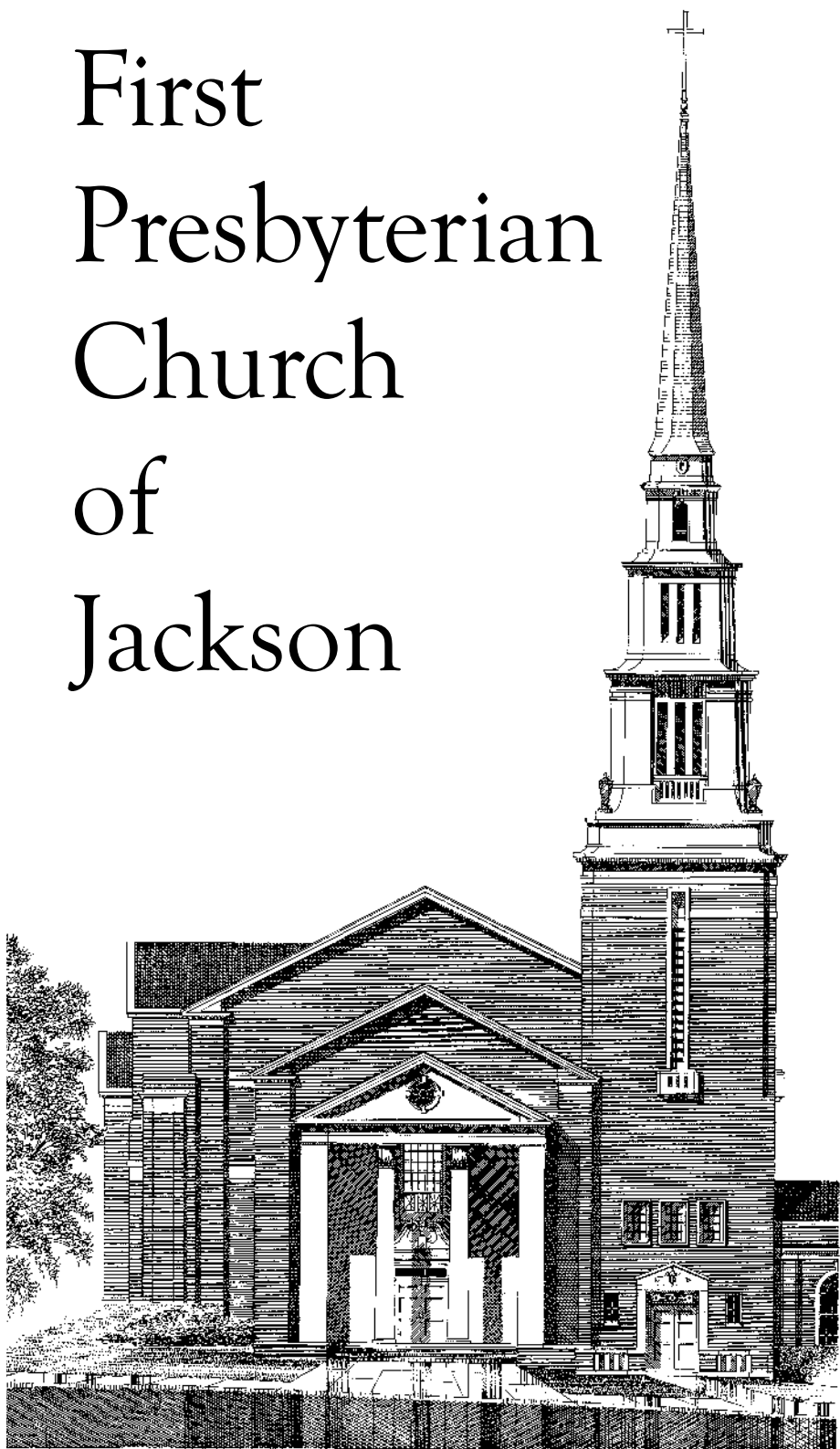


The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Sixth 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 Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor
Discipleship Director

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 — “Christ, Who Is My Life” Johann Gottfried Walther
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”Beethoven

