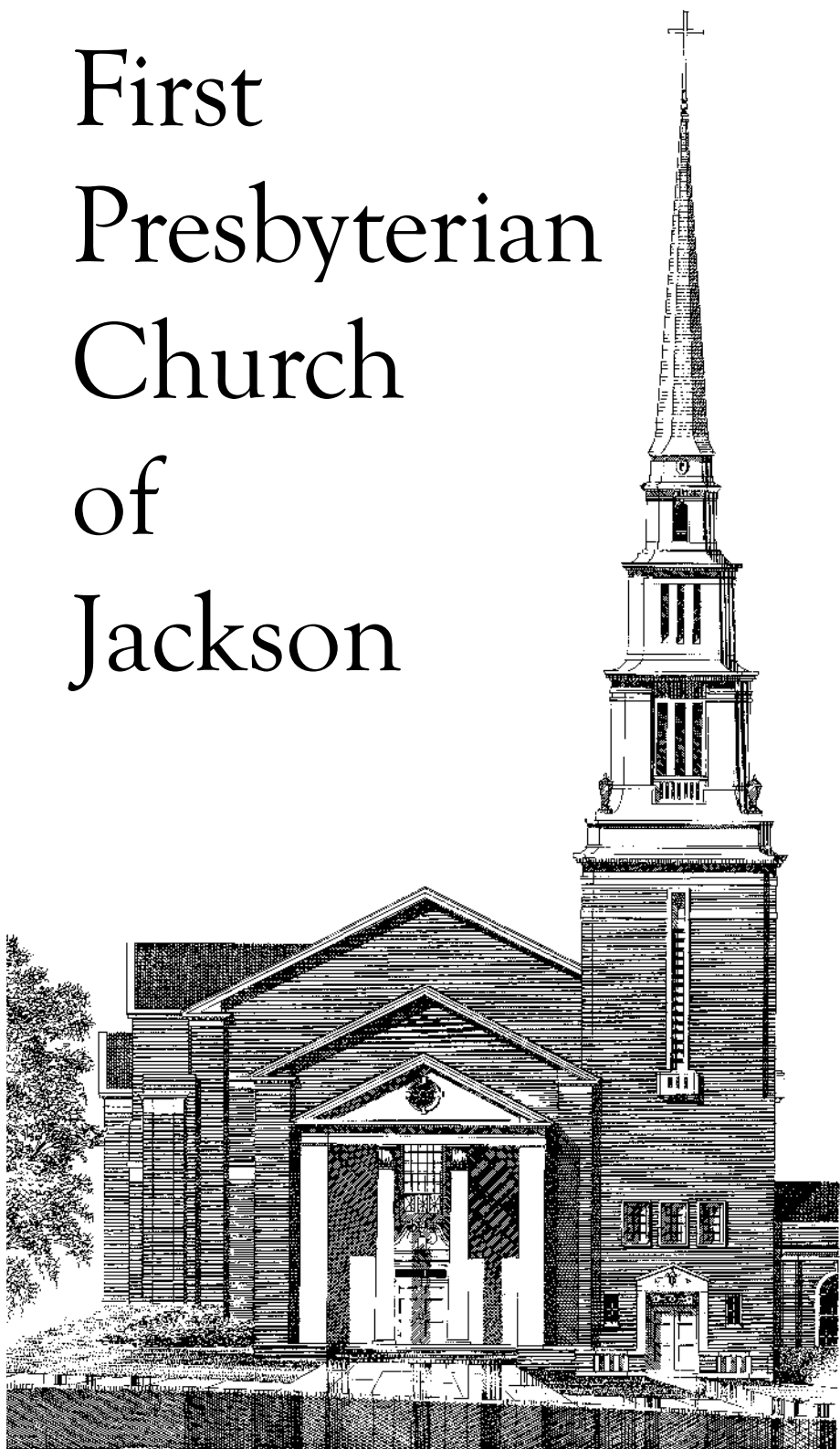


The
First
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Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-First 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 Dr. Charles M. Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

ADORING THE COVENANT LORD

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

The Prelude — “Humbly I Adore Thee” Robert Lau
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Come! Join Our Cheerful Song!” Dale Wood

The Call to Worship — Psalm 96:11–13

The Hymn No. 64 — “God, the Lord, a King Remaineth” (Psalm 93)

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology — “O Father, You Are Sovereign”Tune: *St. Theodulph*
**O Father, You are Sovereign, in all the worlds You made,
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.**

RECEIVING THE COVENANT SIGN

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families
The Biblical Promise
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Baptism
The Baptismal Benediction

The Hymn No. 189 (stzs. 1 & 2) — “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

The Offering

The Offertory — “I Need Thee Every Hour” Barlow Bradford

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
Oh, bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee!

I need Thee every hour; stay Thou nearby.
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
Oh, bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee!

I need Thee every hour; in joy or pain.
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
Oh, bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee!

