

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth Day of September 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

ADORING THE COVENANT LORD

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

The Prelude — “When Love Is Found” Anthony Giamanco
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Awake, My Heart”

The Call to Worship — Philippians 4:4–7

The Hymn No. 297 — “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has won the victory.
Alleluia to the Spirit fount of life and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

RECEIVING THE COVENANT SIGN

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families
The Biblical Promise
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Baptism
The Baptismal Benediction

The Hymn No. 86 (stzs 1, 3, & 5) — “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”
(Psalm 23)

The Offering

The Offertory — “No More Night” Goss / arr. White

The timeless theme, earth and heaven will pass away.
It’s not a dream, God will make all things new that day.
Gone is the curse from which I stumbled and fell; evil is banished to eternal hell.

No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again.
Praises to the great “I Am”, we will live in the light of the risen Lamb.

See all around, now the nations bow down to sing.
The only sound is the praises to Christ, our King.
Slowly the names from the book are read;
I know the King, there's no need to dread.

See over there, it's a mansion prepared for me
Where I can live with my Savior eternally.

No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again.
Praises to the great "I Am", we will live in the light of the risen Lamb.
We will live in the light of the risen Lamb. Hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

HEARING THE COVENANT WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Leviticus 2:1–16.....pew Bible page 81

The Sermon — **Drawing Near to God: Worship**..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 73 — "Rejoice, All People, Homage Give"

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**To praise and serve our cov'nant God the princes of the earth draw nigh;
All kingly pow'rs belong to Him, He is exalted, God Most High.**

The Postlude — "Now Praise the Lord" Johann Gottfried Vierling

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.

THE VOWS OF BAPTISM

In order for the congregation to participate in the sacrament of baptism and to refresh our own commitment to these vows, they are included below:

TO THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO

Maeve McCarley Blanton
daughter of Molly and
Shane Blanton

Harper Clay Hugin
son of Laura and Andrew Hugin

Robert Graham Burrow
son of Abigail and Hollis Burrow

Robert Louis Jones
son of Laura Katherine and
Andrew Jones

Conan Mozier Kendall Clarke
son of Abigayle and
Kendall Clarke

Matthew Wells Oellerich
son of Betsy and
Matthew Oellerich

Elizabeth O'Neal Fair
daughter of Miriam and
Bailey Fair

Robert Craig Pyron III
son of Caroline and Rob Pyron

Charlotte Olivia Glover
daughter of Matt and
Catherine Glover

Hampton Morell Skinner
son of Niland and
William Skinner

William Henry Glover
son of Matt and
Catherine Glover

Caroline Grace Wynn
daughter of Carrie and
Chase Wynn

The next baptism date is November 10, 2024.
Spaces are available for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.
Please email emilye@fpcjackson.org to reserve a place.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Mr. Owen M. Hallbach
Missions Fellow

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

The Prelude — “Rock of Ages / My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
Ward / Bradbury; arr. Lipscombe
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “O Sing a New Song to the Lord” (Psalm 98A) hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 100 — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

The Twin Lakes Camp Report...Mr. Jared Weninger, Summer Camp Director

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Phillip Parker, Ruling Elder

The Greetings

The Offering

The Offertory — “What Wondrous Love Is This” arr. Oldham
The Student Choir; Sarah Little, Director

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

Q16. Who were our first parents? **A. Adam and Eve.**

Q17. How did God create man? **A. God created man, male and female, after his own image.**

Q18. Of what were our first parents made? **A. God made Adam’s body out of the ground and Eve’s body out of a rib from Adam.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational & Pastoral Care

The Hymn No. 116 (stz. 1-4) — “For the Beauty of the Earth”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Luke 13:18-21..... pew Bible page 873

The Sermon — What Is the Kingdom of God Like?Mr. Miller

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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, September 15, 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 Boyd Home (2693 Lake Circle)
7:30 p.m.	Young Adults Sunday Night Fellowship.....	the Strain Home

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series	MH
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
9:30 a.m.	Sew & Sow	WH 302
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	WH 305
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
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	WH 302
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 19, 2024

