

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventeenth Day of November Two Thousand Twenty-Four
MORNING WORSHIP
Half Past Ten

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

The Reverend Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor
Discipleship Director

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements (10:25 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 — “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Grace Kim
Nancy Bateman, Cello; Bonnie Brown, Violin; Rae Shannon, Piano

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

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 598 — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

The Invocation

The Doxology

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD’S FACE

The Hymn — “Speak O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ’til your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Stewardship ReportMr. Harrison Matheny
Stewardship Campaign Chairman

The Offering

The Anthem — “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”Gordon Young
Reed Hairston, Guest Director

Come Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
Sing alleluia, O sing Alleluia! O sing, sing, sing; O sing Alleluia; O sing alleluia!
O sing alleluia, O sing alleluia! O sing Alleluia; O sing, sing Alleluia! Alleluia.
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky! Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He’ll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen! Amen! Amen!

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Hebrews 13:15-16..... pew Bible page 1010

The Sermon — Devoted: Sacrifices that Please God..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 347 (stz. 1-5)— “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Yet, she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.**

The Postlude — “Lead on, O King Eternal” Bulla
The FPC Brass Ensemble; Nathan Oakley, Director

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

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

The Prelude — “Not What My Hands Have Done”... Martin, Arr. Libscombe
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Lamentations 3:40, 41

The Hymn No. 701 — “Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

The Invocation

The Greetings

The Offering

***The Offertory** — “Here Am I” Fanny Crosby
Reed Hairston, Soprano; Rebekah Libscombe, Piano

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Acts 25:23–26:32..... pew Bible page 934

The Sermon — **Going to Rome: Of a Sound Mind**..... Mr. Lowry

The Hymn — “Before the Throne of God Above” hymn sheet

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 (stz. 1–3) — “Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean”..... hymn sheet

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

In Your truth You still direct me by Your Spirit through Your word

And Your grace my need is meeting as I trust in You, my Lord.

Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great love and pow’r on me,

Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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.



ONE MISSION | ONE COMMUNITY

ONE SUNDAY

NOV. 17

This year, 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 One Card! Instead of separate cards for FPC giving and for Missions giving, we now invite you to use the 2025 One Card below as a tool to prayerfully plan what you will give to both FPC and to Missions in 2025. As you consider your personal stewardship and giving, please return the One Card to the church (or submit it online) so that FPC can partner with you in your personal accountability via periodic, confidential statements and updates, marking your progress toward your giving goals.

May the Lord bless us and aid us as our households recount God's providence in 2024 and consider how we can manage carefully and responsibly our praise, service, and giving in the year to come!

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SACRIFICES THAT PLEASE GOD

STEWARDSHIP 2025



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Jackson, Mississippi



Digital One Card

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17, 2024

9 a.m.	One Adult & Youth 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)

Tuesday, November 19, 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
6:15 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, November 20, 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 21, 2024

9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study – Ruth & Esther: Our Sovereign God	MH
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Saturday, November 23, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
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 Service.....	Sanctuary (age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Fesko Home (108 Charlestowne Sq.)

LH—Lowe Hall MB—Main Building MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite
PH—Patterson Hall SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEVOTED: LEARNING TO LIVE FOR GOD'S GLORY

We have recently begun the second quarter of our churchwide teaching theme, which calls 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.

GATEWAY CHRISTMAS PARTY — CALLING ALL BAKERS

FPC will celebrate Christmas and serve lunch to the men of the "New Life" program of Gateway Rescue Mission on Monday, December 9. We're asking the congregation for donations of homemade goodies/pick-up desserts or savory snacks to serve that day. Please drop off on Friday, December 6 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. OR on Sunday, December 8, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. The drop-off will be located on the first floor of the Study Center, under the stairs near the drink machines.

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. 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.

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.

ACORN FUND

The Acorn Fund is our school's new annual fund and another way you as a church member can support the ministry of the school. Gifts to the Acorn Fund benefit each and every student, as the school uses your gifts to recruit and retain the best teachers, provide academic excellence, and keep tuition competitive. Most importantly, a gift to the Acorn Fund is your opportunity to partner with FPDS as we grow our children from acorns of faith into "oaks of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:3). A gift to the Acorn Fund can be made at fpds.org/give, through the church app by selecting "Acorn Fund," or by mailing a check made payable to First Presbyterian Day School-Acorn Fund to 1390 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

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.

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 jolynn@fpcjackson.org.

Jake & Courtney Thomas – Jake & Courtney serve with MTW as part of a church-planting team in Thailand. email: 14jake.thomas@gmail.com

John & Tara St. Martin – John serves in Mankato, MN, as the pastor of a church replant. Email: jtstmartin@gmail.com

The Center for Pregnancy Choices – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, the CPC 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.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Peggy Baker Cannada — November 9, 2024

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary, from the wedding of Colby Ryan Jordan and Steven Pratt Rogers, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia Lemmons Jennings, grandmother of the bride.

EVENING COMMUNION — TONIGHT

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

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!

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!

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.

SENIOR HIGH HYMN SING — DECEMBER 1

Senior High students, please join with students from area churches for a hymn sing at Highlands Presbyterian Church on December 1 at 7:30 p.m.