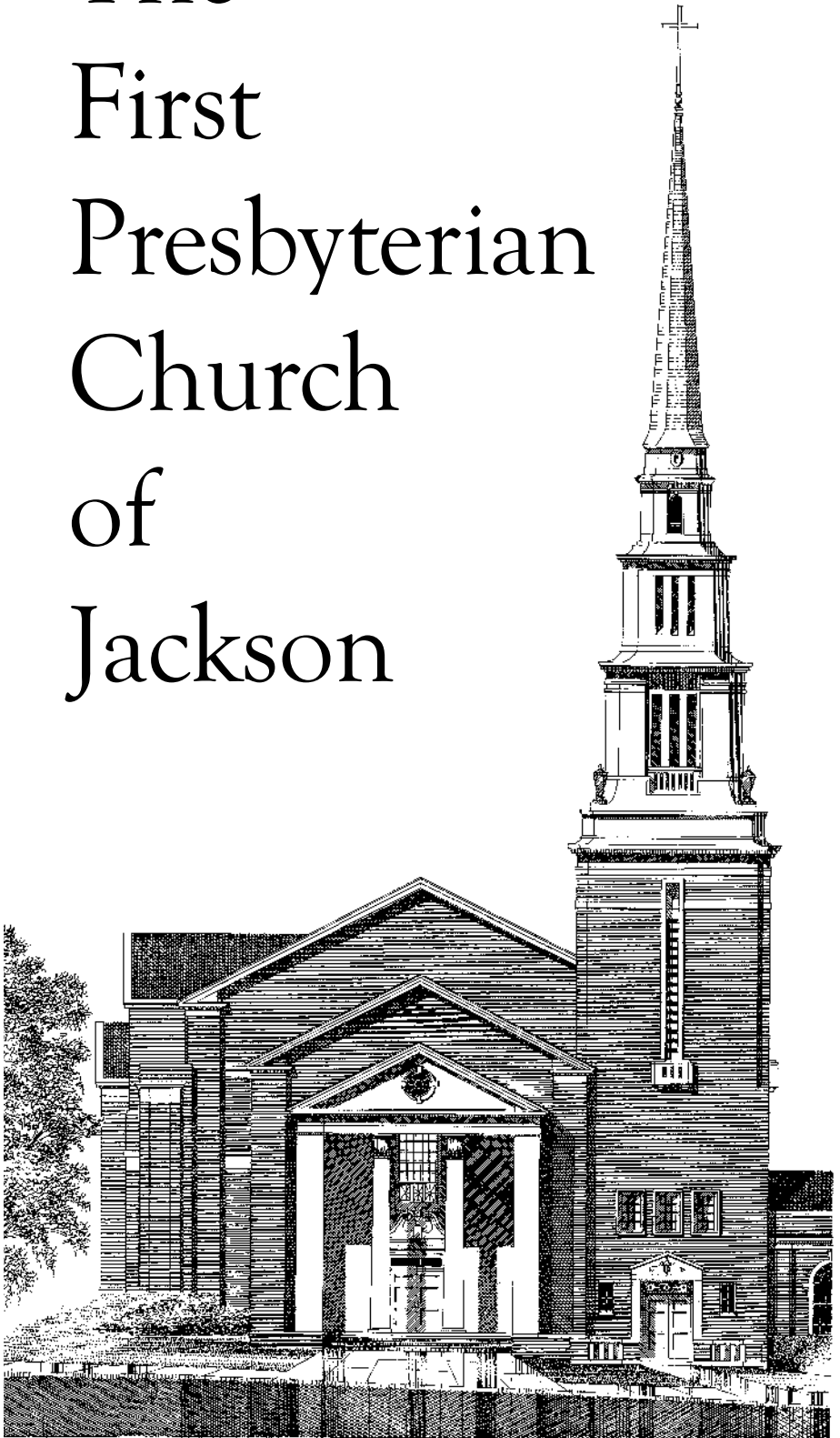


The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Third Day of March Two Thousand Twenty-Five

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Stephen A. Biggs
Minister of Students and Families

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Recognition of the *Shorter Catechism* Recitation (8:30 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Forsaken” Dan Forrest
Dr. Grace Shumaker, Piano

The Introit — “Praise Ye the Name of the Lord” Gordon Young

The Call to Worship — Hebrews 10:19-25

The Hymn No. 345 — “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

The Invocation

The Doxology — “Gloria Patri” tune: *Greatorex*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 51 — “O Jehovah, Hear My Words” (Psalm 5)

