

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Prelude in G Minor" J.S. Bach
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 181 — "We Come, O Christ, to You"

The Invocation

The Doxology

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad, His wonderful name;
The name all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 681 — "How Gentle God's Commands"

The Mission to Jackson Report

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Eric Nelson
What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading — James 2:14–17..... pew Bible page 1012

The Sermon — Faith Alone Is Never Alone Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 263 (stz. 1–4) — “Lift High the Cross”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.
For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation’s praises rise before thy throne.**

The Postlude — “Aylesforder Stucke” Georg Friedrich Handel

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

Six O'Clock

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

Mr. J. Peyton Gunter
College Intern

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

The Prelude — “Air”J.S. Bach
Nancy Bateman, Cello; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “In God the Mighty Father” (Apostles’ Creed)..... hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 2 — “O Worship the King”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Steve Rosenblatt, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Take My Life and Let It Be” arr. John Catchings

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

Q25. In the covenant of life, what did God require Adam to do?

A. To obey God perfectly.

Q26. What did God promise in the covenant of life?

A. To reward Adam with life if he obeyed God perfectly.

Q27. What did God threaten in the covenant of life?

A. To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed God.

Q28. Did Adam keep the covenant of life?

A. No. He sinned against God.

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Stephen Biggs, Minister of Students & Families

The Hymn (stz. 1-4) — “Lo, He Comes” hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 21:37-22:29..... pew Bible page 931

The Sermon — Going to Rome: Commander and Tribune Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee, high on thine eternal throne.
Savior, take the pow’r and glory, claim the kingdom for Thine own.
O come quickly! O come quickly! Alleluia! Come, Lord, 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.

MISSION TO JACKSON

LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS

Center for Pregnancy Choices

Center for Pregnancy Choices offers alternatives to abortion for women experiencing crisis pregnancies, while declaring the good news about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with an emphasis on abstinence education and presenting adoption as a loving option.

Gateway Rescue Mission

Gateway Rescue Mission offers life-changing hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to homeless men, women and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling, and discipleship.

Jackson Leadership Foundation

Jackson Leadership Foundation is a Christ-centered 501c3 dedicated to the spiritual and economic transformation of Jackson's under-resourced communities through the empowerment of leaders, development of ministries, and networking of volunteers and donors.

Lifeline

Lifeline is a Christian agency that serves women in crisis pregnancy, supports families through adoption, and assists families in crisis through partnering with local churches to host and support vulnerable children. Lifeline partners with FPC specifically through Families Count and CarePortal.

Mission First, Inc.

Mission First, Inc. serves over 2,500 clients in the Jackson area who represent a cross-section of Jackson's poor, their mission is to "Reach out to those in need." Goals are to share the gospel of Jesus Christ while assisting clients with their various needs, such as counseling, food, clothing, tutoring and utility assistance, while helping them to become independent and self-sufficient. They also help with medical/dental, legal aid, and provide a sports ministry while offering daily biblical instruction.

The Mustard Seed

The Mustard Seed is a Christian community providing group home living, a workplace and a ministry for adults with developmental disabilities to live and share the word of God. Mustard Seed provides a place where special people can reach their full potential that God has created within them.

PEARSON Foundation

PEARSON Foundation provides mentorship and discipleship to students through in-school mentoring, faith-based community mentoring in cooperation with the Rankin County Juvenile Court, after-school tutoring and mentoring at three locations in Pearl. They also provide summer reading institutes for students in the metro area school districts who are identified by the school system as reading below grade level or who have failed and are one or more grades behind.

Pioneer Ministries

Pioneer Ministries is a ministry whose mission is to provide and facilitate teaching, training, and leadership development venues in the camp environment in order to advance the Christian faith in our local and extended communities.

We Will Go

We Will Go focuses efforts towards Education, Essential Food, and Engagement. This looks like distributing groceries to low-income families in our community, offering after-school care with a focus on literacy, and providing all day summer learning for students in need. All programs are centered around evangelism and sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors.

Young Life

Young Life is a mission community of Christ-centered people committed to reaching adolescent youth with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

HOW DOES SUPPORT FOR MISSION TO JACKSON WORK AT FPC?

