

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Executive Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Scripture Memory Passage — Matthew 5:1–6

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.

The Prelude — “Amazing Grace” Mark Hayes
Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — “The Lord Reigns”

The Call to Worship —

The Hymn No. 286 — “Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

The Invocation

The Doxology tune: *Westminster Abbey*

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession — Psalm 51

Adapted from the *Scottish Psalter* of 1595

Father of All Mercies, who does not delight in the death of a sinner, have compassion upon us. Wash us from all our sins that we have committed against your holy majesty. Create in us a clean heart, and strengthen us continually with the power of your Holy Spirit. Being truly consecrated to your service, may we praise and worship you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 500 — “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 5:27–32.....pew Bible page 810

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “Lead, Kindly Light”

John Henry Newman / John B. Dykes / arr. Mack Wilberg

Lead, kindly light amid the encircling gloom; lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou, shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path; but now, lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will.
Remember not past years.

So long Thy power hast blest me, sure it still will lead me on.
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone.
And with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long
since, and lost a while!

Lead thou me on! Lead thou me on! Lead thou me on!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Revelation 2:1–7 pew Bible page 1028

The Sermon — A Check on Ephesus.....Mr. Lowry

The Hymn No. 253 (stz.1–4)— “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its power.
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.**

The Postlude — “How Firm a Foundation” Anna Laura Page

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.

SERVICE GUIDE

THE SETTING OF REVELATION

C. A.D. 95

John addressed the book of Revelation “to the seven churches that are in Asia,” namely Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea, although there were undoubtedly other churches elsewhere in the province of Asia (e.g., Miletus and Colossae, see Acts 20:17; Col. 1:2). John had apparently been exiled from Ephesus to the island of Patmos, southwest of Ephesus, and it was there that he recorded his visions.



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PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY (ACTS 18:22–21:17)

C. A.D. 52-5/

Paul's third missionary journey traversed much the same ground as his second (cf. map, p. 2118). Passing through Galatia and Phrygia, he proceeded directly to the great port city of Ephesus. After three years of preaching and teaching there, Paul traveled again through Macedonia and Achaia, strengthening the believers, and then finished with a visit to Jerusalem.



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EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Mr. George W. Herndon
Students and Families Intern

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

The Prelude — “Prelude in C” J.S. Bach
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship —

The Hymn No. 188 — “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Arise, My Soul” hymn sheet

The Greetings

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

The Offering

The Offertory — “I Need Thee Every Hour” Lowry / arr. Lipscombe

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

Q22. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?

A. He made them holy and happy.

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Gary Sinclair, Assistant Pastor & FPDS Chaplain

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand” ... hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 21:1-17 pew Bible page 930

The Sermon — Going to Rome: Thy Will Be Done..... Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, Then take Thy pow’r and reign;
Appear; Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heav’ns Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.**

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 29, 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)	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 Ball Home (418 Hampton Ct.)

Tuesday, October 1, 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 Bible Study.....	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, October 2, 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, October 3, 2024

9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study – Hebrews: Jesus Is Better	PH
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study – Ruth & Esther: Our Sovereign God.....	MH

Saturday, October 5, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, October 6, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
9:45 a.m.	Communicant Meet & Greet	LH
11:00 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.	New Members Received.....	PH
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 Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMework HELPERS FOR MISSION FIRST

Mission First is looking for “homework helpers” from 2:30–3:30 p.m. on Mondays. To volunteer, please contact Ashley Meena at 601-573-3389 or ashleymeena@aol.com.

SERVE DAY 2024 — OCTOBER 12

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.

MTJ SUNDAY — OCTOBER 13

We are excited to announce our first ever MTJ Sunday. MTJ, or Mission to Jackson, refers to the local ministries that FPC supports financially. MTJ Sunday will be a day to learn how we can glorify God through the work of local missions. Our partners from around the city will be here to tell us about how the Lord is working through the ministries our church supports and share hands-on ways we can serve. We will have updates from ministry partners in the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services, and the Sunday School hour will be focused on local ministry as well. Each of our supported ministries will have an information table set up at our ministry fair in the Welcome Center. We look forward to learning more ways to share the gospel in our community and serve our neighbors.

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 and 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, 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.

REFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE — OCTOBER 27

First Presbyterian Church and Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church will host a special Reformation Sunday service for the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, October 27, at 6 p.m. here at FPC. Jonathan Cruse will preach, and we will have a special program for children (age 4–third grade).

JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT — NOVEMBER 1-3

Join us for the Junior High Fall Retreat 2024, November 1–3, at Timber Creek Camp in Pulaski, MS. This is a great weekend full of games, shared meals, and fellowship with other students. We will spend time in small groups led by staff members, singing together, and being taught by Stephen Biggs on Distracted Devotion. The early bird deadline to register online at fpcj.ms/fall-retreat is October 4.

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.

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 Deacons' 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.

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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 jollynm@fpcjackson.org.

John and Kelley Beth – John serves as a church planter with Mission to the World in South Asia.

Anne Michal & Grant Carter – Anne Michal serves as campus staff with RUF at Mississippi College. email: annemichal.carter@ruf.org

Lifeline – Supported through Mission to Jackson, Lifeline 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.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Woodson by his family.

CRATES FOR UKRAINE

FPC Jackson is once again assembling crates of supplies to be sent to the war relief efforts in Ukraine. Our whole presbytery is involved, and our goal is to send at least 46 crates to Ukraine. Each crate will cost approximately \$2,500. This time, we've made it easier than ever! No purchasing of specific items is required, and you can give to FPC with the memo "Ukraine Relief," and we will take care of making the purchases, packing the crates, and delivering them to Dallas! Give online at fpcj.ms/give.

COMMUNICANT MEET & GREET — OCTOBER 6

Parents of sixth graders, save the date for our Communicant Meet & Greet, October 6. The Communicant Class will meet in February and is geared toward sixth, seventh, and eighth graders interested in becoming communing members of the church. For more information about this process visit fpcjackson.org/communicant.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: PURSUING HOLINESS — OCTOBER 8

To know how to live for God's glory through our holiness, we must ask first what holiness even is. And, why would God be glorified by us living a holy life anyway? That is a complicated question for believers today when our culture reacts to the term "holiness" like it is a relic from the long-ago past. Join us October 8 at 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. as Susan Tyner helps us to answer that question and more in two different sessions. You may register for one or both sessions online at fpcj.ms/events. The deadline to register and guarantee a meal is Wednesday, October 2. There is a nursery available upon registration.

TUESDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES

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!

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.