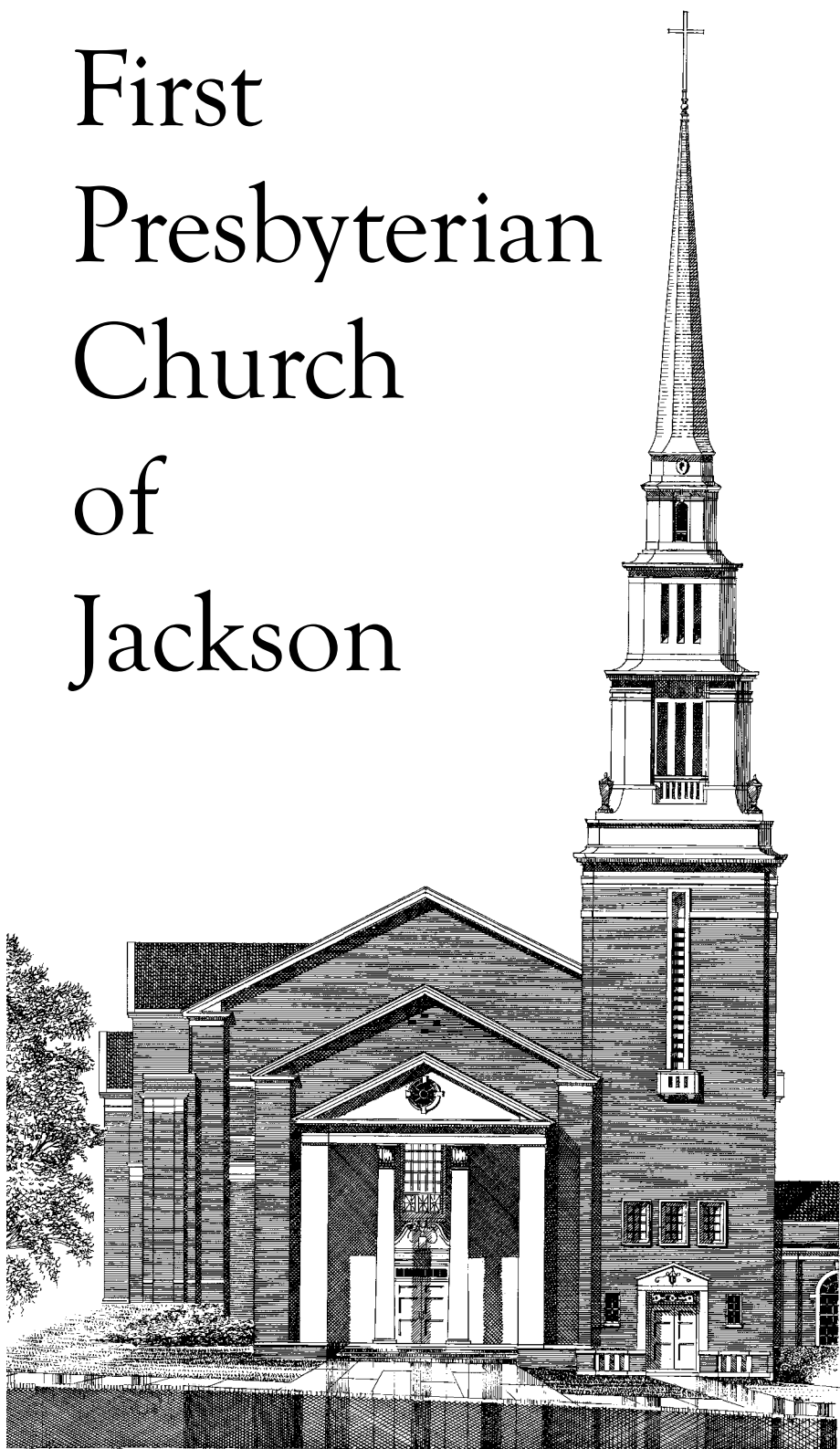


The
First
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Church
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth 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. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational and Pastoral Care

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF THE LORD

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 — “O Dearest Jesus” Johannes Brahms
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 57 — “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul” (Psalm 146)

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise.
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

The Offering

The Offertory — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” Ralph Manuel

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer fuller be, may richer, fuller be.

O Light, that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee,
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's glow its day
May brighter, fairer, be, may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that
morn shall tearless be, that morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be, that shall endless be.
a life that shall endless, endless be. O Love.

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Leviticus 4:1-5:13.....pew Bible page 82

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

The Hymn No. 455 — “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

COMMUNING AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Hymn No. 420 (stz. 1-2) — “At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie:
death is conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to Thee, with the Spirit, ever be.**

The Postlude — “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” Lesbia Scott

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Mr. Timothy O. Tumutod
IT/AV Intern

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

The Prelude — “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” Crosby / Lowry
The First and Second Grade Choir
Caitlin Vickery, Director; Joy Graves, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 117

The Hymn No. 7 — “From All That Dwell below the Skies” (Psalm 117)

The Invocation

The Hymn — “O Day of Rest and Gladness” hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. John Lowe Smith, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “In Christ Alone” Getty and Townend / arr. Angerman
The Student Choir
Sarah Little, Director; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q29. What is sin?

A. Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.

Q30. What is meant by lack of conformity?

A. Not being or doing what God requires.

Q31. What is meant by transgression?

A. Doing what God forbids.

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Jennings Duncan, Congregational Care Intern

The Hymn No. 128 (stz. 1-5) — “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 22:30–23:35..... pew Bible page 932

The Sermon..... Mr. Lowry
Going to Rome: Missionary, Theologian, and High-Profile Inmate

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.**

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.

