

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Nineteenth Day of January Two Thousand Twenty-Five
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Executive Minister

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 — “Aria” John Rutter
Paul Forster, Flute; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Behold Now, Praise the Lord”Everitt Titcomb

The Call to Worship — Psalm 99:1–3, 9

The Hymn No. 30 — “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Psalm 90)

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!

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. 499 — “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

The Offering

The Offertory — “Redeemer of Israel” Mack Wilberg

Redeemer of Israel, our only delight, on whom for a blessing we call,
Our shadow by day, and our pillar by night, our King, our Deliverer, our all.

We know He is coming to gather His sheep and lead them to Zion in love;
For why in the valley of death should they weep or in the lone wilderness rove?

How long we have wandered as strangers in sin, and cried in the desert for Thee!
Our foes have rejoiced when our sorrows they've seen, but Israel will shortly be free.

As children of Zion, good tidings for us: the tokens already appear,
Fear not, and be just, for the kingdom is ours. The hour of redemption is near.

HEARING THE COVENANT WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Daniel 7.....pew Bible page 744

The Sermon — The Lord Reigns: One Like A Son of Man..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 599 (stz. 1-3) — “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

The Postlude — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Albert C. Travis

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 Dr. David T. A. Strain

Senior Minister

Mr. Owen Hallbach

Mission Fellow

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

The Prelude — “Fairest Lord Jesus/All Creatures of Our God and King”

Trad. / arr. Lipscombe

Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 111:1–3, 9–10

The Hymn No. 302 — “Come, Christians Join to Sing”

The Invocation

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

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. Sharkey Burke, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Meditation from Thais” Massenet / arr. Coates

Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Hymn (stz. 1–3)— “Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand”... hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Daniel 8..... pew Bible page 745

The Sermon.....Dr. Strain

The Lord Reigns: A Ram, A Goat, and a Little Horn, Oh My

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;

Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy pow’r and reign;

Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;

Show in the heav’ns Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.

The Postlude

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

Elliott Ann Beneke
daughter of Laura Lee and Sonny Beneke

Gwendolyn Jane Cruse
daughter of Allison and Blake Cruse

Stephen Dean Dryden
son of Kelsey and Mathias Dryden

Henry Thomas Landrum
son of Shannon and Nate Landrum

Emily Ellen Wilson
daughter of Ellen and Bradley Wilson

David Gregory Wilson
son of Ellen and Bradley Wilson

The next baptism date is March 16, 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, January 19, 2025

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
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary

Monday, January 20, 2025

All Day Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

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 305
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night Bible Study	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
5:00–6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:00 p.m.	Families Count	WH 202
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MS
6:00 p.m.	January Intensive: The Lord Reigns	MH
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship	SC 211
6:00 p.m.	Junior High D Groups	YH & Baird Center Gym
7:10 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:15 p.m.	Senior High Girls Small Group	Mary Helen's (4016 Hawthorn Dr.)

Thursday, January 23, 2025

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, January 25, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, January 26, 2025

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.	Prayer for Global Missions	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Ketchum Home (1073 Manship St.)

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

STAND 2025 — FEBRUARY 7

Building up Mid-South Men in the Gospel

Our annual conference for men in the mid-south takes place Friday, February 7. This year we will face the challenge of *Courage and Compromise in the Book of Joshua*, led by our guest preacher Kevin DeYoung. Join us for a BBQ meal (5:30–6:30 p.m.), and then as we stand shoulder to shoulder in worship with brothers in Christ from across our region in a worship service (7–8:30 p.m.). There is no charge for this event, but contributions towards our costs are very welcome. Register online at fpcj.ms/stand-2025 to help us plan for the BBQ dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAMS RESUME IN FEBRUARY

Parents, our Sunday evening programs will not meet during the month of January. This includes the Children's Devotional, Catechism Crew, and Covenant Kids. Nursery is available for children age three and younger. Sunday evening programs resume in February.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS — FEBRUARY 5

The next offering of the Membership Class will begin February 5 and will meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. This 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 distinctives 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.

