

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



*"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"*

# THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker  
Executive Minister

The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard  
Minister of Shepherding

## DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

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.

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

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

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

The Prelude — “All Creatures of Our God and King” ..... Dino Kartsonakis  
Grace Shumaker, Piano

The Introit — “Behold Now, Praise the Lord” ..... Everett Titcomb

The Call to Worship — Psalm 9:7-11

But the LORD sits enthroned forever;  
He has established His throne for justice.

**And He judges the world with righteousness;  
He judges the world with uprightness.**

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.

**And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!

**Tell among the peoples His deeds!**

The Hymn No. 38 — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon**

**The Doxology**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given.  
The Son, and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven.  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore:  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

## **WELCOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**The Public Profession of Faith**

The Biblical Basis  
The Introduction of New Members  
The Questions of Membership  
The Prayer  
The Declaration  
The Blessing

**The Offering**

**The Offertory** — “Nearer, My God, to Thee” ..... Barlow Bradford  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee! E’vn though it be a cross that raiseth me.  
Still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
nearer to Thee.

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down, darkness be over me, my rest a stone.  
Yet in my dreams I’d be nearer, my God to Thee, nearer, my God, to Thee,  
nearer to Thee.

Then with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise, out of my stoney grief,  
Bethel I’ll raise;  
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer, my God, to Thee,  
nearer to Thee.

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky, sun, moon and stars forgot, upward I fly,  
And still all my song shall be nearer, my God to Thee, nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee! Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee!

## **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Ephesians 3:14–21 .....pew Bible page 977

**The Sermon** — **Devoted: Learning to Live for God’s Glory** ..... Mr. Felker  
Part II: The Devoted Love of Christ

**The Hymn (stzs. 1–2)** — “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” ...Stuart Townend

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.**

**The Postlude** — “Prelude in B Flat Major” ..... J.S. Bach

# THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

## QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on June 2, 2024, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Robert Burgess

Josie Coker

Larry Greer

Landall and Alicia Hathorn (Rose and Anna)

Bryan and Gena Hornsby

Karen Lindsey

Mike & Sidney McWilliams

Mikayla Nelson

Adrian Smith

\*Sam Smith

Alex Turner

Annie Watkins

\*Covenant child joining as a communing member

( ) Children joining as non-communing members

## JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is October 6. New member forms can be found online at [fpcj.ms/membership](https://fpcj.ms/membership) or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by September 25. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

**The Reverend Mr. Stephen A. Biggs**  
Minister of Students and Families

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

**The Prelude** — “Thou Art Worthy”..... arr. Halberg  
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

**The Call to Worship**

**The Hymn** — “I Will Glory in My Redeemer”..... hymn sheet

**The Invocation**

**The Hymn No. 53** — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

**The Greetings**

**The Peru Team Mission Report**.....Mr. Robert Leard, Peru Team Member  
Dr. Guy McClain, Peru Team Member

**The Evening Prayer**..... Mr. Doug McDaniel, Ruling Elder

**The Offering**

**The Offertory** — “In Times Like These/On Christ the Solid Rock” ...arr. Halberg

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

Q7. In how many Persons does this one God exist? **A. In three Persons.**

Q8. Name these three Persons. **A. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

Q9. What is God? **A. God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.**

\* The Meditation & Prayer ..... Mr. Grant Carter, Students and Families Intern

**The Hymn (stz. 1-3)** — “In the Cross Alone I Glory”..... hymn sheet

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Acts 19:11-20 ..... pew Bible page 928

**The Sermon** — **Going to Rome: Down to Bedrock**..... Mr. Lowry

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

Never will I seek the glory, that was never meant for me.

Always heavenward reflecting, all to Jesus to receive.

All to Jesus to receive.

In the cross alone I glory; nothing of my own to give.

Only that which Christ has offered for my soul that I may live.

For my soul that I may live.

**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.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School .....	Various Locations
12:00 p.m.	College Lunch .....	the Miconi Home (2555 Eastover Dr.)
4:00 p.m.	Student Choir Kickoff .....	MS
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Group .....	WH 202A
5:00 p.m.	Peru Mission Trip Report.....	Lowe Hall
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 Rutledge Home (101 Ridge St.)

## Tuesday, August 27, 2024

7:30–8:15 a.m.	FPDS New Families Breakfast .....	MH
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study .....	WH 302

## Wednesday, August 28, 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.....	PH
	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

## Thursday, August 29, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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## Saturday, August 31, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast .....	PH
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## Sunday, September 1, 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
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)

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

## 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.

## 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 as the Church to advance the Kingdom and manifest the presence of the Kingdom in their hearts. 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](https://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!

## 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](https://fpcj.ms/women). For more information, email [moms@fpcjackson.org](mailto:moms@fpcjackson.org) or [momsatnight@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://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 will fill the halls of our building each week, and as you are able, consider a gift to the FPDS Acorn Fund. The Acorn Fund is our school's annual giving initiative and the way that 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](https://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.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, weekly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, biblical reflection, and prayer. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism meet for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

# 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](mailto:jollynnm@fpcjackson.org).

**Simon & Deana Jooste** – Simon serves as a church planter in Cape Town, South Africa. email: [simonjooste@gmail.com](mailto:simonjooste@gmail.com)

**Jermaine & Laurie Van Buren** – Jermaine serves as the RUF Campus Associate at Jackson State University. email: [Jermaine.vanburen@ruf.org](mailto:Jermaine.vanburen@ruf.org)

**Mustard Seed** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, the Mustard Seed is a Christian organization seeking to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities. website: [mustardseedms.org](http://mustardseedms.org)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of David B. Wilson, Sarah G. Wilson and Elizabeth W. Wilson from their children.

## 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](http://fpcj.ms/devoted).

## COLLEGE LUNCH — TODAY

Our college ministry will meet for a free lunch today following the 11 a.m. service at the Miconi home. We would love to see all our college students there! Contact Peyton Gunter at 205-613-1059 if you need a ride.

## STUDENT CHOIR KICKOFF — TODAY

Sixth–twelfth graders, please join us at our beginning of the year Student Choir kickoff, this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Music Suite. Please join us, old and new, to fellowship together in song! The afternoon will conclude with dinner and dessert, to be served prior to the evening service. We hope to see you there. Please do bring a friend!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY — SEPTEMBER 1

Sunday, September 1, all children’s Sunday School classes will be promoted to their new grades. During Sunday School, children from two-years old through sixth grade will sing, hear a Bible lesson, and learn Bible and Catechism memory work. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 10:40 a.m. If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Kimberly Wilkins at [kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org) or 769-230-3626.

## 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](http://fpcj.ms/father-daughter) by September 6.