One way FPC invests in the local Jackson area is through involvement with selected ministry partners who are supported through the Mission to Jackson budget under the guidance of our Benevolence Committee. We partner with these organizations through financial support, but also through prayer, volunteering, and other means as needed. Your giving is at work to fulfill our mission: "to glorify God by making disciples in our neighborhood, our communities, and the world."

FPC THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, October 14, 2024

Various	Circles Meet This Week.....	See Announcements
11:00 a.m.	Caregivers Support Group	MH 203

Tuesday, October 15, 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
Various	Circles Meet This Week.....	See Announcements
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 16, 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 17, 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 19, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various
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 Forster Home (4616 E Cheryl Dr.)

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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.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY CIRCLES — MEETING THIS WEEK

A Circle is a group of women who meet monthly (September – May) for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and to learn of opportunities for service and missions within our church. If you’ve been wondering how to build deeper relationships in our large church, Circles are a great place to start! To register, contact Lisa Oswalt at 769-333-5802 or lisao@fpcjackson.org.

Monday, October 14

Circle 8	9:30 a.m.	The Orchard
Circle 2	10:00 a.m.	Home of Becky Ivison
Circle 3	10:00 a.m.	Westminster Hall 204
Circle 4	10:00 a.m.	Parlor
Circle 5	10:00 a.m.	Home of Dianne Mason
Circle 14	12:00 p.m.	Miller Hall
Circle 6	6:30 p.m.	Home of Beth Archer

Tuesday, October 15

Circle 7	10:00 a.m.	Home of Kathryn Cotten
Circle 9	10:00 a.m.	Westminster Hall 204
Circle 11	10:00 a.m.	Home of Frenchie Graham
Circle 12	10:30 a.m.	St. Catherine’s

TUESDAY MEN’S BREAKFAST SERIES

FPC men are invited to join us this fall semester for our Tuesday Men’s Breakfast which runs through October 22. 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!

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.

FPDS PARENT UNIVERSITY — OCTOBER 22

Join FPDS for Parent University featuring Mary Kathryn Evans, a Licensed Professional Counselor and FPDS mom. Mary Kathryn will provide practical guidance for parents on navigating body image conversations while helping children understand that they are beautifully made in the image of God. This event will offer valuable tools to foster healthy body awareness and self-worth from a Christ-centered perspective. The event will be held Tuesday, October 22, at 7 a.m. in Patterson Hall. Please RSVP by October 18 online at fpds.org/parentuniversity.

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.

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II THESSALONIANS 3:1 — “FINALLY, BRETHREN, 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.

Paul & Elizabeth Sanduleac – Paul serves as a church planter with IXO in Moldova.

Bentley & Sarah Love Crawford – Bentley serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University. email: bentley.crawford@ruf.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. William H. (Bill) Cox — October 2, 2024

COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

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

MEMBERSHIP CLASS — BEGINNING OCTOBER 20

The Membership Class, which meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Main Building 123, 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. Contact ccare@fpcjackson.org for more information.

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).

MTJ SUNDAY — TODAY!

Our first ever MTJ Sunday is today! We are grateful to be able to host our partners from around the city this morning as they tell us about how the Lord is working through the ministries our church supports and share hands-on ways we can serve.

Schedule

Ministry Fair	8:00–8:30 a.m.....	Welcome Center
Worship Service.....	8:30 a.m.....	Sanctuary
Ministry Fair	9:30–9:50 a.m.....	Welcome Center
Children's Project.....	9:30–9:45 a.m.....	Tree House
Adult Sunday School.....	9:55 a.m.....	Patterson, Miller, & Lowe

Patterson Hall
College
Light House
Lost & Found
Young Adults

Miller Hall
Covenant
Lamplighters
Life Learners
Pilgrims
Young Seekers

Lowell Hall
Cornerstone
Ladies Bible Class
Providence
Salt & Light
Stewards

FPCYM Sunday School.....	9:55 a.m.....	Youth House
Children's Sunday School	9:45 a.m.....	Regular Locations
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.....	Sanctuary
Ministry Fair	10:55 a.m.–12:30 p.m.....	Welcome Center