YOUNG ADULTS SUPPER CLUBS — LAST WEEK OF JANUARY

Young Adults, get together with friends, new and old, and share a meal together! Text Scott to sign up at 769-232-8852, and we will follow up with more information.

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.

CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS

Join us on Tuesday mornings, February 4-March 4 as we hand-craft Christmas ornaments for our missionaries. This ministry is an encouragement to those who are serving away from home. No craft skills required! Meets from 9-11 a.m. in Westminster Hall 302. Nursery available upon request. Contact Sarah Prewitt for more information 601-954-3219 or ssprewitt99@gmail.com.

2025 MISSION TRIPS

We have five trips planned this year including our annual trip to Peru, Honduras, Belgium, Scotland, and South Africa. For more information and to apply, visit fpcj.ms/go. The deadline to apply for the Peru trip is February 10 so apply as soon as possible.

GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2025 — FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 1

Devoted: Set Apart to Proclaim

The Global Missions Conference, held each February/March, is one of the high points of our annual calendar at FPC. We set aside this week to focus closely on missions and our church's goals to "make disciples in our neighborhood, our communities, and the world." The conference is also a time for our congregation to consider giving to missions. At FPC, every single dollar we give to missions is given over and above your regular tithe to our specific designation for missions. In other words, every single dollar we send to our missionaries arrives at the church as a gift designated for missions. For more information and to view the full conference schedule visit fpcj.ms/missions-conference.

Keynote Speakers

February 23 — Wright Busching
Church Planter, University Presbyterian Church, Tampa, FL

March 2 — Jason Helopoulos
Senior Pastor, University Reformed Church, Lansing, MI

MISSIONS CONFERENCE HOSTS NEEDED

Are you interested in hosting one of our honored guests during the conference? We need you! For more information, please contact Janie Clarke, our housing coordinator at 601-953-4991 or janielclarke6@gmail.com.

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 jollynm@fpcjackson.org.

Alex & Eska D – Alex, serving with MTW Asian Crescent, is leading a church-planting team in Southeast Asia.

Seth & Zoe Miller – Seth serves as a church planter in Coeur d’ Alene, Idaho. Email: seth@immanuelpca.org

The Center for Pregnancy Choices – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, 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. Lester Senter Wilson — January 10, 2025

Alice Elizabeth Peaster — January 11, 2025

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Elizabeth Peaster by her family.

JANUARY INTENSIVE: THE LORD REIGNS

Join us for our January Intensive as David Strain leads us through the Book of Daniel on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Wednesday nights. If you missed an installment of the series, catch up online at fpcj.ms/the-lord-reigns. Also, the Children’s Ministry has prepared a weekly workbook for children, age 4–12. Pick up a copy of the workbook in the Welcome Center or Tree House.

FAMILIES COUNT

We are in need of volunteers to provide childcare from 7 p.m. until close to 8 p.m. for a one-year-old child on Wednesday nights. If you have an interest in loving on these families in this way, please contact Carol Anne Miconi at carolannem@fpcjackson.org or 601-506-5033.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, we hope you’ll join us for MOMS this spring! We will continue to offer two options: one that meets every Wednesday morning and one for working mothers that meets every other Tuesday night. MOMS is a Bible study for expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the sixth grade or below. This semester, MOMS at Night will continue a study of the first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis, led by Jane Wiggins. On Wednesday mornings, Anna Henson and Cassie Graves will teach us more about God’s design for marriage as we seek to grow in devotion towards one another and towards God. We will study the Biblical foundation of marriage and look closely at topics such as communication, role, service, intimacy, and purity. Nursery and a home-school room for ages 12 and under are available, but space is limited. Registration is available on the church website or app. For more information, email moms@fpcjackson.org.

EXPERIENCE DANIEL: A FAMILY EVENT — JANUARY 26

Come and experience the book of Daniel with your family through interactive crafts and experiential learning on Sunday, January 26, 4:45–5:45 p.m., in the Tree House. This event is geared toward families with elementary-aged children, but all ages are welcome! There will be a few stations featuring different stories from the book of Daniel that will allow you to move at your own pace.