

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The First Day of September Two Thousand Twenty-Four
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor
Director of Discipleship

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Scripture Memory Passage — Matthew 5:1–12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds
of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward
is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Prelude — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”Dan Miller
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

The Call to Worship — Deuteronomy 6:4–5

The Hymn No. 441 — “Jesus Shall Reign”

The Invocation

The Doxology

All praise we give to God, the Holy Trinity,
We praise the Father, Son, and Spirit joyfully.
Creator God, our Shepherd, Savior, Lord and King: to Thee we sing!

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn — “Psalm 116” (*Sing Psalms*, Free Church of Scotland)...tune: *Eventide*
I love the LORD because he heard my voice;
He listened when I cried to him for aid.
I'll call on him as long as I shall live,
Because he turned to hear me when I prayed

The cord of death gripped and entangled me,
Upon me came the anguish of the grave;
With grief and trouble I was overcome.
Then on the name of God I called: "LORD, save!"

The LORD our God is kind and full of grace;
Both righteous and compassionate is he.
The LORD protects all those of childlike faith;
When I was in great need, he rescued me.

Rest, O my soul; God has been good to you—
For you, O LORD, have saved my soul from death,
My feet from stumbling and my eyes from tears,
That I may live for you while I have breath.

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 5:13–16.....pew Bible page 810

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "How Firm a Foundation"John Rutter

How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith
in His excellent Word!
What more can He say
than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled?

Fear not I am with thee;
O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God
and will still give thee aid:
I'll strengthen thee, help thee
and cause thee to stand,
upheld by My righteous,
omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters
I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe
shall not thee overflow:

For I will be with thee,
thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee
thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials
thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient,
shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee;
I only design
Thy dross to consume
and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus
still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not
desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never,
no never forsake.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading — John 14:12–31.....pew Bible page 901

The Sermon — Devoted: Learning to Live for God's Glory Dr. Hunt Taylor
Part III: Our Devotion to God: An Invitation

The Hymn No. 252 (stz. 1–3) — "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Postlude — "Jesus the Name High Over All" Thomas Phillips

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Mr. William Grant Carter
Students and Families Intern

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

The Prelude — “The King of Love My Shepherd Is / The Lord’s My Shepherd”
Trad. / arr. Lipscombe
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 37:3, 4

The Hymn No. 119 — “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 460 — “Amazing Grace!”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Dr. John McVey, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Be Thou My Vision”Trad. / arr. Bober

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

Q10. Where is God? **A. God is everywhere.**

Q11. Can you see God? **A. No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.**

Q12. Does God know all things? **Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.**

Q13. Can God do all things? **Yes. God can do all his holy will.**

* The Meditation & PrayerMr. Owen Hallbach, Missions Fellow

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 19:21-20:1..... pew Bible page 928

The Sermon..... Mr. Lowry
Going to Rome: An Offense without Offensiveness

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

*Children ages 4 through 3rd grade will be dismissed to a children’s devotional and can be picked up after the service in room 133, just outside the sanctuary doors.

First Presbyterian Church
CHILDREN'S
Ministry
"rooted and built up in Him"
- Colossians 2:7

**PROMOTION
SUNDAY**
Today!

CLASS LOCATIONS

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
3 year old	First Floor.....	MB 135
4 year old	Lower Level.....	G102A
5 year old	Lower Level.....	G102C
1 st Grade.....	Second Floor.....	MB 237
2 nd Grade ...	Second Floor.....	MB 235
3 rd Grade....	Second Floor.....	MB 232
4 th Grade....	Second Floor YH.....	Y204
5 th Grade....	Second Floor YH.....	Y205
6 th Grade....	Second Floor YH.....	Y202



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Jackson, Mississippi

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime (for age 3 and 4 by Sept. 1)	MB 135
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)

Monday, September 2, 2024

All Day Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
9:30 a.m.	Sew & Sow	WH 302
7:00 p.m.	Internationals American Partner Orientation.....	PH

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

9:30 a.m.	GriefShare	Parlor
5:00–6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime.....	Playground
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
6:00 p.m.	Adult Midweek Programs	
	Devoted to God in a Digital Age with Dr. John Fesko.....	MH
	Membership Class.....	WH 204
	D Groups.....	Various
	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	Session Room
	Don't Waste Your Life: Take Risks for Christ	WH 202B
	College D Group	Intern Suite
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs.....	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups.....	YH & Baird Center Gym
7:10 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, September 5, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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Saturday, September 7, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
11 a.m.	Children's Churchtime (for age 3 and 4 by Sept. 1)	M135
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
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 Russ Home (2337 Twin Lakes Cir.)

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER DAUGHTER DINNER — SEPTEMBER 13

Dads and daughters, join us September 13 from 6–8 p.m. in Miller Hall for the annual Father Daughter Dinner! The theme this year is “His Treasured Possession,” taken from Malachi 3:17. Girls K5–sixth grade will enjoy a special evening with their fathers, grandfathers, or mentors. We’re planning dinner, a scavenger hunt, and fun activities that will focus on the things that are truly treasured by our Heavenly Father! The cost will be \$30 for each father/daughter pair, and \$6 for each additional daughter. Register online at fpcj.ms/father-daughter by September 6.

