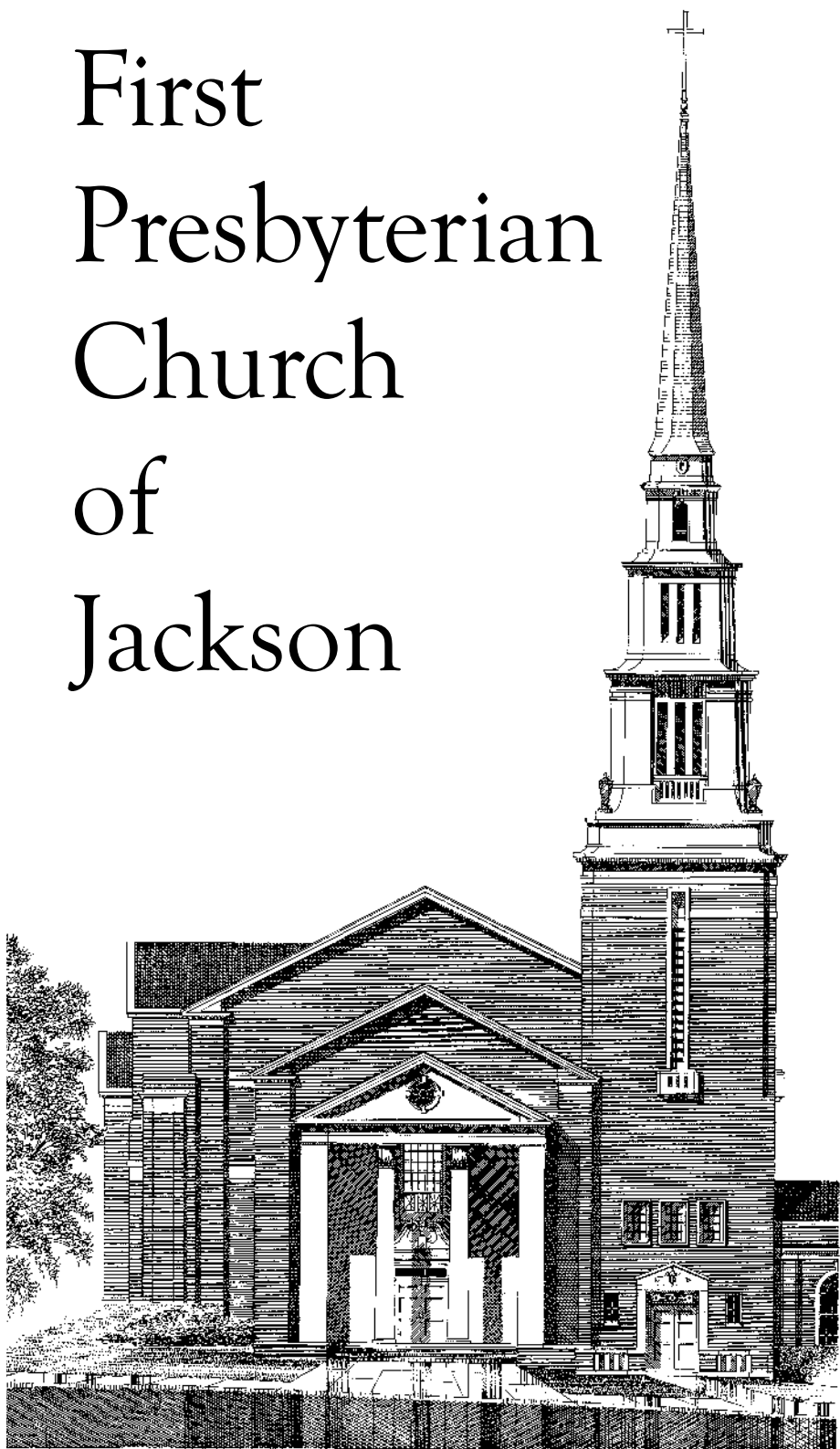


The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of August 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 — “To God Be the Glory” Michael Burkhardt
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Who Is on the Lord's Side”

