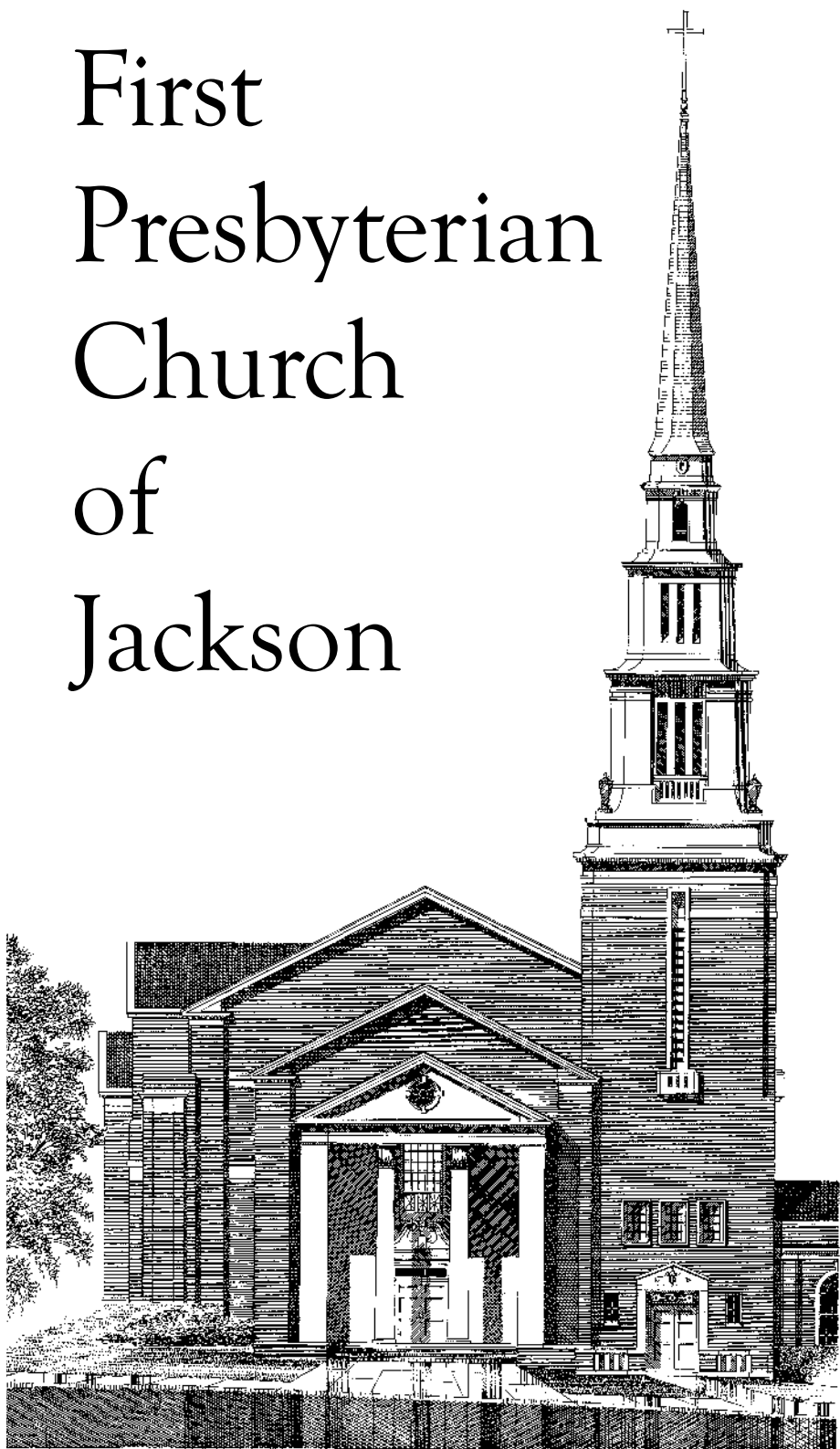


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Eighth 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. Gary W. Sinclair
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Abendlied” Josef Gabriel Rheinberger
Emily Williams, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

The Call to Worship — Ephesians 5:18b–20

The Hymn No. 498 — “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

The Invocation

The Doxology — “Gloria Patri” Austrian Hymn
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Trinity.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God; begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven:
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

SEEKING GOD’S FACE

The Hymn No. 332 — “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

The Old Testament Reading — Malachi 2:17–3:4pew Bible page 802

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.
Be Thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home. Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 ...pew Bible page 987

The Sermon — Blameless at His Appearing: The Day of the Lord Dr. Strain

The Hymn 499 (stz. 1–3) — “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.**

The Postlude — “O God Beyond All Praising”Holst/Hayes

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed was first written in 325, building upon the Apostles' Creed, in response to the needs of the church of the time. There were those who rejected the clear teaching of Jesus's divinity. Therefore, the creed emphasizes the divinity of Christ. He is affirmed to exist before all worlds. He is not a creature, having been made, but he is begotten, being of the one and same substance as the Father. He is not, as some said, of a "similar substance," meaning he is like God; rather, Jesus is of the same substance, meaning he is God. Jesus is pre-existent and equal with God. It is by Christ that all things have been made.