9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study – Hebrews: Jesus Is Better	PH
9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study – Ruth & Esther: Our Sovereign God	MH
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore

Friday, September 20, 2024

11:30 a.m.	Retirement Luncheon for Donna Dobbs	MH
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Saturday, September 21, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, September 22, 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)
7:00 p.m.	Donna Dobbs Retirement Reception	MH
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Jordan Home (9 Pond Side Dr.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SENIOR ADULTS DAY TRIP – OCTOBER 18

Senior Adults, experience a day of fellowship and enjoy all that New Orleans has to offer. As part of the itinerary, you can expect a tour of The National WWII Museum. Then, wind down over a delicious lunch. We will depart from the church campus at 7 a.m. and depart from New Orleans by 5:30 p.m. To register for the event please email the Administrative Assistant for Congregational Care Emily Eastman at ccare@fpcjackson.org or call her office at 769-572-3535. The cost is \$25 and is payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please plan to bring money for your meal.

FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

Priority registration for FPDS siblings and First Presbyterian Church Jackson members ends on October 15. This applies to NEW students who will be in grades K3 through 6th in the 2024–2025 school year. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. If you have questions, contact Camille Hassell at chassell@fpds.org. To apply visit fpds.org/admissions/apply-now.

Applications for the Early Childhood program are accepted at all times, with FPDS siblings and FPCJ members receiving priority when spots become available. We are grateful to have a large amount of excitement surrounding our program. If you would like to join the waitlist or would like to learn more about the Early Childhood program, please contact Swayze Pentecost at spentecost@fpds.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.

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.

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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.

Cory & Heather Brock – Cory serves as the pastor at St. Columba’s Free Church in Edinburgh, Scotland. email: brock.cory@gmail.com

Austin & Alex McCann – Austin serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi State University. email: austin.mccann@ruf.org

PEARSON Foundation – Supported through Mission to Jackson, PEARSON provides mentorship and discipleship to students through in-school mentoring, faith-based community mentoring in cooperation with the Rankin County Juvenile Court, after school activities and summer learning & enrichment. email: pearson39208@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Campbell Grady Dale by his parents, Jill and David Dale, and his sisters, Avery and Stella Grace.

TWIN LAKES CAMP REPORT — TONIGHT

Join us tonight during the evening worship service when we will hear a report from Jared Weninger about how God has been at work at Twin Lakes Camp this summer.

YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP — TONIGHT

Young Adults, don’t miss the Sunday Night Fellowship tonight at the Strain home after the evening worship service. We hope to see you there!

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. For more information, to watch the Devoted video, read Devoted prayers, and to get started with the Devoted reading list, visit fpcj.ms/devoted.

TUESDAY MEN’S BREAKFAST SERIES

All FPC men are invited to join us this fall semester for our Tuesday Men’s Breakfast, which meets through October 22, at 6:30 a.m. Join us for a big breakfast and fellowship across age and stage, followed by a study of the Sermon on the Mount in conjunction with our churchwide teaching theme, Devoted: Learning to Live for God’s Glory, led by David Strain. Sign up online at fpcj.ms/men to pay for breakfast and buy breakfast for your guest!

DONNA DOBBS RETIREMENT LUNCHEON — SEPTEMBER 20

Please join us in Miller Hall on Friday, September 20 at 11:30 a.m. to honor Donna Dobbs on her retirement. Following our lunch together, we’ll enjoy a time of celebration and testimony remembering Donna’s thirty-seven years of faithful service here at FPC. If you plan to attend, please RSVP online at fpcj.ms/events or by emailing Deborah Oakley at deboraho@fpcjackson.org. Additionally, there will be a reception held in her honor September 22 following the evening worship service.

SERVE DAY 2024 — REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is now open for the third annual FPC Serve Day: October 12. The morning will start at FPC at 7:30 for breakfast, fellowship, and a commissioning. We will have projects for all ages and all skill levels. Register online at fpcj.ms/events and let us know your top three choices of service projects.