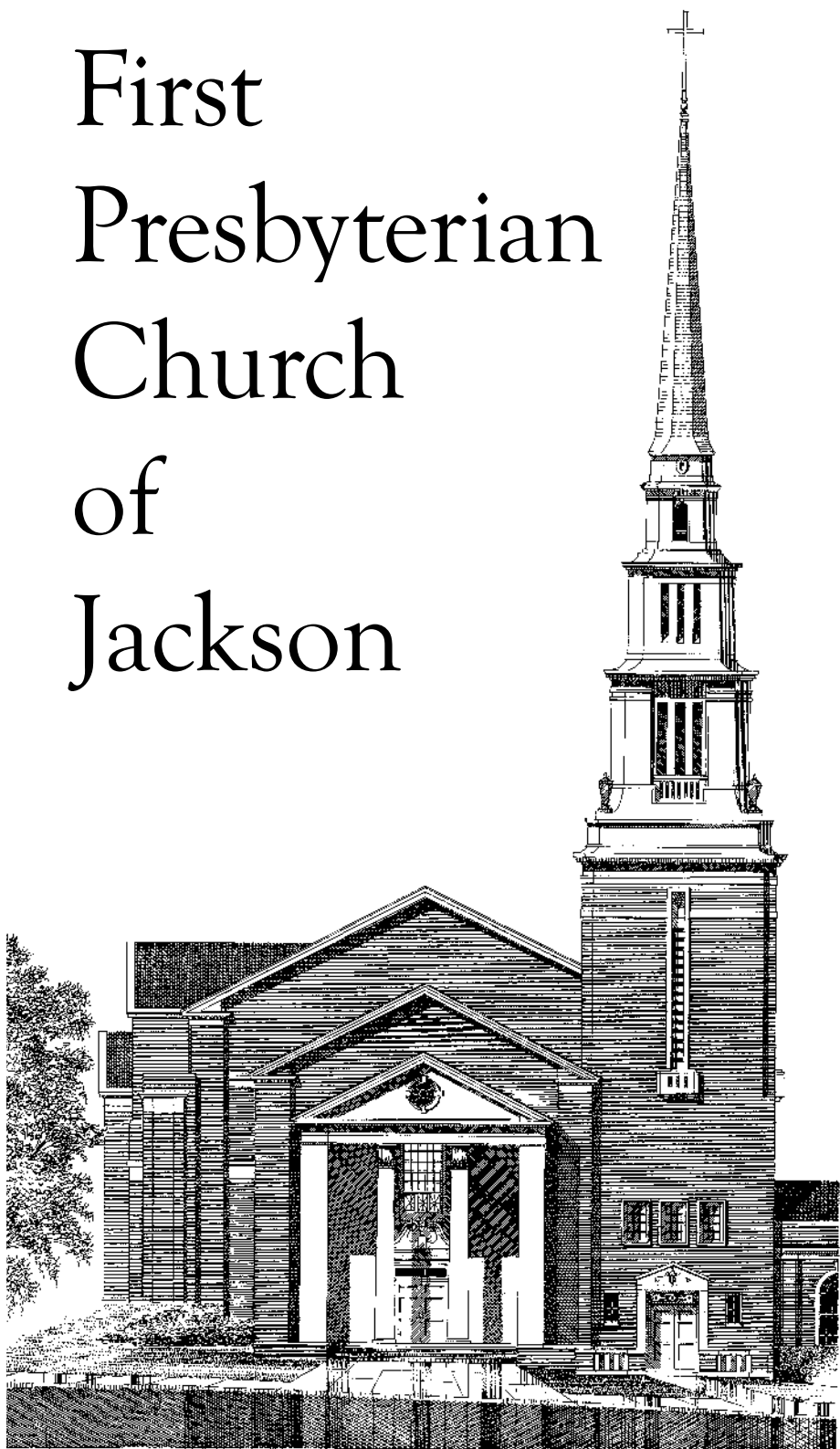


The
First
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Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

ADORING THE COVENANT LORD

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

The Scripture Memory Passage — Matthew 5:13-18

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

The Prelude — “O Worship the King” arr. Catherine McMichael
Nancy Bateman, Cello; Thorburn McGee, Viola; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Come! Join Our Cheerful Song!” Dale Wood