The Call to Worship — Psalm 115:1-11

The Hymn No. 16 — “Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord” (Psalm 98)

The Invocation

The Doxology — “All Glory, Laud and Honor” text: Wymond
All glory, laud and honor to You, Redeemer King.
We lift our voice in worship, together praise we sing.
You made the earth, the heavens, the stars, the seas, all things.
Now, joyfully, Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts to You we bring.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn — “Christ Is Mine Forevermore” see guide

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 7:1-6pew Bible page 812

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “Wonderful Words of Life”Barlow Bradford

Kathryn Edwards, Piano

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Wonderful words of life.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Daniel 10pew Bible page 748

The Sermon — The Lord Reigns: The Unseen Struggle..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 614 (stz. 1-2)— “Now Israel May Say, and That in Truth”
(Psalm 124)

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Blest be the Lord Who made us not their prey:
As from the snare a bird escapeth free,
Their net is rent and so escaped are we:
Our only help is in Jehovah’s name,
Who made the earth and all the heav’nly frame.**

The Postlude — “O Savior, Reign the Heavens”Helmut Walcha

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. William Grant Carter
Students and Families Intern

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

The Prelude — “May the Grace of Christ our Savior” ...Beethoven/arr. Williams
Debbie Dempsey, Paul Forster, Tim Sanduleac, Flute

The Call to Worship — Psalm 113

The Hymn No. 59 — “Forever Settled in the Heavens” (Psalm 119:89–97)

The Invocation

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

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Max Bowman, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Holy, Holy, Holy” Dykes/arr. Hilfiger
Debbie Dempsey, Paul Forster, Tim Sanduleac, Flute

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Daniel 11:1–12:3 pew Bible page 748

The Sermon — **The Lord Reigns: How Bad Can It Get?**Dr. Strain

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

Christ Is Mine Forevermore



1. Mine are days that God has num - bered.
2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row.
3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger.



I was made to walk with Him.
Dark - ness not yet un - der - stood.
Pil - grim on a nar - row way.



Yet I look for world - ly treas - ure
Through the val - ley I must trav - el
One with Christ I will en - count - er



and for - sake the King of kings.
where I see no earth - ly good.
harm and ha - tred for His name.



But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er.
But mine is peace that flows from hea - ven
But mine is ar - mour for this bat - tle.



Though I fall, His love is sure.
and the strength in times of need.
Strong e - nough to last the war.



For Christ has paid for ev - 'ry fail - ing.
I know my pain will not be wast - ed.
And He had said He will de - liv - er



I am His for - ev - er - more.
Christ com - pletes His work in me.
safe - ly to the gold - en shore.

CARE TEAMS

SHEPHERDING OUR CHURCH

Care teams are the vehicle by which our church organizes pastoral ministry. In a church of our size, we are at risk to miss opportunities to minister to one another. Therefore, our church leadership uses these teams to address needs, support, encouragement, and prayer. Each team is led by a group of elders and consists of elders, deacons, and Sunday school class leadership. We want you to know the pastor, elders, and deacons assigned to your class and feel comfortable reaching out to them. If you are not a member of a Sunday School class and would like to contact an elder or pastor, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

CORNERSTONE

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| Pastor Wiley Lowry | Deacons Charles Barbour Jay Brown Ty Hardy Michael Hogue Guy McClain Doug Morgan Nathan Oakley | Deacons Rob Oates Weston Russ Bryan Rutledge Neil Witherow Will Barbour Jonathan Randle |
| Elders Ken Ball Sharkey Burke Matt Graves Zeb Henson | | |

COVENANT

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| Pastor Billy Dempsey | Elders David Cleland Marcy Forester Barry Vickery | Elders Richard Ridgeway John Neill Rob Jones |
| Deacon Chris Wyatt | | |

FIRST LADIES

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| Pastor Billy Dempsey | Elder Reid Cotten | Deacon John McBride |
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LAMPLIGHTERS

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| Pastor Gary Sinclair | Elders Hall Bailey Kyle Ball Max Bowman Bob Cunningham Ned Currie Arthur Davis Sr. Larry Houchins | Elders Stephen Kruger Richard Russ Bill Stone Cal Wells Mark Windham Marcus Wilson |
| Deacons Jim Poole Ernie Strahan William Griffin Brian Smith | | |