Then, in 381, the creed was revised largely to highlight the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Finally, in the 6th century, a final clause "and the son" was added, to emphasize that the Holy Spirit proceeds not only from the Father but also from the Son. This creed clearly shows the closeness, the glory, and the equality of our triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 Dr. Charles M. Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

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

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

The Prelude — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”Peace / arr. Rouse
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Lamentations 3:22-23

The Hymn No. 32 — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 700 — “Come, We That Love the Lord”

The Greetings

The Honduras Team Mission Report ... Miss Sara Beth Henson, Team Member

The Evening Prayer..... Dr. Reid Cotten, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “I'd Rather Have Jesus/Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
Shea / Kirkpatrick / arr. Lipscombe

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

Q4. How can you glorify God? **A. By loving him and doing what he commands.**

Q5. Why are you to glorify God? **A. Because he made me and takes care of me.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Stephen Biggs, Director of Students & Families

The Hymn (stz. 1-4) — “From the Depths of Woe” (Psalm 130) ... hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Samuel 12:1-15 pew Bible page 263

The Sermon — That One Sin.....Dr. Wingard

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Though great our sins and sore our woes. His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow...from all their sin and sorrow.**

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 28, 2024

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| 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) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Retirement Reception for Hellen Powell | Miller Hall |
| 7:30 p.m. | Senior High Insight | the Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.) |

Monday, July 29, 2024

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| 2:00 p.m. | Junior High Snow Cone Summer..... | Nandy's Candy |
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Tuesday, July 30, 2024

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

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

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| 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 |
| | Youth House Olympics..... | Baird Center Gym |

Thursday, August 1, 2024

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| 9:30 a.m. | French Camp Quilters..... | Bookstore |
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Saturday, August 3, 2024

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| 7:30 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast | PH |
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Sunday, August 4, 2024

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| 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 Box Home (5316 Red Fox Rd.) |

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.

GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

JUNE 2024

Your giving to your local church is a faithful act of worship to our Father! By giving to FPC, you are helping drive ministry that could not happen without your generosity. One way your giving to FPC advances God's kingdom is through our church's core commitment to the training up of men to be pastors! Through ministries like our pastoral intern program, Twin Lakes Fellowship, our new fellows program, and our partnership with Reformed Theological Seminary, FPC has the privilege of helping train and develop ministers who will ultimately go out to churches across the country and around the globe. Every time you give of your treasure back to God through FPC, you are making an investment in the preaching and teaching of God's word across the globe.

As you can see below, June 2024 was a great month of giving to FPC and to Missions. Your generosity throughout this year has been a great encouragement and helps the church boldly plan its gospel-work. Thank you so much for your faithful giving!

FPC MINISTRY

| | JUNE 2024 | YEAR TO DATE |
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| GIVING | \$732,008 | \$3,210,638 |
| EXPENSES | \$669,950 | \$4,109,573 |
| BUDGETED EXPENSES | \$670,567 | \$4,227,027 |
| NET GIVING OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES | \$62,058 | (\$898,935) |

MISSIONS

| | JUNE 2024 | YEAR TO DATE JAN-JUNE 2024 |
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| GIVING | \$99,274 | \$540,785 |
| EXPENSES | \$74,563 | \$466,715 |
| NET GIVING OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES | \$24,711 | \$74,070 |

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.

Mary Baldwin – Mary serves in Athens, Greece with the Greek Bible College and Nea Zoi. email: marybaldwin0@gmail.com

Jeff & Dominique Jordan – Jeff serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi College. email: jjordan@ruf.org

Lifeline – Lifeline, supported by Mission to Jackson, is a Christian agency that services women in crisis pregnancy, services families through adoption, assists families in crisis through partnering with local churches for hosting and support of vulnerable children.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Nelle Hamm — July 16, 2024

HELLEN POWELL RETIREMENT RECEPTION — TONIGHT

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 tonight, following the evening worship service, in Miller Hall.

HONDURAS TRIP REPORT — TONIGHT

Join us tonight during the evening worship service when we will hear a report from Sara Beth Henson about the FPC Student Ministry mission trip to Honduras.

MIDWEEK

This Wednesday will be the last of our Summer Midweek programming. After a break on August 7, plan 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.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY — REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1

We hope you'll join us for MOMS this fall! This year we will have two options: one meeting every Wednesday morning and one meeting two Tuesday nights each month. MOMS is a Bible study for expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the sixth grade or below. This semester, led by church member Jane Wiggins, we will study the first eleven chapters of Genesis. The book of Genesis reveals our beginnings, and the first eleven chapters answer some of our deepest questions. These chapters lay the foundation for our understanding of the rest of the Bible. Our study will reveal many doctrinal themes such as Creation, Sin, Marriage, the Sabbath, and Worship, among others. Our focus will be on our Creator God who is transcendent and personal and who has revealed His plan for our redemption in these opening chapters of Genesis. A nursery and homeschool room is available, but space is limited. Registration is available on the church website or app beginning August 1 at fpcj.ms/women. For more information, email moms@fpcjackson.org or momsatnight@gmail.com.