The Call to Worship — Psalm 95:1-3

The Hymn No. 122 — “God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

The Invocation

The Doxology — “All Glory Laud and Honor” W. Wymond
All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer King.
We lift our voice in worship, together praise we sing.
You made the earth, the heavens, the stars, the seas, all things.
Now, joyfully, Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts to You we bring.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn — “O for a Closer Walk with God” tune: *Martyrdom*
O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heav'nly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

The Mission Report

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune” R. Vaughan Williams

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed, without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, Laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24.....pew Bible page 988

The Sermon — **Blameless at His Appearing: God’s Way of Holiness...** Dr. Strain

The Hymn 458 (stz. 1–4) — “What Tho’ I Cannot Break My Chain”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Thou canst o’ercome this heart of mine,
Thou wilt victorious prove,
For everlasting strengths is Thine,
and everlasting love.**

The Postlude — “The Old Hundredth” Denis Bedard

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

The Ordination Service of Mr. Stephen A. Biggs
The Eleventh Day of August, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four
Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Convener

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

The Prelude

The Call to Worship — Psalm 105:1-4

The Hymn No. 642 — “Be Thou My Vision”

The Invocation

The Greetings and Introduction of the Presbytery Commission

The Hymn — “In Christ Alone” hymn sheet

The Offering

*The Offertory — “The Perfect Wisdom of Our God” Getty/Townend
Genneysa Case, Soloist

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Jeremiah 1:1-12 pew Bible page 625

The Sermon — A Sovereign, Sufficient, and Solemn CallingDr. Strain

The Order of Ordination

The Proceeding of Presbytery Mr. Felker

The Propounding of the Constitutional Questions..... Mr. Felker

The Laying on of Hands

The Ordination Prayer..... Mr. Davis

The Declaration Mr. Felker

The Charge to the MinisterMr. Biggs

The Charge to the SessionMr. Dempsey

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

The Benediction and Doxology.....The Reverend Mr. Stephen A. Biggs

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Right Hand of Fellowship

The Postlude

*Children ages 4 to 3rd grade will be dismissed for a Children’s Devotional after the offertory. Parents may pick them up in room 133 at the conclusion of the service.

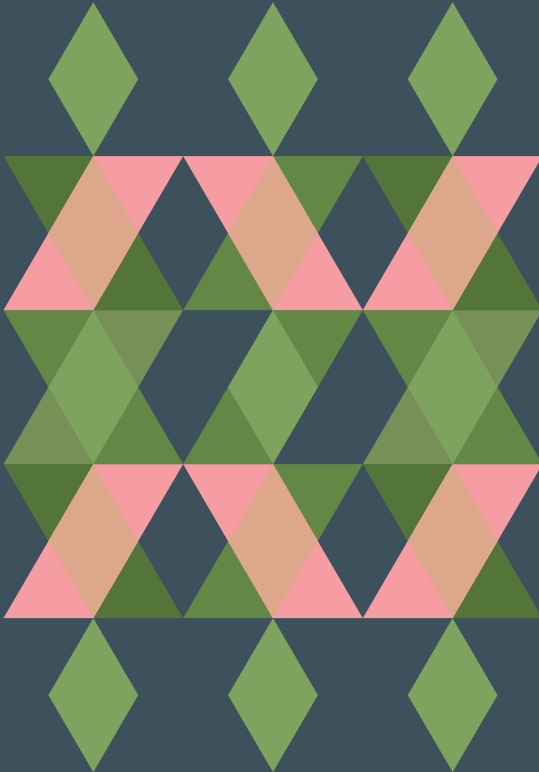
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AUGUST **14** 5-7 PM



[FPCJACKSON.ORG/MIDWEEK](https://fpcjackson.org/midweek)

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 11, 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 Ordination Service for Stephen Biggs.....	Sanctuary (age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)
7:00 p.m.	Reception for Stephen Biggs	Miller Hall

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

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

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

5:00–7:00 p.m.	Midweek Fall Kickoff.....	Playground & MH
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS

Thursday, August 15, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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Saturday, August 17, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, August 18, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Churchwide Teaching Theme Opening Session	Miller Hall
9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Regular 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 Ketchum Home (1073 Manship St.)

