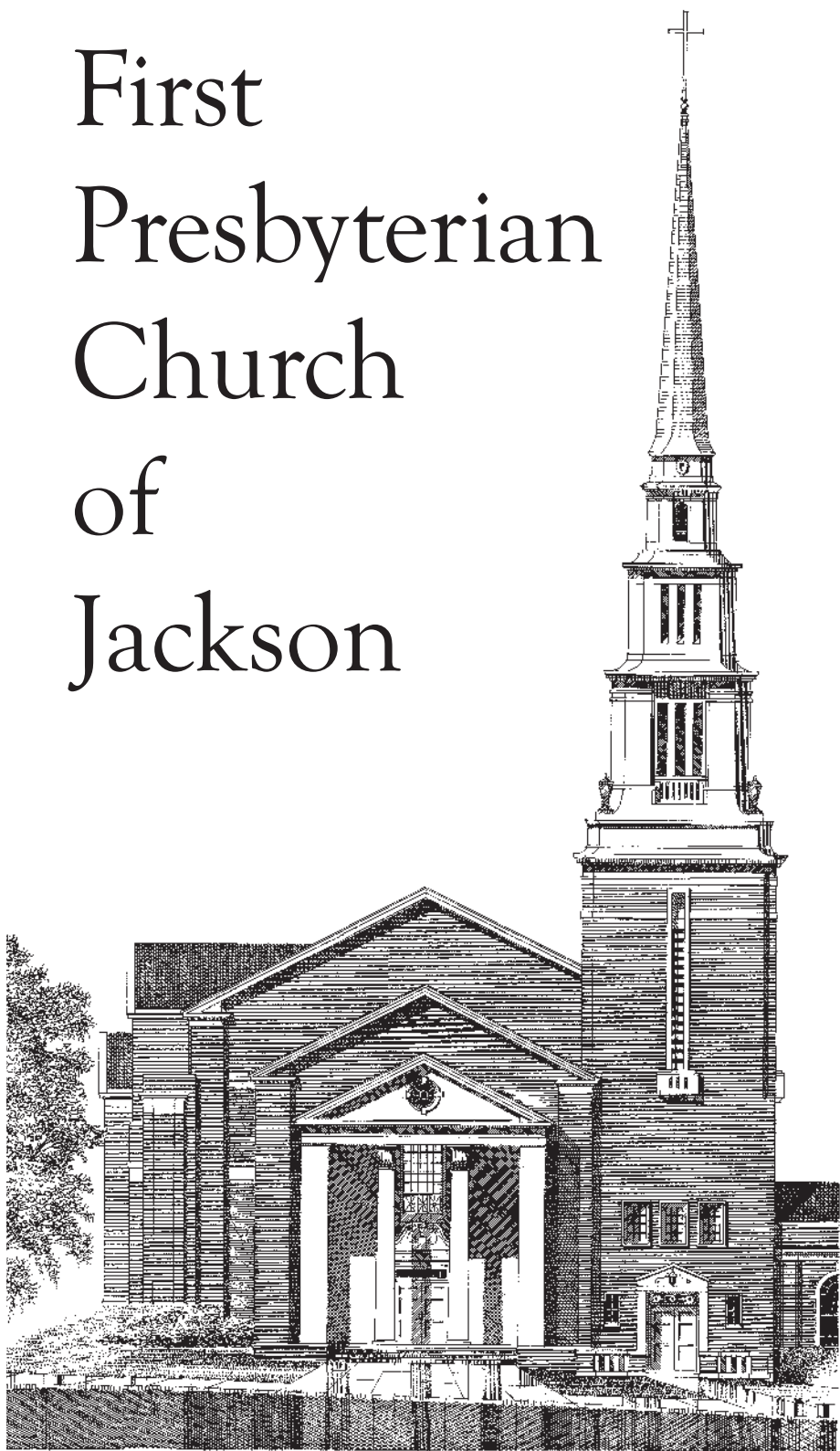


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Day of November, Two Thousand Twenty Four
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Charlie Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “The Lord’s My Shepherd”Gordon Young
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “The Lord Reigns” Dale Wood

The Call to Worship — Psalm 103:1-3, 20-22

The Hymn No. 6 — “O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord” (Psalm 103)

The Invocation

The Doxology

O Father, You are Sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean’s shore,
sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest’s roar.