I need Thee every hour; most holy One,
Oh, make me thine indeed, Thou blessed Son
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
Oh, bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee!
Oh, bless me now my Savior, I come, come to Thee!

HEARING THE COVENANT WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 ...pew Bible page 987

The Sermon..... Dr. Strain
Blameless at His Appearing: Our Hope in Life and Death

The Hymn 521 (stzs. 1–3) — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.**

The Postlude — “The Tree of Life” K. Lee Scott

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.

THE VOWS OF BAPTISM

In order for the congregation to participate in the sacrament of baptism and to refresh our own commitment to these vows, the vows of baptism are included below:

TO THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO

George Bennett Blakney
son of Ady and Brad Blakney

Nora Jean Jackson
daughter of Ellie and Ben Jackson

Helen Easterling Matheny
daughter of Lauren and Harrison Matheny

Henry Grafton Peaster
son of Lucie and Josh Peaster

Turner Michael Rogers
son of Barrett and Austin Rogers

Samuel Robert Russell
son of Mollie and Andrew Russell

Elizabeth "Betsy" Parke Rutherford
daughter of Erin and Matt Rutherford

Walker Alexander West
son of Anna Laura and Hayden West

The next baptism date is September 15, 2024.
Spaces are available for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.
Please email emilye@fpcjackson.org to reserve a place.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

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

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

The Prelude — “For the Beauty of the Earth”Kocher, arr. Rice
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 302 — “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “O Day of Rest and Gladness” (hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Report from the General AssemblyMr. Ned Currie, Ruling Elder

The Evening Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “Be Still, My Soul” Von Schlegel / Owens
Lisa Lamb, Soloist; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q1. Who made you? **A. God.**

Q2. What else did God make? **A. God made all things.**

Q3. Why did God make you and all things? **A. For his own glory.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Jennings Duncan, Congregational Care Intern

The Hymn 128 (stz. 1-5) — “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Samuel 7:18-29 pew Bible page 259

The Sermon — The Courage to Pray Mr. Peipon

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Blind unbelief is sure to err; and scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.**

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 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.)

Monday, July 22, 2024

2:00 p.m.	Junior High Snow Cone Summer.....	Nandy's Candy
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Tuesday, July 23, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	WH 302

Wednesday, July 24, 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 25, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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Saturday, July 27, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, July 28, 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.	Peru Team Report	MH
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)
7:00 p.m.	Retirement Reception for Hellen Powell	Miller Hall
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Henson Home (4 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 FOURS AND FIVES CLASSES

Beth Allgood

Jamey Elkin

Emily McVey

CC Allgood

Sarah

John McVey

John Allgood

Elizabeth
Elkin

Tara Mounger

Buddy

Mary Ellison

Marcia Penn

Bartling

Phoebe
Kruger

Bobbie Pharo

Linda Bartling

Mike Manning

Mary Shapley

Charlie Bock

Cathy May

Taylor Smith

Melissa Boyd

George May

Lori Smith

Stewart Boyd

John McBride

Jane Stringer

Katy Creath

Karen
McBride

Treasure
Tyson

Sophie Creath

Jan Wade

Auston
Edwards

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, 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.

Clarke & Khrystya Norton – Clarke serves as a church planter in Lviv, Ukraine.
email: hecnorton@gmail.com

Devon & Taylor Rossman – Devon serves as a church planter in Mount Pleasant, MI.
email: devon@fellowshipmp.org

Gateway Rescue Mission – Gateway offers life-changing hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to homeless men, women and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling, and discipleship.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Margaret Anne Forester — July 11, 2024

FLOWERS

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Anne Forester by the Covenant Sunday School class. The flowers in the narthex are given in thankfulness to God for her life by her family.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT — TONIGHT

Join us tonight during the evening worship service when we will hear a report from Ned Currie, one of our elders who attended the General Assembly of the PCA. Come hear about current important issues and praise God with us for 51 years of the Presbyterian Church in America.

HELLEN POWELL RETIREMENT RECEPTION — JULY 28

After forty-six years of faithful service in our nursery, Hellen Powell will be retiring at the end of July. Hellen has cared for generations of our covenant children here at First Presbyterian—always with a tender word and a comforting hand. As you see Hellen in the coming weeks, please express your gratitude for all that she has meant to the life of our church. Please join us for a reception in her honor following the evening service on Sunday, July 28.

MIDWEEK

Summer Midweek will continue for two more weeks for all ages, and then take a break on August 7. Plan now to join us for our fall Midweek Kickoff on Wednesday August 14! Games, food, and family fun! We want to follow through on our summer teaching by welcoming new friends to our church “home,” so invite someone new to this fun event. More details to follow!

GRIEFSHARE 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.

SERVE DAY 2024 — SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for the third annual FPC Serve Day: October 12. Mark your calendars now and plan to spend the day with your church family serving our community in many different ways! Details to come.