The Call to Worship — Hebrews 10:19-25

The Hymn No. 80 — “Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory.
Alleluia, to the Spirit fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

The Stewardship ReportMr. Robert Leard
Stewardship Campaign Committee Member

RECEIVING THE COVENANT SIGN

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

The Words of Institution
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and Their Families
The Biblical Promise
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Baptism
The Baptismal Benediction

The Hymn No. 189 (stz. 1-2) — “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

The Offering

The Offertory — “This Is My Father’s World” Mack Wilberg

Dr. Grace Shumaker and Kathryn Edwards, Piano

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees; of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world: the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev’rywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns: let the earth be glad!
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns: let the earth,
God reigns: let the earth, God reigns, let the earth be glad!

HEARING THE COVENANT WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Leviticus 6:8-7:38pew Bible page 84

The Sermon — Drawing Near to God: Ministry Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 644 (stz. 1-2) — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.**

The Postlude — “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”Benjamin Harlan

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

The Reverend Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor
Discipleship Director

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

The Prelude — “He Will Hold Me Fast”Merker
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 12:2

The Hymn No. 168 — “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Thy Mercy, My God” hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. Mark Baird, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Third–Fifth Grade Children’s Choir; Beth Archer, Director; Jennie Statom, Piano

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

Q33. What was the sin of our first parents?

A. Eating the forbidden fruit.

Q34. Who tempted Adam and Eve to this sin?

A. Satan tempted Eve first, and then he used her to tempt Adam.

Q35. How did Adam and Eve change when they sinned?

A. Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Scott Miller, Minister of College & Young Adults

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “In the Cross Alone I Glory” hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Acts 25:1-22 pew Bible page 934

The Sermon — Going to Rome: An Appeal to Caesar Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Never will I seek the glory that was never meant for me.

Always heavenward reflecting. All to Jesus to receive.

All to Jesus to receive.

In the cross alone I glory, nothing of my own to give.

Only that which Christ has offered for my soul that I may live.

For my soul that I may live.

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.

THE VOWS OF BAPTISM

In order for the congregation to participate in the sacrament of baptism and to refresh our own commitment to these vows, they are included below:

TO THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO

Sam Maier Coleman
son of Harper and Richard Coleman

Lucas McGee Crim
son of Kelly and William Crim

Elizabeth Nan Miller
daughter of Abbey and Scott Miller

Robert Tait Nicholas
son of Katie and Taylor Nicholas

Harris Hampton Wyatt
son of Julie and Chris Wyatt

The next baptism date is January 19, 2025.
Spaces are available for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.
Please email emilye@fpcjackson.org to reserve a place.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
11 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 Box Home (5316 Red Fox Rd.)

Monday, November 11, 2024

Various	Circles Meet This Week.....	Various
10:30 a.m.	Caregivers' Support Group.....	WH 202B
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting.....	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting.....	MS

Tuesday, November 12, 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
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night Bible Study.....	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class.....	PH

Wednesday, November 13, 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, November 14, 2024

9:30 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
6-8 p.m.	Young Adults Thanksgiving.....	The Bean

Saturday, November 16, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, November 17, 2024

9 a.m.	One Adult Sunday School.....	Baird Center Gym
9 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Regular Locations
10:30 a.m.	One Morning Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Children's Churchtime (for age 3 and 4 by Sept. 1)	M135
11:30 a.m.	One Churchwide Luncheon	Baird Center Gym
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 Smith Home (2660 Lake Circle)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEVOTED: LEARNING TO LIVE FOR GOD'S GLORY

This second quarter of our churchwide teaching theme begins this week, calling us to renewed devotion to the only One who is worthy of our worship and praise, to the One who is before all things and in whom all things are held together. This week, we begin work on our second quarter memory passage, Matthew 5:13-18, and we continue our churchwide reading, *Devoted to God* by Sinclair Ferguson. For more information, to read the second quarter Devoted prayers, and to get started with the Devoted reading list, pick up the Devoted Book II available in the welcome center today or visit fpcj.ms/devoted.