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. 472 — “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched”

New Testament Reading — Matthew 5:38-48(pew Bible page 810)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “Know My Heart” (Psalm 139)Benjamin Harlan

Lord, You have searched me, You know everything I do.
When I rise, when I lie down, You are with me.
Before I speak, You hear me, Your presence follows day by day.
O know my heart, O God.

Lord, You have searched me, You know everything I do.
When I rise, when I lie down, You are with me.
Before I speak, You hear me, Your presence follows day by day.
O know my heart, O God.

If I ascend into heaven, You are there on the wings of the morning
or in my deepest despair.
His hand shall lead me, His right hand will guide me though darkness
should cover me, light shall surround me, and I will praise the Lord,
I will praise the Lord, I will praise Him with my whole heart!

Lord, You have searched me, You know everything I do.
When I rise, when I lie down, You are with me.
Before I speak, You hear me, Your presence follows day by day.
O know my heart, O God.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading — Leviticus 5:14-6:7(pew Bible page 84)

The Sermon — Drawing Near to God: Guilt..... Dr. David Strain

The Hymn No. 254 (stzs. 1-4) — “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

The Postlude — “Festive Trumpet Tune”David German

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

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

The Prelude — “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
The Four and Five Year Old Choir
Bubbles Delfin, Director Amanda Hohm, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 72:18,19

The Hymn No. 441 — “Jesus Shall Reign”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” hymn sheet

The Greetings

The FPDS Ministry Report Mrs. Jordan Yerger, FPDS Board Member

The Evening Prayer Dr. David Elkin, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Mercy Tree” Neale / Nordhoff; arr. Martin
The Student Choir
Sarah Little, Director Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Young Children's Devotional* — *The Children's Catechism*
Q32. What does every sin deserve? **A. The wrath and curse of God.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. George Herndon, Students and Families Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1-2) — “A Debtor to Mercy Alone” hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 24 (pew Bible page 933)

The Sermon — Going to Rome: Upsetting Felix Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

My name from the palms of Your hands eternity will not erase.
Impressed on Your heart it remains in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end will endure, until I bow down at Your throne,
forever and always secure, a debtor to mercy alone.

The Postlude

* Children ages four through third 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.

SERVICE GUIDE

WHY DO WE HAVE A PRAYER OF CONFESSION?

The Christian is one who has been given truth to confess. The heart of our confession is the good news that God has come in the flesh to redeem helpless sinners from our natural state of sin and misery. But it is the bad news of our natural sin and misery that makes the good news intelligible. This is why it is necessary and truly beneficial that we, as God's people, corporately confess our sins in worship. Corporate confession is one way that we reorient ourselves to the shocking reality of the kindness, mercy, and inestimable love of God—"for even while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Our confession of sin also reminds us that we are ever dependent on His grace, because, in this life, we are ever struggling with the darkness of our own sinful hearts. The Bible is crystal clear that even though we've been justified by the blood of Christ, as long as we are on this earthly pilgrimage, we will always be at war with our sin (Col. 3:5). When we confess our sins together, we stop hiding, and we allow the light of God's grace to expose our deeds. And it is in this act of confession that His mercy renews us, fixes our eyes once again upon Christ, and cleanses our consciences to serve the Lord with gladness, joy, and hope—hope that even we can be made clean by the precious blood of Christ!