SMART GIVING WORKSHOP — OCTOBER 3

FPC is excited to host a Smart Giving Workshop in partnership with the PCA Foundation on October 3 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. with dinner provided. The PCA Foundation’s mission is to enable Christians to give more and more effectively to advance the Kingdom. FPC is hosting this seminar in order to equip members of our congregation with information on effective ways to support gospel-ministry, both in the long-term and the short-term.

At this workshop, an experienced gift strategist will provide an introduction to estate planning concepts and tools, and show participants how to maximize how much they can give for Kingdom impact by employing tax efficient giving strategies. Register at fpcj.ms/events.

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!

WOMEN’S MINISTRY CIRCLES

A Circle is a group of women who meet monthly (September – May) for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and to learn of opportunities for service and missions within our church. To register, contact Lisa Oswalt at 769-333-5802 or lisa@fpcjackson.org. This year, we continue our study of the Book of Joshua which reminds of us of God’s promises beginning with Abraham and stretching forward to us today.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

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. A nursery and homeschool room is available, but space is limited. Register on the church website at fpcj.ms/women. For more information, email moms@fpcjackson.org or momsatnight@gmail.com.

WOMEN’S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDIES

This year, we have two Thursday Bible study options. One will begin September 12 studying the Book of Hebrews. The other will begin on September 19 studying the stories of Ruth and Esther. A nursery is available by request at registration online at fpcj.ms/women.

ACORN FUND

It is the start of a new school year for First Presbyterian Day School, a ministry of our church! Please be in prayer for the 600 students who fill the halls of our building each school day, and as you are able, consider a gift to the FPDS Acorn Fund. The Acorn Fund is our school’s new annual fund and another way you as a church member can support the ministry of the school. Gifts to the Acorn Fund benefit each and every student, as the school uses your gifts to recruit and retain the best teachers, provide academic excellence, and keep tuition competitive. Most importantly, a gift to the Acorn Fund is your opportunity to partner with FPDS as we grow our children from acorns of faith into “oaks of righteousness” (Isaiah 61:3). A gift to the Acorn Fund can be made at fpds.org/give, through the church app by selecting “Acorn Fund,” or by mailing a check made payable to First Presbyterian Day School–Acorn Fund to 1390 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

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.

Sashko & Ania Nezamutdinov – Sashko serves as a church planter in Krakow, Poland. Email: nezamutdinov@yahoo.pl

Patrick & Regina Lennox – Patrick & Regina serve with Occom Ministries, a ministry to Native Americans, First Nations, and American Eskimo in the US and Canada. Email: lennoxletters@gmail.com

Young Life of Jackson – supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Young Life seeks to share the gospel, lead adolescents to Christ, and help them grow in their faith.

DEVOTED: LEARNING TO LIVE FOR GOD’S GLORY

This year, our churchwide teaching theme calls us to devote our hearts to the only One who is worthy of our worship and praise, to the One who is before all things and in whom all things are held together. The Bible teaches us that we were created to glorify God. Every aspect of our lives, from the big moments to the mundane daily tasks, should be directed to the glory of our Creator and Lord. That is our life purpose! We are called to “take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ” and pursue holiness in every endeavor. This is not a pursuit of perfect performance but a response to the grace we have been shown by the One who is truly holy. Our pursuit of holiness, our devotion to Christlikeness, leads us to love and enjoy Him more. For more information, to watch the Devoted video, read Devoted prayers, and to get started with the Devoted reading list, visit fpcj.ms/devoted.

CHILDREN’S CHURCHTIME

Beginning today three- and four-year-old children may attend Children’s Churchtime during the 11 a.m. worship service in Main Building room 135, (the Threes Sunday School classroom). This program is offered during the school year and is a wonderful opportunity to prepare children for attending worship with their parents. Under the direction of Matthew and Taylor Turnage, the children participate with a Call to Worship by learning the Doxology, reciting The Lord’s Prayer with an Elder, hearing Bible story, and a closing prayer. The children also have snack time and playtime. Please contact the Children’s Churchtime Directors Matthew (matthewturnage@gmail.com 601-842-9755) and Taylor Turnage (tcgibbes@gmail.com 601-613-4843) with any questions.

INTERNATIONALS — AMERICAN PARTNERS NEEDED

Join us in an amazing opportunity to meet people from all over the world as an American partner in the Internationals Class. We meet on Tuesday nights in Patterson Hall providing help with English, a better understanding of American culture, and sharing what we believe about the God of the Bible. If Tuesday night won’t work for you, we also need American partners to fellowship with internationals outside of class. If you speak English and love Jesus, you qualify. Our training and orientation class this year is on Tuesday night, September 3, at 7 p.m. Come check us out and meet our core group of American Partners who would love for you to shadow them to “show you the ropes.” For more information contact Steve or Kathryn Edwards at 601-668-7422 or internationalsclass@gmail.com.

CAREGIVERS MINISTRY — SEPTEMBER 9

The Caregivers’ Support Group will meet Monday, September 9, 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.