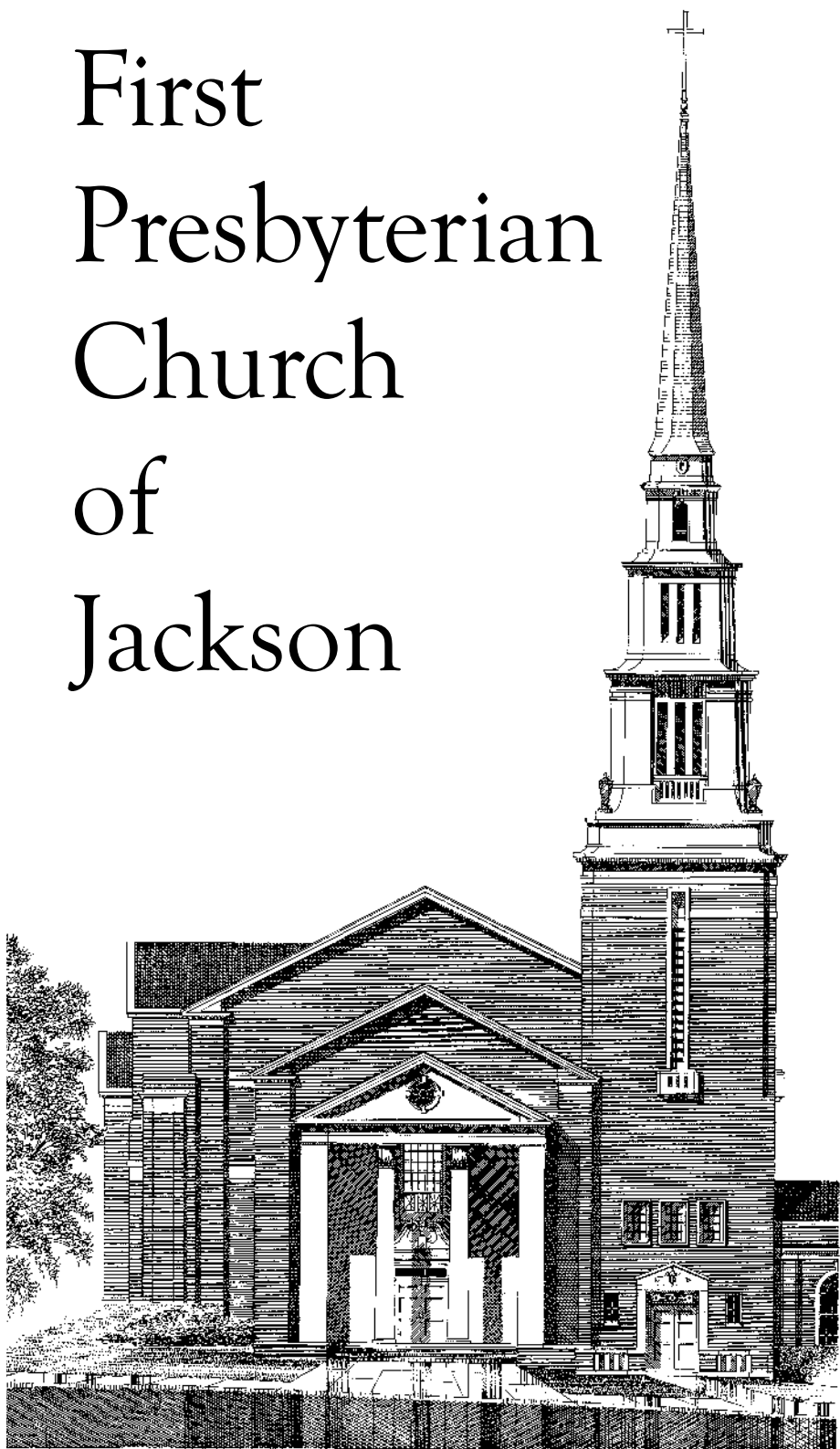


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational and Pastoral Care

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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 — “In the Bleak Midwinter”arr. Getty
Rae Shannon, Piano

The Call to Worship — Micah 5:2, 4

The Hymn No. 218 — “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

The Invocation

The Doxology

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 213 — “What Child Is This”

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 6:5–15.....pew Bible page 811

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” arr. Wohlgemuth

Erin Miller, Ryan Miller, Amanda Roberson, and Ben Roberson

Of the Father’s love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Savior of our race,
And the Babe, the world’s Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav’n adore Him;
Angel hosts His praises sing;
Pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Luke 2:19, 51pew Bible page 857

The Sermon — Treasuring Up Mr. Dempsey

The Hymn No. 226 (stz. 1–4)— “As with Gladness Men of Old”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**In the heav’nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our King.**

The Postlude — “Hark! The Glad Sound”Michael Burkhardt

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in our

NEIGHBORHOOD

our

COMMUNITIES

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WORLD



EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” ...Prichard/arr. Lipscombe
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “O Sing a New Song to the Lord” (Psalm 98A) hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 100 — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

The Greetings

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

The Offering

The Offertory — “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”Bach/arr. Coates

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Timothy 2:24-26..... pew Bible page 996

