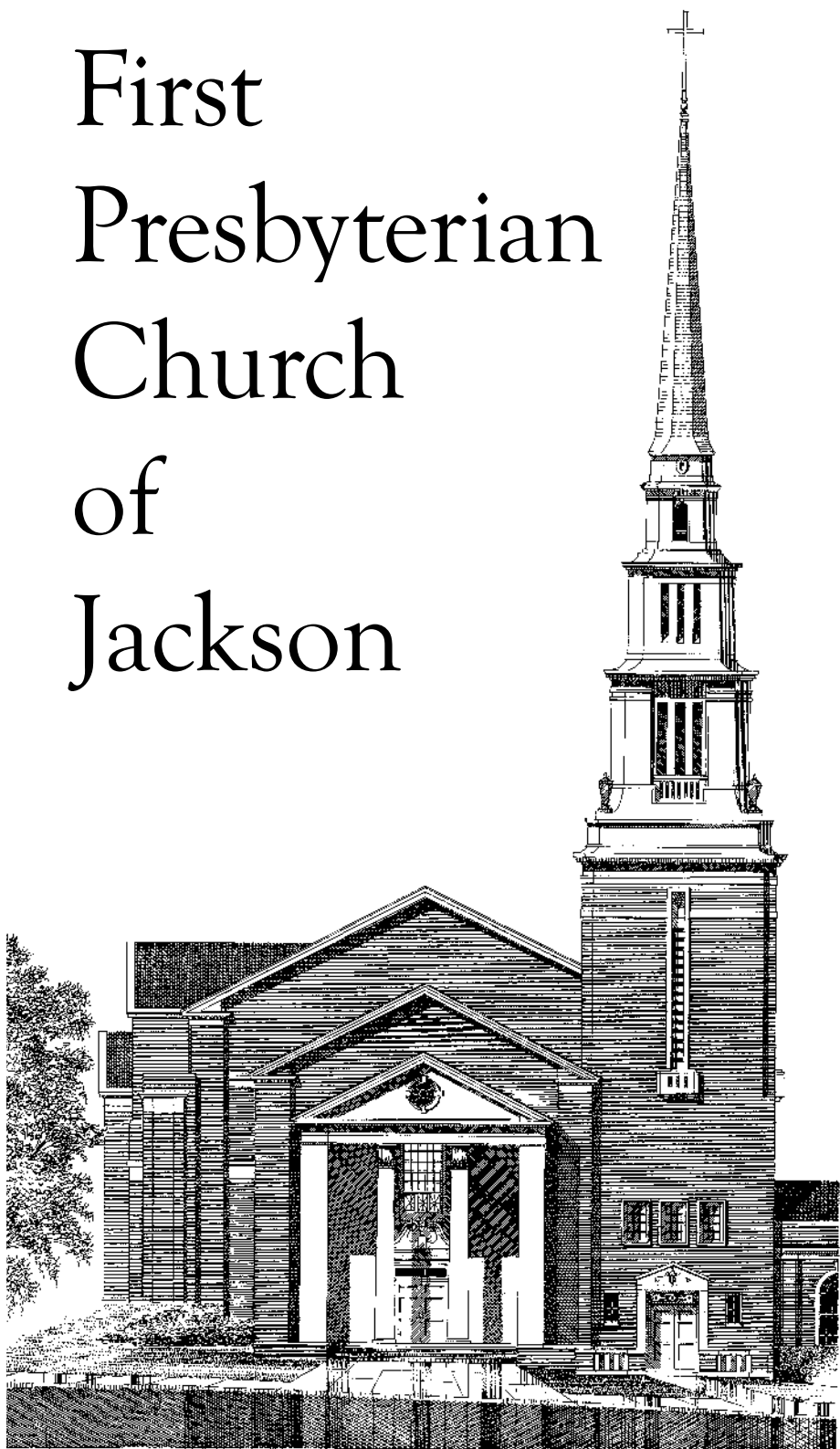


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*"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"*

# THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

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

## DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

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

The Scripture Memory Passage — Matthew 6:25-34

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

The Prelude — “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” ..... arr. Bulla  
FPC Brass Ensemble

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

The Call to Worship — Psalm 65:1-4

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

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology — “Laud and Honor” ..... Westminster Abbey  
Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory while ending ages run.

# WELCOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

## The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis  
The Introduction of New Members  
The Questions of Membership  
The Prayer  
The Declaration  
The Blessing

## The Offering

### The Offertory — “If Ye Love Me” ..... Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever;  
E'en the Spirit, e'en the Spirit, e'en the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Truth.

And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.  
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

# HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

## The Prayer of Illumination

### The Scripture Reading — Leviticus 16 .....pew Bible page 95

### The Sermon — God Draws Near to Us: Atonement ..... Dr. Strain

### The Hymn No. 305 (stz. 1-3) — “Arise, My Soul, Arise”

## The Benediction

## The Congregational Response

**My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.**

### The Postlude — “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

## 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 Mr. David L. Felker**  
Executive Minister

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

**The Prelude** — “I’d Rather Have Jesus/Tis So Sweet”

Shea/Kirkpatrick/arr. Lipscombe

Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

**The Call to Worship** — Ephesians 1:3, 4

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

**The Invocation**

**The Greetings**

**The Offering**

**The Offertory** — “O Love that Will Not Let Me Go” .....Peace/arr. Rouse

Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Scripture Reading** — 1 John 2:1-6 ..... pew Bible page 1021

**The Sermon** — Truth and Love: Keep in Step with the Son..... 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” ..... 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**

# THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

## QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on January 26, 2025, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Tucker Alexander

Paul and Susan Bryant

Lindsey and Kim Duhs

\*Caleb Edwards

Caroline Farris

Rob and Val Scherini

Scott and Elizabeth Wesson

\*Covenant child joining as a communing member

## JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is April 6. New member forms can be found online at [fpcj.ms/membership](https://fpcj.ms/membership) or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by March 26. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, February 16, 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
4:45 p.m.	Communicant Class	MH
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 Box Home (5316 Red Fox Rd.)

## Monday, February 17, 2025

All Day Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, February 18, 2025

6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series	MH
9:30 a.m.	Crafts for Missions	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	MS
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

## Wednesday, February 19, 2025

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:00 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Parlor
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MS
6:00 p.m.	Programs for Adults	
	The Trinity: Scripture, Theology, and Life	PH
	College D Group: Dear Wormwood	WH 302
	D Groups	Various Locations
	Don't Waste Your Life: Take Risks For Christ	MH
	GriefShare	M 123
	Membership Class	WH 204
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	The Session Room
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
7:15 p.m.	Senior High Girls Small Group	Mary Helen's (4016 Hawthorn Dr.)

## Thursday, February 20, 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

## Friday, February 21, 2025

11:30 a.m.	Senior Adults Luncheon	PH
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## Saturday, February 22, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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## Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
	Missions Conference Begins	
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
4:45 p.m.	Communicant Class	MH
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 Barbour Home (2208 Culleywood Rd.)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 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](https://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

## ENCOUNTER RETREAT— MARCH 28-30

### *Junior High Presbytery-Wide Retreat*

Sixth-eighth grade students, join us at the Encounter Retreat at Twin Lakes Camp in Florence, MS. We will join other churches from the MS Valley Presbytery for a weekend full of Bible teaching, new and old friends, fellowship, and fun! Our speaker is Austin Lenox, former FPCYM intern with First Pres and assistant pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Memphis. We are thrilled to have him join us in teaching on Habits of Grace at Encounter this year! The cost is \$125, but sign up by the Early Bird Deadline March 6 and pay \$95. Register online at [fpcj.ms/encounter-retreat](https://fpcj.ms/encounter-retreat).

## FPC DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Did you know that FPC has a digital membership directory? This handy tool puts the contact information of our fellow church members right at our fingertips! All FPC members can access the FPC Digital Directory. If you have never logged in to the directory before, email Kristina Barnes at [kristinab@fpcjackson.org](mailto:kristinab@fpcjackson.org) to request a username and password. There are two ways to access the FPC Digital Directory: online at [fpcjackson.shelbnextchms.com](https://fpcjackson.shelbnextchms.com) or through smartphone app. For more info visit [fpcj.ms/membership-directory](https://fpcj.ms/membership-directory).