ONE SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 17

Next week on November 17, our entire church will come together for One Sunday: one Sunday school, one worship service, and a churchwide 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! The schedule for the day is detailed below:

9-10 a.m. — One Sunday School in the Baird Center Gym

10-10:20 a.m. — Fellowship time (Parents pick children up from Sunday School)

10:30 a.m. — One Worship Service (Children's churchtime available for 3 and 4-year olds)

11:30 a.m. — One Churchwide Luncheon

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 should have received a Stewardship Guide in the mail 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!

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 a.m. in Miller Hall, followed by the meal at 11:45. The church will provide the meat, and those who attend may bring sides and desserts. Bring a dish that serves at least eight people to 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 to join us, as well. They'll be more than welcome!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLES — MEETING THIS WEEK

Joining a Circle is a wonderful way to get involved in the life of the church and make a big church feel like family. Circles are groups of women who meet monthly (September – May) for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and to learn of opportunities for service and missions within our church. To register, contact Lisa Oswalt at 769-333-5802 or lisoa@fpcjackson.org.

Monday, November 11

Circle 8	9:30	The Orchard
Circle 2	10:00	Janie Clarke's Home
Circle 3	10:00	Westminster Hall 204
Circle 4	10:00	Parlor
Circle 5	10:00	Bebe Sumner's Home
Circle 14	12:00	Miller Hall
Circle 6	6:30	Beth Archer's Home

Tuesday, November 12

Circle 7	10:00	Laura Barbour's Home
Circle 9	10:00	Westminster Hall 204
Circle 11	10:00	Frenchie Graham's Home
Circle 12	10:30	St. Catherine's

STEP INTO SCRIPTURE — DECEMBER 1

Children are invited to Step into Scripture and experience the Christmas Story with a live animal nativity, Sunday, December 1, during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:30 a.m., at the Belhaven Street field, next to the Belhaven Street parking lot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 jolynnm@fpcjackson.org.

Carter & Caroline McWhorter – Carter & Caroline serve with MTW as part of the Adams’ church-planting team in South East Asia. email: themcwhorters710@gmail.com

Ben & Melanie Kappers – Ben serves with MNA as a church planter in St. George, Utah. email: ben@allsaintsreformed.com

Young Life of Jackson – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Young Life seeks to share the gospel, lead adolescents to Christ, and help them grow in their faith.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David G. Wasson, Sr. by his family.

VETERANS DAY

Veterans, we thank God for you! Please, stop by the Welcome Center to view the slideshow and receive a red poppy boutonniere.

CAREGIVERS MINISTRY — NOVEMBER 11

The Caregivers Support Group will meet tomorrow, November 11, in Miller Hall 202B from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The purpose of our Caregivers Ministry is to gather similarly situated caregivers who desire to learn, share stories, and grieve as we walk together through the valley of a loved one’s suffering with dementia and dementia-related illness. The meeting will provide a safe and friendly forum to talk with others who understand the toils of caregiving for the cognitively impaired. If you have questions, please contact Ken Fairly at 601-941-5004.

SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas events provide a winsome opportunity to welcome friends and neighbors to interact with our church family and hear (and even sing!) the good news of Jesus with us. Christmas Cards with FPC Christmas events printed on the back are available in the Welcome Center for you to send a handwritten invitation as a neighborly outreach. Please be praying about whom you may invite to join you at one of our gatherings!

EVENING COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

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

YOUNG ADULTS THANKSGIVING

Our Young Adults Ministry will get together to celebrate Thanksgiving November 14, 6-8 p.m., at The Bean! We would love to see you there.

FPDS HOLIDAY POTPOURRI — NOVEMBER 15

FPDS is excited to announce the 50th Holiday Potpourri, Friday, November 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 129 Woodland Circle. Join us for a wonderful event featuring a beautiful home tour, tastings from local restaurants, a silent auction and more. Since 1974, this event has contributed to many projects and upgrades that continue to benefit our students, faculty, and staff. Together, let’s ensure a bright future for our students! Tickets may be purchased from FPDS Students, at the FPDS Office, or the day of the event. Each ticket includes the chance to win \$1,000.

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.