

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Ninth Day of March Two Thousand Twenty-Five

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Executive Minister

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Here's One" William Grant Still/Kaufman
Bonnie Brown, Violin; Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — "O Be Joyful" Yarrington/Wymond

The Call to Worship — Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

The Hymn No. 235 — "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

The Invocation

The Doxology — "King Immortal, God All Faithful"Beethoven/Wymond
**King Immortal, God all faithful, full of love and rich in grace.
Sing O heavens, earth resound with songs of praise before His face!
Wondrous splendor, awesome worship, see the Lord our God on high!
Joining voices with that worship of His grace we testify.**

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 332 — "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 7:24-29.....pew Bible page 812

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "Fairest Lord Jesus"Derek Hakes/Craig Courtney

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations
O Thou of God and man the Son.
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 107pew Bible page 506

The Sermon — Songs of Joy Mr. Felker

The Hymn No. 521 (stz. 1-3)— “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

The Postlude — “There Is Power in the Blood” Lewis Edgar Jones

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.

THE CHURCH STAFF

THE MINISTERS

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

David Felker
Executive Minister

Stephen Biggs
Minister of Students and Families

Billy Dempsey
Minister of Congregational and Pastoral Care

Wiley Lowry
Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care

Scott Miller
Minister of Young Adults and College

Jamie Peipon
Minister of Missions

Gary Sinclair
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

Charlie Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

THE MINISTRY & SUPPORT STAFF

Ford Mosby
Executive Director

Mary Ball
Communications Department

Kristina Barnes
Staff Accountant and Database Manager

Boopie Beard
Bookstore

Elizabeth Bush
Hostess and Head Chef

Harold Clardy
Maintenance

Anna Kathryn Clarke
Receptionist

Haley Cushing
Accounting and Human Resources Director

Chris Dill
Head of Security

Emily Eastman
Administrative Assistant for Congregational Care, Pastoral Care, Shepherding, and Students and Families

Sam Edwards
Facilities Manager

Barbara Eichelberger
Human Resources Coordinator

Debbie Goelz
Executive Minister's and Discipleship Ministry Administrative Assistant

Mikayla Hallbach
Children's Assistant

Rupert Hunt Taylor
Discipleship Director

Wes Hodges
Maintenance Manager

Erin Johnson
Assistant Chef

Maclain Kennedy
Students and Families Ministry Coordinator

Jo Lynn Mayfield
Missions Coordinator

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Students and Families Ministry Coordinator

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Director of Local Outreach

Tina Oates
Nursery Director

Deborah Oakley
Women's Ministry Coordinator

Rose Ohnstad
Young Adults Female Coordinator

Lisa Oswald
Women and Children Administrative Assistant

Mark Phillips
Sanctuary Sound Technician

Monica Pittman
Nursery Coordinator

Trey Porter
TV Ministry Producer

Jenny Sanders
Creative Director

Rae Shannon
Organist

Kenneth Smith
TV Ministry Assistant

Ruth Smith
Wedding Coordinator

Kimberly Sumrall
Children's Choirs Coordinator

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TV Ministry Assistant

Beth Threadgill
Senior Minister's Assistant

Victoria Thomas
Assistant Chef

Annie Watkins
Student Ministry Assistant

Kimberly Wilkins
Children's Director

Chase Wynn
Director of Giving and Stewardship

THE FELLOWS, INTERNS, AND RESIDENTS

Tucker Alexander
Congregational Care Resident

Grant Carter
Students and Families Intern

Jennings Duncan
Discipleship Intern

Elliott Farris
Young Adults Intern

Peyton Gunter
College Ministry Intern

Owen Hallbach
Missions Fellow

George Herndon
Students and Families Intern

Tim Sanduleac
Music Ministry Intern

William Skinner
Senior Minister's and Disc. Intern

Tim Tumutod
IT/AV Intern

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Scott H. Miller
Young Adults and College Minister

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

The Prelude — “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” ...Bradbury/arr. Lipscombe
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Micah 6:6, 8

The Hymn No. 660 — “O God beyond All Praising”

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 164 — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Bob Cunningham, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Were You There?”arr. Moses Hogan
Daniel Kim, Baritone; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Young Children’s Devotional — *The Children’s Catechism*

Q54. What is meant by the atonement? **A. Christ satisfied God’s justice by His suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.**

* The Meditation & PrayerMr. George W. Herndon, Students & Families Intern

The Hymn (stzs. 1–3) — “Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”...hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 2:7–17..... pew Bible page 1021

The Sermon..... Mr. Lowry
Truth and Love: That Same Old Brand New Commandment

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

With ev’ry breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me!”

