

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh 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. 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 — “All Things Bright and Beautiful” David Paxton
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Awake, My Heart” Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 57 — “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul” (Psalm 146)

The Invocation

The Doxology — “Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory Be to God on High”tune: *Hyfrydol*
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

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

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 150.....pew Bible page 526

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “For the Beauty of the Earth”arr. Mark Hayes

With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies.
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night.
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight.
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord to all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
This is our hymn of grateful praise!

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Reading — 1 Thessalonians 3:11–13pew Bible page 987

The Sermon — **Blameless at His Appearing: A Prayer for Holiness...** Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 642 (stz. 1–4) — “Be Thou My Vision”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**High King of heaven my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

The Postlude — “Old Hundredth” Fred Bock

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

Mr. William H. Skinner
Senior Minister's and Discipleship Intern

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

The Prelude — “The Love of God / My Jesus, I Love Thee” ...Lehman / Gordon
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 150:1-2

The Hymn No. 94 — “How Firm a Foundation”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “The Sands of Time are Sinking” hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Dr. Bill Harper, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Winkler
Olivia Case, Alto Saxophone; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q147. Will the bodies of all the dead be raised again? **A. Yes. At the last day some will be raised to everlasting life and others to everlasting death.**

Q148. What will God do to unbelievers at the last day? **A. He will judge them, and condemn them to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire with Satan and his angels.**

Q149. What will God do for believers at the last day? **A. He will give them a home with him in the new heaven and the new earth.**

* The Meditation & PrayerMr. Tim Tumutod, AV/IT Intern

The Hymn No. 345 (stz. 1-3)— “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Samuel 27-28:2; 29 ... pew Bible page 249

The Sermon — Silent SovereigntyMr. Miller

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.**

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION

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

Hall Bailey	Arthur Davis	Paul Hurst	Ben Roberson
Mark Baird	Steve Edwards	Wayne Husband	Steve Rosenblatt
Kyle Ball	David Elkin	Rob Jones	Richard Russ
Ken Ball	Parker Ellison	Harper Keeler	John Lowe Smith
Bo Bowen	George Fair	Crane Kipp	Paul Stephenson
Max Bowman	Spence Flatgard	Stephen Kruger	Bill Stone
Bud Bratley	Craig Flowers	George May	Danny Story
Sharkey Burke	Marcy Forester	Doug McDaniel	Tian Teh
Stuart Clarke	Dave Fulcher	John McVey	Tim Threadgill
David Cleland	Matt Graves	Hu Meena	Mike Tramel
Reid Cotten	Claude Harbarger	Jimmy Moore	Barry Vickery
Jack Crawford	William Harper	John Neill	Alan Walters
Holt Crews	Sam Hensley	Phillip Parker	Cal Wells
Bob Cunningham	Zeb Henson	Bill Payne	Marcus Wilson
Ned Currie	Larry Houchins	Richard Ridgway	Mark Windham

Elders Emeriti

Buddy Bartling, David Bowling, John Buchanan, Don Cannada, Bill Cox, Jr., John Crawford, Doug Dale, Sr., Owen Elder, Bebo Elkin, Ken Fairly, Alan Futvoye, Dick Johnson, Rob Love, Buz Lowry, Robert Mims, Jim Moore, Doyle Moorhead, Lee Owen, Jojo Payne, Bill Penn, Tom Rice, Mark Sorgenfrei, Marvin Stockett, Orrin Swayze, Jim Tohill, Noel Toler

THE DIACONATE

Charles Barbour	Bailey Fair	John McBride	Taylor Smith
Will Barbour	Paul Forster	Guy McClain	Cary Spence
Walter Brand	Matt Glover	Jason McNeel	Ernie Strahan
Jay Brown	Henry Greaves	Read Meadows	Jeff Sumrall
Turner Brown	Bo Gregg	Sanford Moore	Stewart Swayze
Jesse Browning	William Griffin	Doug Morgan	Ford Terry
Brooks Buchanan	Anthony Hall	Mike Myers	Bowen Thigpen
Matthew Burrow	Ty Hardy	Nathan Oakley	Lee Thorne
Beau Burrow	Michael Hogue	Rob Oates	Les Triplett
Glen Bush	Allen Holiman	Lee Owen	Hugh Trussell
David Case	Josh Hollingsworth	Virgil Payne	Matthew Turnage
Bill Crim	Harrison Hood	Matt Peaster	Will Vise
T Dale	Dallis Ketchum	Jim Poole	Arthur Wadsworth
Paul Davis	Rob Lake	Trey Porter	Alan J. Walters
Price Davis	Willem Lamar	Jim Prince	Lee J. Webb
John Davis	Robert Leard	Jonathan Randle	Coles Wilkins Jr
Dave Dear III	Alston Ludwig	Weston Russ	Neil Witherow
William Denney	David Luter	Bryan Rutledge	Walt Wofford
Gary Dye	David Marchetti	Ken Seawright	Chris Wyatt
Auston Edwards	Harrison Matheny	Jeff Skelton	Chase Wynn
Jamey Elkin		Brian Smith	

Deacons Emeriti

John Allgood, Matt Ballew, Lewis Bell, Vic Blaylock, Barry Cannada, John Cox, Paul Cox, Bobby Dye, Larry Edwards, Robert Feild, Buddy Graham, Gary Herring, Jim House, Carey Johnston, Mike Manning, Robert Miller, Walter Newman, Lee Paris II, Cy Rosenblatt, William F. Sneed, Joe Uithoven, Joe Wilkins, Johnny Young

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 7, 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 Watkins Home (2212 Heritage Hill Dr.)

Monday, July 8, 2024

8:30 a.m.	SH RYM Registration	YH
10:30 a.m.	Caregivers' Support Group.....	WH 202B
2:00 p.m.	Junior High Snow Cone Summer.....	Nandy's Candy
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting.....	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting.....	MS

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Parlor
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Wednesday, July 10, 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 11, 2024

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

Saturday, July 13, 2024

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

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

PLEASE NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE SANCTUARY

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 FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH GRADE

Debbie
Dempsey

Carol Anne
Miconi

Ken Ball
Sharkey
Burke

Jennings
Duncan

 Cassie
Graves

Matt Graves

Claude
Harbarger

Karis
Harbarger

David
Kimball
Linda Lash

Karys
McEwen

Tina Oates
Lynn Pearson

Spencer
Ritchie

Petula
Sinclair

Will Tabor
Sharon Teh

Hugh
Trussell

Linda
Waterloo

Neil
Witherow

Frank York

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.

The Professors – The “Professors” serve with Mission to the World in Asia researching and developing curriculum used in many situations by believers around the world.

Andrew & Vanessa Chesebro – Andrew serves as a church planter in Brighton, MI. email: andrew@pathwaypca.com

The Center for Pregnancy Choices – The CPC, supported through Mission to Jackson, offers alternatives to abortion for women experiencing crisis pregnancies, while declaring the good news about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with an emphasis on abstinence education and presenting adoption as a loving option.

COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

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

CAREGIVERS’ MINISTRY — JULY 8

The Caregivers’ Support Group will meet Monday, July 8, 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.

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 11 and 18 at 10–11:15 a.m. in Westminster Hall 202. Join us!

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.