LIFE LEARNERS

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| Pastor Gary Sinclair | Elders Hu Meena Steve Rosenblatt Doug McDaniel | Deacons Mike Myers Hugh Trussell Coles Wilkins David Marchetti Jesse Browning Brooks Buchanan |
| Elders Mark Baird Stuart Clarke Parker Ellison | Deacons Walter Brand | |

LIGHT HOUSE

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| Pastor David Felker | Deacons Read Meadows Chase Wynn Matt Glover Price Davis Bailey Fair David Luter Sanford Moore | Deacons Alan Walters Gary Dye William Denney Lee Thorne Willem Lamar Les Triplett |
| Elders Craig Flowers Phillip Parker | | |

LOST AND FOUND

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| Pastor David Felker | Deacons Turner Brown Matthew Burrow Paul Davis Josh Hollingsworth | Deacons Harrison Matheny Matt Peaster Bowen Thigpen Lee J. Webb |
| Elders Paul Hurst Danny Story | | |

PILGRIMS

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| Pastor Jamie Peipon | Elders Max Bowman Craig Flowers Tian Teh | Deacons Rob Lake Ken Seawright |
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PROVIDENCE

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| Pastor Charlie Wingard | Deacons Jamey Elkin Paul Forster Bo Gregg Harrison Hood Alston Ludwig | Deacons Jeff Sumrall Matthew Turnage Arthur Wadsworth Walt Wofford |
| Elders Jimmy Moore Alan Walters | | |

SALT AND LIGHT

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| Pastor Wiley Lowry | Deacons Auston Edwards Anthony Hall Dallis Ketchum Jason McNeel | Deacons Virgil Payne Taylor F. Smith |
| Elders George May John McVey | | |

SPECIAL FRIENDS

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| Pastor Rupert Hunt Taylor | Elders Stuart Clarke Craig Flowers | Deacon Jim Prince |
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STEWARDS

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| Pastor Charlie Wingard | Elders Tim Threadgill Dave Fulcher | Deacons Henry Greaves Trey Porter Stewart Swayze Will Vise Dave Dear Robert Leard Jeff Skelton |
| Elders Jack Crawford Holt Crews David Elkin Harper Keeler Ben Roberson | Deacons Allen Holiman David Case T. Dale John Davis | |

YOUNG ADULTS

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| Pastor Scott Miller | Elders Mark Baird Mike Tramel Spence Flatgard | Deacons Beau Burrow Walt Wofford |
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YOUNG SEEKERS

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| Pastor Billy Dempsey | Elders George Fair Claude Harbarger John Lowe Smith Wayne Husband Bill Payne | Deacons Glen Bush Bill Crim Ford Terry |
| Elders Bud Bratley Steve Edwards | | |

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 26, 2025

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| 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. | New Member Meeting..... | PH |
| 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.) |

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

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| 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 29, 2025

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| 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 30, 2025

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| 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, February 1, 2025

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| 7:30 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast | PH |
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Sunday, February 2, 2025

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| 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 Rutledge Home (101 Ridge Street) |

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

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.

Alex & Maggie Halbert – Alex serves on staff with his brother Aaron as a staff deacon and the short-term trip coordinator in Honduras. email: dahalbert@gmail.com

James Post – James serves as the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Oklahoma. email: james.post@ruf.org

PEARSON Foundation – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, PEARSON provides mentorship and discipleship to students through in-school mentoring, faith-based community mentoring in cooperation with the Rankin County Juvenile Court, after school activities and summer learning and enrichment.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Norma Carlson Quarterman — January 17, 2025

EXPERIENCE DANIEL: A FAMILY EVENT — TODAY

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.

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 9:30–11:30 a.m. in Westminster Hall 302. Nursery available upon request. Contact Sarah Prewitt for more information at 601-954-3219 or ssprewitt99@gmail.com.

2025 MISSION TRIPS

We have five trips planned this year 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.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE HOSTS NEEDED

Our annual global missions conference is scheduled for Feb. 23–March 2. 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.

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.