The Postlude

*Children ages four through third 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.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Membership Class.....	M123
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime (for age 3 and 4 by Sept. 1)	M135
5:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting for Global Missions.....	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service.....	Sanctuary

Monday, March 10, 2025

	Circles Meet This Week.....	See Announcements
10:30 a.m.	Caregivers' Support Group.....	WH 202B
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting.....	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting.....	MS

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

	Circles Meet This Week.....	See Announcements
9:30 a.m.	Sew & Sow	WH 302
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

	No Midweek Dinner or Activities	
5:45 p.m.	Don't Waste Your Life: Take Risks for Christ.....	Methodist Rehab
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS

Thursday, March 13, 2025

9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Esther.....	MH
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Saturday, March 15, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast.....	WH 202
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Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Membership Class.....	M123
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various
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 Meeting for Global Missions.....	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Strain Home (7 Pondsides Dr.)

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLES — MEETING THIS WEEK & NEXT

Joining a Circle is a wonderful way to get involved in the life of the church and make a big church feel like family. Circles are groups of women who meet monthly (September–May) for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and to serve our church together. To register, contact Lisa Oswalt at 769-333-5802 or lisao@fpcjackson.org.

Monday, March 10

Circle 8 9:30 The Orchard
Circle 2 10:00 Beth Keeler's Home
Circle 3 10:00 Westminster Hall 204
Circle 4 10:00 Parlor

Monday, March 17

Circle 5 10:00 Mary Jane Finney's Home
Circle 14 12:00 Miller Hall
Circle 6 6:30 Beth Archer's Home

Tuesday, March 11

Circle 9 10:00 Parlor
Circle 12 10:30 St. Catherine's

Tuesday, March 18

Circle 7 10:00 Blair Hederman's Home
Circle 11 10:00 Frenchie Graham's Home

ENCOUNTER RETREAT— MARCH 28-30

Junior High Presbytery-Wide Retreat

Sixth through 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. Register online at fpcj.ms/encounter-retreat.

JOIN OUR TEAM — WE'RE HIRING

Women's Ministry Director

The Director of Women's Ministry is to support our church's mission by teaching, mentoring, training, and equipping women, and so promoting a ministry that trusts God's Word to do the work of converting and growing disciples of Jesus. Find out more and apply at fpcj.ms/employment.

Twin Lakes Maintenance Technician

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, HV/AC 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.

FPC INTERNATIONALS MINISTRY — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Internationals Class, where we serve 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 Hallbach at owenh@fpcjackson.org.

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 organizations, 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.



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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.

Doug & Masha Shepherd – Doug serves with MTW as the team leader in Ukraine. email: ukrainetexas@gmail.com

Austin & Kristen Braasch – Austin serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Ole Miss. email: austin.braasch@ruf.org

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

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Margaret Collier — February 26, 2025

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Greeting Courtyard are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Margaret Collier by her family.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS — BEGINS TODAY

The Membership Class will begin this morning at 9:45 a.m. in room M123. 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 distinctness 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. To register, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

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 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.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP — MARCH 10

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet Monday, March 10, in Westminster Hall 202B from 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. The purpose of our Caregivers' Ministry is to gather similarly situated caregivers who desire to learn, share stories, and grieve as we walk together through the valley of a loved one's suffering with dementia and dementia-related illness. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Fairly at 601-941-5004.

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 to request a username and password. There are two ways to access the FPC Digital Directory: online at fpcjackson.shelbnextchms.com or through smartphone app. For more info visit fpcj.ms/membership-directory.