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

CHURCHWIDE TEACHING THEME OPENING SESSION — AUGUST 18

Each year all our teaching and programs center around one theme in an effort to build unity of purpose in our large church and every department of our ministry. The theme is the central message and focus for the various ages and stages of our church, and we have been excitedly preparing to launch the 2024–2025 churchwide teaching theme! Make plans to join us Sunday, August 18, for the Opening Session of our new churchwide teaching theme! During the Sunday School hour, join us in Miller Hall for a special fellowship time. We'll gather together to watch a video presentation on the theme, listen to remarks from David Strain, and receive information about the programs and initiatives we can look forward to in the coming teaching year. Children's Sunday School classes (through fifth grade) will meet in their regular classrooms.

SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — AUGUST 16

Senior Adults, you are invited to a trivia lunch, August 16, at 11:30 a.m. in Patterson Hall. Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and a lot of fun! We will start off with lunch, followed by an exciting game of trivia, and the preaching of God's Word. The cost is \$5, to be paid at the event. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

JOIN FPC — MEMBERSHIP CLASS BEGINS AUGUST 21

The next offering of the Membership Class will begin August 21 on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. This is the place to begin if you are considering membership at FPC or would like to know more about our church and the basics of our faith and practice. During the class we will learn what we share in common with all Bible-believing Christians, as well as about the distinctiveness of Presbyterianism. We will hear from ministry leaders about what's taking place at First Pres, while providing a great opportunity to meet others who have recently found a home here at FPC.

REGISTER NOW FOR A FALL D GROUP!

The fall semester of Midweek begins August 21 and is a great time to join a D Group! Each group will be working through a book of the Bible or a book study together, and there is a strong emphasis on fellowship and prayer for one another. If you've been wondering how to build deeper relationships in our large church, a D Group might be the place to start! Email discipleship@fpcjackson.org to connect with one of our groups.

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY — BEGINNING AUGUST 21

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

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.

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!

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.

Rachel Hart – Rachel, who serves with MTW in Ukraine, is the women’s ministry coordinator for the Odesa team. email: rachel.n.hart@gmail.com

Olivia Bedenbaugh – Olivia serves with RUF as an intern at Belhaven University. email: olivia.bedenbaugh@ruf.org

Mission First – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Mission First is an inner-city mission organization that seeks to meet the tangible needs of individuals as an avenue to engage their paramount spiritual needs. email: lthigpen@missionfirst.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Jane and Paul Henley by their children: Jim and Kathy Henley, Janie and Arthur Davis, Holly and Danny Story, and Nan and Glen Dear.

The flowers in the Greeting Courtyard today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 44th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kruger by their children, Stephen and Jessica, Andrew and Christina, Peter and Bess, Philip and Morgan, and their grandchildren Glenn, Hazie, Alice, Sperry, Sam, and Kelley.

ORDINATION SERVICE & RECEPTION TONIGHT

Please join us this evening at 6 p.m. for a special worship service as Stephen Biggs is ordained for the gospel ministry. A reception will follow at 7 p.m. in Miller Hall.

Members of the Presbytery Commission

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Convener, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi

The Reverend Mr. Martin (Mike) S.C. Biggs, Sr.
Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Norman, Oklahoma

Ruling Elder Mr. John A. Crawford, Jr.
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi

The Reverend Mr. Bryce Davis
Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Mississippi

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi

Ruling Elder Dr. John Perritt
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, Mississippi

Ruling Elder Mr. Benjamin W. Roberson
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi

Ruling Elder Dr. Michael T. Tramel
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi

EVENING COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

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