The Sermon — The Lord’s ServantDr. Wingard

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed,
Where shall I see my Father’s face, and in His bosom rest.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised land.**

The Postlude

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Family Hymn Sing	Miller Hall
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
12:00 p.m.	Church Office Closed	

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

All day	Church Office Closed	
	No Midweek Activities or Dinner	

Saturday, January 4, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, January 5, 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
5:00 p.m.	Prayer for Global Missions.....	Parlor
5:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer Meeting	WH 202A
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary

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

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

SUPPORT THE WORK OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Contributions must be received by FPC on or before December 31 or postmarked by December 31 in order to be deductible for the 2024 tax year. The Business Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on December 31. After hours on December 31, security will be on site to receive contributions. Additionally, you may give online through midnight on December 31 or via the church app. Any gifts received in person or postmarked after December 31 must be applied to the 2025 tax year.

For information about how to donate stock to First Presbyterian Church, please contact the Business Office at 601-620-2357.

FAMILIES COUNT

Our next Families Count class, held during the Midweek time slot, is scheduled to begin January 8, and will run for six weeks. **Known volunteer needs for the upcoming class include childcare from 7 p.m. until close to 8 p.m. for a one-year-old child.** It is possible that additional children will be signed up in the next few weeks as well. If you have an interest in loving on these families in this way, please contact Carol Anne Miconi at 601-506-5033 or carolannem@fpcjackson.org.

JOIN FPC — MEMBERSHIP CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 26

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is January 26. New member forms can be found online at fpcj.ms/membership or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by January 15. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT — JANUARY 17–20

Senior High students, don't miss the annual Winter Retreat to Alpine Camp for Boys, January 17–20. We will hear from Ben Griffith as we give our students a weekend to relax and focus on God's Word, in a beautiful setting. The final deadline to register is January 3. Register online at fpcj.ms/winter-retreat.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT — FEBRUARY 15–16

The Young Adults Retreat will be held February 15–16, at Twin Lakes Camp, with speaker, Austin Braasch, RUF Ole Miss. This event is a great time to get away for a night, spend time with others, and sit under the preached Word. Register online at fpcj.ms/events.

PERU MISSION TRIP — JUNE 2025

Join us June 20–28, 2025, for the Cajamarca trip. Drs. Danny Story and Craig Flowers will lead a team of 40. The cost per person is \$3,300. FPC pays 50% for church members on their first mission trip and 25% for past participants. Apply at fpcj.ms/go.

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.

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.

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 jolynn@fpcjackson.org.

Gethin & Katie Jones – Jeff serves with Mission to the World as a RUF campus minister and the pastor of their church in Japan. email: jeff.saunders@ruf.org

John & Taylor Blevins – John serves as a church planter at Christ Church Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN. website: www.cometochrist.church email: john@johnblevinsiii.com

Pioneer Ministries – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Pioneer is a ministry whose purpose is to prepare boys and girls spiritually, educationally and emotionally to serve Christ in their communities as contributing citizens. We further envision helping married couples to acquire relationship skills that will produce stable homes in a fast-changing world.
email: pminis3659@aol.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Mike Quayle; Rusty, Kerri, Russell and Eliza Hawkins; Austin, Olivia, Sadie and Brian Quayle; Brandee and Raleigh Quayle in loving memory of Janet Quayle and Brian Quayle.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no children’s Churchtime this morning in the 11 a.m. service. Also, there will be no Sunday evening programs for children (Covenant Kids & Catechism Crew) tonight, Sunday, December 29 and January 5. For more information, please contact womenandchildren@fpcjackson.org.

FAMILY HYMN SING — TODAY

This morning during the Sunday School hour, we will gather for a Family Hymn Sing! Join us in Miller Hall and sing carols as we sing hymns to close the holiday season. No other Sunday School classes will meet.

JANUARY INTENSIVE: THE LORD REIGNS

The Book of Daniel is filled with some of the most recognizable stories in the Bible. From the lion’s den to the fiery furnace, these stories are imprinted on our minds at the earliest ages. But, in reading the text of Daniel, it quickly becomes clear that there are many parts of this prophetic book that are hard to understand. If we come to the text expecting to find the exciting adventures of our childhood Bible books, we may be surprised to find it full of strange imagery and complicated symbols. Still, Daniel was not written to confound, but to encourage God’s suffering people. It is honest about the challenges of living for God in a hostile culture. And it shows us the Lord’s faithfulness to His people, His sovereignty over history, and His grand design to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.

That’s a message we all need to hear, which is why, for our upcoming January Intensive, David Strain will lead us through Daniel’s twelve chapters on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Wednesday nights. Come and get a better grasp on this inspiring book. Better still, come and be comforted amidst a dark and chaotic world, and emboldened to stand firm in your faith as Daniel reminds you that “The Lord Reigns.”

Daniel ESV Scripture Journal

Beginning today, we have copies of a Daniel Scripture Journal available for you to use throughout the January Intensive. Drop by the Welcome Center or Greeting Courtyard to pick up a copy for you and your family.

Children’s Daniel Workbooks

The Children’s Ministry has prepared a weekly workbook for children, age 4–12. Pick up a copy of the week 1 workbook (which begins January 5) in the Tree House or at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary.