

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Scripture Memory Passage — Matthew 5:7-12

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 — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (*Rockingham*) Paul S. Jones
Emily Williams, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

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

The Call to Worship — Leviticus 10:3

The Hymn No. 100 — “Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Invocation

The Doxology

Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

The Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

The Prayer of Confession... adapted from *The Strasbourg Liturgy*, John Calvin (1545)
Heavenly Father, you are pleased to declare your holy will to us, and to instruct us in the righteousness of your law. Write and engrave it on our hearts, that we would seek to serve and obey you alone throughout our lives. Do not impute to us transgressions that we have committed against your law. As we experience your grace in such abundance, may we have cause to praise and glorify you, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 485 — “O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry” (Psalm 51)

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 5:33–37.....pew Bible page 810

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;

the moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,

and have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:

the beast of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

But what is man, Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him.

O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name

transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,

and so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.

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Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 8:14–21.....pew Bible page 843

The Sermon — The Appetite of the Redeemed..... Mr. Biggs

The Hymn (stz. 1–2)— “See, What a Morning” see guide

The Benediction

The Congregational Response (stz. 3) — “See, What a Morning” see guide

The Postlude — “The Power of the Cross”Getty/Townend

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.

See, What a Morning

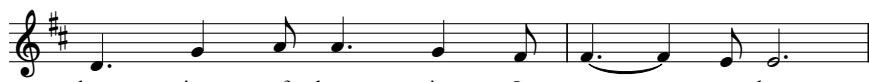
Words and Music:
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. See, _____ what a morn - ing,
2. See, _____ Ma - ry weep - ing,
3. One _____ with the Fa - ther,



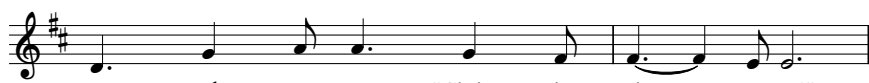
glo - rious - ly bright, with the
"Where _____ is He laid?" As in
An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.
Spi - rit Who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



Fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb _____ filled with light, as the
Hears _____ a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; It's the
Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an - nounce "Christ is ris - en!"
Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life _____ a - gain!
King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty.



See God's sal - va - tion _____ plan, wrought in
The voice that spans the _____ years, speak - ing
And we are raised with _____ Him; Death is



love, borne in pain, _____ paid in sac - ri - fice,
life, stir - ring hope, _____ bring - ing peace _____ to us,
dead, life has won, _____ Christ has con - quered.



Ful - filled in Christ the _____ Man, for He
will sound till He ap - pears, for He
And we shall reign with _____ Him, for He



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor
Discipleship Director

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

The Prelude — “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” Gabriel / arr. Lipscombe
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 41:10

The Hymn No. 94 — “How Firm a Foundation”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “The Sands of Time Are Sinking” hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Dr. Mike Tramel, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “It Is Well with My Soul”Bliss / arr. Rouse

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

Q23. What covenant did God make with Adam? **A. The covenant of life.**

Q24. What is a covenant? **A. A relationship that God establishes with us and guarantees by His word.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Peyton Gunter, College Ministry Intern

The Hymn No. 345 (stz. 1–3)— “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture— Acts 21:18–36 pew Bible page 930

The Sermon — Going to Rome: Duty Bound Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Savior, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

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, 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.	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 Jordan Home (9 Pond Side Drive)

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

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
11:30 a.m.	Pursuing Holiness Part I with Susan Tyner	MH
6:00 p.m.	Pursuing Holiness Part II with Susan Tyner	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, October 9, 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	
	Portraits of Devotion	MH
	Engaged & Newlywed 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 10, 2024

9:15 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

Saturday, October 12, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
7:30 a.m.–Noon	Serve Day.....	Baird Center Gym

Sunday, October 13, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
8 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	MTJ Sunday Ministry Fair	Welcome Center
9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Regular Locations
9:55 a.m.	Student Ministry Sunday School.....	YH
9:55 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	PH, MH, & 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.	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 Strain Home (7 Pond Side Drive)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK SECOND QUARTER — BEGINS THIS WEEK

On Wednesday, October 9, our second quarter Midweek electives will begin for adults. If you haven't been involved at Midweek yet this semester, now is a great time to try it out. We have programs for all ages, and Midweek dinner (5–6 p.m.) is free for your first meal. Find out more at fpcj.ms/midweek.

Portraits of Devotion

The Devoted Life can be caught as well as taught. This quarter we will take inspiration from the saints of old as we examine eight portraits of devotion. From church fathers to remarkable women of faith, this elective will feature renowned church leaders as well as unsung figures, and it will lead us on a heart-searching adventure into church history. Our speakers for the series are Dr. David Strain, Prof. Andrew Hoffercker, Mr. Paul Forster, Rev. Gary Sinclair, Dr. Ligon Duncan, Dr. John Fesko, and Rev. Caleb Cangelosi.

Engaged & Newlywed Class

This study is a 6-week course intended for engaged couples trying to navigate all that is ahead and newly married couples who have likely already experienced both the joy and the sorrow of marriage. Topics will be those that are often included in premarital counseling (conflict, communication, intimacy, money, in-laws, etc.) and will be taught by a handful of gifted people, including pastors, counselors, and other professionals. Please sign up for this elective by emailing discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

Don't Waste Your Life: Take Risks for Christ

In this Evangelism 101 elective, you will learn to make the most of every opportunity to share Jesus with others.

D Groups

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, and we'll be glad to connect you with one of our groups.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Join this group in the vital practice of praying together for our church body and its ministries, our community, and our mission.

College D Group

College students, join us for dinner 5–6 p.m. and a small group gathering at 6 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Midweek Dinner is free for any college student involved in one of our Midweek programs. Any other college student can eat for \$4.

Children's Choirs

Believing that music is very important in God's design of worship, our children's choirs help children love to sing and be able to sing comfortably and intelligently in worship all their lives. Choirs are divided by age groups in various rooms in the church. Each choir sings at least once a semester in the worship services in addition to the annual Christmas program they present.

Midweek with FPCYM

Our Youth Ministry Midweek programs meet in the Youth House as well as the Baird Center Gym for Bible study and hang out time.

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.

HOMWORK 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.

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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.

Miguel & Hannah D’Azevedo – Miguel serves with the Ministry to the Military as a church planter in Okinawa, Japan.

Harris & Laura Beth Bond – Harris serves as a church planter in Monroe, LA. Email: harris.bond@gmail.com

Jackson Leadership Foundation – Supported through Mission to Jackson, JLF is a Christ-centered ministry seeking spiritual, social, and economic transformation in Jackson’s under-resourced communities through the empowerment of leaders, development of ministries, and networking of volunteers and donors.

IN MEMORIAM

The Honorable Stuart Robinson — September 25, 2024

COMMUNICANT MEET & GREET — TODAY

Parents of sixth graders, today is our Communicant Meet & Greet at 9:45 a.m. in Lowe Hall. 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.

TUESDAY MEN’S BREAKFAST SERIES

Our Tuesday Men’s Breakfast will not meet on October 8, and we will resume October 15.

SERVE DAY 2024 — OCTOBER 12

You can still register online at fpcj.ms/events for FPC Serve Day to be held 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.

MTJ SUNDAY — OCTOBER 13

Our first ever MTJ Sunday will be held October 13. 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, which will be open from 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m. We look forward to learning more ways to share the gospel in our community and serve our neighbors.

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 four-third grade).