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.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir	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

Monday, November 4, 2024

9:30 a.m.	Women's Ministry Council.....	PH
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Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
5:00 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.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	Portraits of Devotion.....	MH
	Engaged & Newlywed Class	WH 204
	Don't Waste Your Life: Take Risks for Christ	WH202B
	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	Session Room
	D Groups.....	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs.....	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior and Senior High D Groups	YH

Thursday, November 7, 2024

9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study – Hebrews	PH
9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study – Ruth & Esther.....	MH

Saturday, November 9, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir	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
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Box Home (5316 Red Fox Rd.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 jolynnm@fpcjackson.org.

William & Charisa serve with SIM in North Africa. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Joel & Holly Wallace – Joel serves as the Director of Ministry Development, Engaging Disability with the Gospel. Email: joel@engagingdisability.org.

Mustard Seed – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Mustard Seed is a Christian organization seeking to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities. Website: <https://mustardseedms.org>

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Katherine Tomb by her nieces, Catherine and Elizabeth Cook.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. William “Bill” Sutherland - October 28, 2024

FPDS MINISTRY REPORT - TONIGHT

In our evening service, we are looking forward to hearing from Jordan Yerger, a member of the board of FPDS. She will give us an update on this central ministry of our church and let us know how we can support its mission.

VETERANS DAY - NEXT WEEK

Help us honor our veterans this year. On Sunday, November 10, we will show a Veterans Day slideshow. To add a veteran to the slide show, email emilye@fpcjackson.org with the picture and name of the veteran. Also we invite the entire congregation to drop by the Welcome Center from November 6-10 to write a note to a veteran. Veterans, we would love to see you on November 10. Stop by the Welcome Center to view the slideshow and receive a red poppy boutonniere.

BAPTISM - NEXT WEEK

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 10. Spaces are available for both services. To make a reservation, please contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org.

MEN’S NIGHT AT CREEKMORES’ - NOVEMBER 7

Men, plan to join us for our annual tradition, Men’s Night at Creekmore house, this Thursday, November 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We look forward to some great food and a relaxed time of fellowship as we gather on this beautiful property. For questions or more details, email discipleship@fpcjackson.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.

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!

One Sunday kicks off Stewardship season at our church, which is a time to reflect on God's abundant provision for us as individuals and as a church family and to look forward to how He will use our gifts and offerings to further His Kingdom here on North State Street, in our communities, and the world.

Church members will receive a Stewardship Guide in the mail in the coming weeks to use as we prepare for One Sunday. The guide contains helpful materials as we plan our giving in 2025. With the Stewardship Guide, you will also find our new One Card. FPC wants to partner with you in planning how you will steward your time, talent, and treasure to FPC Ministry and to Missions in 2025 using the One Card! Return the One Card on One Sunday (or submit it online) as an act of worship so that FPC can partner with you in your personal accountability this coming year!

COVERING OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER

Each year, every Adult Sunday School class at FPC commits to pray for a Children's or Youth Sunday School class. Ask your Sunday School president for the list of children with whom your class is paired. Over the course of the year, we ask that the adults focus on praying for their assigned children – both in class and at home. Covering Our Children in Prayer unites our entire church body from babies to adults through prayer. We are praying that God will bring more of our babies, children, and teens to hear, believe, and obey His gospel.

THANKSGIVING GATHERING

Gather with your church family this Thanksgiving Day! Our deacons are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner for those in our congregation who may be unable to gather with family and loved ones this year. We will gather for an informal Thanksgiving service at 11:00 a.m. in Miller Hall, followed by the meal at 11:45. The church will provide the meat, and those who attend will bring sides and desserts. Bringing a dish that serves at least eight people will ensure that there is enough for everyone. Please call Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 to sign up and let us know what you'd like to bring. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor who may be alone this Thanksgiving, as well. They'll be more than welcome!

NEW BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would love to celebrate and welcome new children into the church by announcing their births! If there has been a new birth in your family, please inform the church by emailing ccare@fpcjackson.org. Please include the full name of the child, birthdate, parents' names, as well as grandparents' names.

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.