## HEARING ASSISTANCE AT FPC

FPC partners with Sanctuary Audio to help improve the listening experience in our sanctuary. The program can be used through earbuds or any bluetooth-enabled hearing aid. Below are the directions for using Sanctuary Audio via your phone or tablet. If you have questions, please contact Tim Tumutod at [timt@fpcjackson.org](mailto:timt@fpcjackson.org).

1. Connect your headphones or earbuds to your phone/device.
2. Connect your phone/device to the WiFi network "FPC Guest."
3. Download the app called "ListenWIFI."
4. Open the "ListenWIFI" App.
5. Tap "Venue Scan" until the app connects with FPC Jackson.
6. Select "FPC Jackson" channel.
7. Enjoy listening to the Sanctuary audio!

## JOB OPENING AT TWIN LAKES

Twin Lakes is in search of a Maintenance Technician to manage both day-to-day repairs and make long term plans to prevent maintenance problems. The technician will need to be able to do basic carpentry, electrical work, painting, HVAC work, landscaping and other assigned tasks. If you are interested in applying or know someone who would be good for this position, please email Sam Edwards at [same@fpcjackson.org](mailto:same@fpcjackson.org).

## 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, BRETHREN, 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](mailto:jollynm@fpcjackson.org).

**O-Chan & Asami Odate** – O-Chan serves in Japan as a pastor and church planter. email: [praisingguitarist@gmail.com](mailto:praisingguitarist@gmail.com)

**Samuel & Sara Tyson Husband** – Samuel serves as the Chaplain at the Schools of Perea and the Director of New City Memphis. email: [shusband@gmail.com](mailto:shusband@gmail.com)

**Jackson Leadership Foundation** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, JLF is a Christ-centered ministry seeking spiritual, social, and economic transformation in Jackson's under-resourced communities through the empowerment of leaders, development of ministries, and networking of volunteers and donors.

## 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 will be available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

## MEN'S TUESDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

Men, our Tuesday Breakfast Series continues this week. This spring, Rupert Hunt Taylor is leading us through a series on Colossians: How do I ever know I've got enough? Paul writes to reassure the worried Colossian church with wonderful truth for ordinary Christians: if their devotion is for Jesus Christ, then they are already Full. Register online at [fpcj.ms/events](http://fpcj.ms/events) to let us know you're coming and pay for breakfast.

## SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — FEBRUARY 21

Senior Adults, join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun on February 21, at 11:30 a.m. in Patterson Hall. There will be lunch as well as a Bible message. The cost of the event is \$3 per person, and we are asking all attendees to bring a dish. Last names starting with letters A-G bring a dessert and those with H-Z bring a side. The main dish will be muffulettas provided by the church. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 or [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## FPC INTERNATIONALS MINISTRY — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Internationals Class, where we love on our international neighbors by helping them with their English in a gospel-centered way, is offered in Patterson Hall on Tuesday nights at 6:45 p.m. and is in need of volunteers, especially men, to visit either in person or via zoom. There are also opportunities for teenagers to help with childcare in the gym, playing games with the children of participants. For more information, please contact Steve Edwards at 601-668-7422 or Owen Halbach at [owenh@fpcjackson.org](mailto:owenh@fpcjackson.org).

## 2025 MISSION TRIPS

This year there are opportunities to go to Belgium, Scotland, and South Africa. For more information and to apply, visit [fpcj.ms/go](http://fpcj.ms/go). The deadline to apply is February 28.

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT! LOCAL MISSIONS SURVEY

There are few things more encouraging than seeing our church members responding to the means of grace they receive every week at FPC with their own ministry work! In an effort to grow individual participation with our MTJ ministries and assist our members in their own organic ministry and evangelism outside of those organisations, we need your help! Please fill out the survey attached to help us strategically plan how we can most effectively grow participation from our whole church. Access the survey online at [fpcj.ms/outreach-survey](http://fpcj.ms/outreach-survey).