CARE TEAMS

SHEPHERDING OUR CHURCH

Care teams are the vehicle by which our church organizes pastoral ministry. In a church of our size, we are at risk to miss opportunities to minister to one another. Therefore, our church leadership uses Care teams to address needs, support, encouragement, and prayer. Each team is led by a group of elders and consists of elders, deacons, and Sunday school class leadership. We want you to know the pastor, elders, and deacons assigned to your class and feel comfortable reaching out to them. If you are not a member of a Sunday School class and would like to contact an elder or pastor, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

CORNERSTONE

Pastor Wiley Lowry	Deacons Charles Barbour Jay Brown Ty Hardy Michael Hogue Guy McClain Doug Morgan Nathan Oakley	Deacons Rob Oates Weston Russ Bryan Rutledge Neil Witherow Will Barbour Jonathan Randle
Elders Ken Ball Sharkey Burke Matt Graves Zeb Henson		

LOST AND FOUND

Pastor David Felker	Deacons Turner Brown Matthew Burrow Paul Davis Josh Hollingsworth	Deacons Harrison Matheny Matt Peaster Bowen Thigpen Lee J. Webb
Elders Paul Hurst Danny Story		

COVENANT

Pastor Billy Dempsey	Elders David Cleland Marcy Forester Barry Vickery	Elders Richard Ridgeway John Neill Rob Jones
Deacon Chris Wyatt		

PILGRIMS

Pastor Jamie Peipon	Elders Max Bowman Craig Flowers Tien Teh	Deacons Rob Lake Ken Seawright
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FIRST LADIES

Pastor Billy Dempsey	Elder Reid Cotten	Deacon John McBride
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PROVIDENCE

Pastor Charlie Wingard	Deacons Jamey Elkin Paul Forster Bo Gregg Harrison Hood Alston Ludwig	Deacons Jeff Sumrall Matthew Turnage Arthur Wadsworth Walt Wofford
Elders Jimmy Moore Alan Walters		

LAMPLIGHTERS

Pastor Gary Sinclair	Elders Hall Bailey Kyle Ball Max Bowman Bob Cunningham Ned Currie Arthur Davis Sr. Larry Houchins	Elders Stephen Kruger Richard Russ Bill Stone Cal Wells Mark Windham Marcus Wilson
Deacons Jim Poole Ernie Strahan William Griffin Brian Smith		

SALT AND LIGHT

Pastor Wiley Lowry	Deacons Auston Edwards Anthony Hall Dallis Ketchum Jason McNeel	Deacons Virgil Payne Taylor F. Smith
Elders George May John McVey		

LIFE LEARNERS

Pastor Gary Sinclair	Elders Hu Meena Steve Rosenblatt Doug McDaniel	Deacons Mike Myers Hugh Trussell Hugh Wilkins David Marchetti Jesse Browning Brooks Buchanan
Elders Mark Baird Stuart Clarke Parker Ellison	Deacons Walter Brand	

STEWARDS

Pastor Charlie Wingard	Elders Tim Threadgill Dave Fulcher	Deacons Henry Greaves Trey Porter Stewart Swayze Will Vise Dave Dear Robert Leard Jeff Skelton
Elders Jack Crawford Holt Crews David Elkin Harper Keeler Ben Roberson	Deacons Allen Holiman David Case T. Dale John Davis	

LIGHT HOUSE

Pastor David Felker	Deacons Read Meadows Chase Wynn Matt Glover Price Davis Bailey Fair David Luter Sanford Moore	Deacons Alan Walters Gary Dye William Denney Lee Thorne Willem Lamar Les Triplett
Elders Craig Flowers Phillip Parker		

YOUNG ADULTS

Pastor Scott Miller	Elders Mark Baird Mike Tramel Spence Flatgard	Deacons Beau Burrow Walt Wofford
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YOUNG SEEKERS

Pastor Billy Dempsey	Elders George Fair Claude Harbarger John Lowe Smith Wayne Husband Bill Payne	Deacons Glen Bush Bill Crim Ford Terry
Elders Bud Bratley Steve Edwards		

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various
9:45 a.m.	Membership Class.....	MB 123
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime (for age three and four 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.)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series	MH
7:00 a.m.	FPDS Parent University	PH
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
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, October 23, 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 24, 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 26, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, October 27, 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 three and four 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.	Reformational Day Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Children's Reformation Program.....	Dismissed from the Sanctuary
	(for age four through third grade)	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

ONE SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 17

On November 17, our entire church will come together for One Sunday: one Sunday school, one worship service, and a church-wide lunch. Don't miss this special day in the life of our church as we celebrate the work God is doing at First Pres through your giving and generosity! Save the date and plan to be with us!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

Dennis & Rhonda Conroy – Dennis & Rhonda serve with MTW and Wycliffe assisting with Bible translation. email: dennis_conroy@sil.org; rhonda_conroy@sil.org

Joe & Kristi Cristman – Joe serves as a church planter in Lombard, IL.
Email: joecristman@gmail.com

Mission First – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Mission First is an inner-city mission organization that seeks to meet the tangible needs of individuals as an avenue to engage their paramount spiritual needs. email: lthigpen@missionfirst.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judy and Denny Terry by their children and grandchildren.

COMMUNION — TODAY

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services today. 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 — TODAY

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.

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 online at fpds.org/parentuniversity.

TUESDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES — FINAL WEEK

Men, join us for the final week of our fall Tuesday Men's Breakfast this Tuesday 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!

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.