The Scripture Reading — James 1:1-15 pew Bible page 1011

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs” (Isaiah 54:4) G.F. Handel
Surely, surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows,
Surely, surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised, He was bruised for our iniquities,
The chastisement, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Leviticus 18:1-30pew Bible page 96

The Sermon — Devoted to God: Holy Sexuality Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 529 (stz. 1-3) — “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Finish then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

The Postlude — “Jesus Shall Reign”Albin C. Whitworth

CATECHISM RECITATION

*“Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”
-2 Timothy 3:14-15*

This morning, Campbell Elizabeth Hardy will receive her Bible for recitation of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, which consists of 107 questions and answers.

Catechism memory work begins at First Presbyterian Church with the *Children’s Catechism* in three-year-old Sunday School. That study continues throughout children’s Sunday School and the Catechism Class on Sunday Evenings. The Catechism is a summary of what the Bible teaches in systematic question and answer form. Committing it to memory is invaluable in the life of a believer, as it helps to build a solid foundation for a life of faith.

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.

PASTORAL TRAINING

In 2024, FPC's Session approved the expansion of our Pastoral Intern Program in order to serve a wider pool of seminarians and seminary graduates. The expanded program now involves our church in the education of pastors at three levels:

FELLOWS

a new training category for seminary graduates who want to further develop their ministry aptitude, gifts, and sense of calling by working full time at FPC for a period not to exceed two years

Owen Hallbach
Missions Fellow

INTERNS

staff positions for current seminary students working in a ministry department (Students and Families; Congregational Care; Discipleship; etc.) under the oversight of an FPC minister

Grant Carter
Students and Families Intern

Peyton Gunter
College Ministry Intern

William Skinner
Senior Minister's and Disc. Intern

Jennings Duncan
Discipleship Intern

George Herndon
Students and Families Intern

Tim Tumutod
IT/AV Intern

Elliott Farris
Young Adults Intern

Tim Sanduleac
Music Ministry Intern

RESIDENTS

a new volunteer opportunity for local RTS students to come under the oversight and care of a minister for the purpose of equipping them for service in the church as well as fulfilling RTS and denominational requirements for ministry

Tucker Alexander
Congregational Care Resident

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care
The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon — Minister of Missions

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

The Prelude — “As the Deer” The FPDS Strings, Nancy Bateman, Director

The Call to Worship — 1 John 3:1

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

The Invocation

The Hymn Medley

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me... the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, He who died,
heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me... the Bible tells me so.

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you,
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

“God, All Nature Sings Your Glory”

God, all nature sings Your glory,
and Your works proclaim Your might.
Ordered vastness in the heavens,
ordered course of day and night.
Beauty in the changing season,
beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature
praise the changeless Trinity.

God of glory, power, mercy,
all creation praises Thee;
We, Your creatures would adore You
now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Your goodness,
grant us strength to do Your will;
With our acts as with our voices
Your commandments to fulfill.

The Greetings

The Missions ReportMr. Paul Sanduleac, Moldova

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. David Cleland, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Largo” The FPDS Strings, Nancy Bateman, Director

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

Q57. How does God sanctify you? **A. God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Jennings Duncan, Discipleship Intern

The Hymn No. 349 (stz. 1-4) — “O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art”
(Psalm 80)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 3:1-10..... pew Bible page 1022

The Sermon — Truth and Love: Of the Father's Love Begotten Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

No more shall we wander, delighting in shame; revive us, O Lord, we will call on Thy name.
O Lord God of hosts, us restore to Thy grace; And then we shall live in the light of Thy face.

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 23, 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
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Communicant Pastoral Interviews	Various Locations
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 Jordan Home (9 Pond Side Drive)

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series	MH
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore
9:30 a.m.	Sew & Sow	WH 302
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	WH 305
12:00 p.m.	Weekday Prayer	PH
6:00 p.m.	Women's Spring Dinner with Derek Thomas	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:30 p.m.	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal	Parlor
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
5:45 p.m.	Don't Waste Your Life: Take Risks For Christ	Methodist Rehab
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
	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

Thursday, March 27, 2025

9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study – Hebrews	PH
9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study – Esther	MH

Friday, March 28, 2025

5:00 p.m.	Encounter Retreat Registration	YH
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Saturday, March 29, 2025

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. The search committee requests that resumes be submitted by April 15. 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 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.

FPDS Early Childhood Director

First Presbyterian Day School is seeking a dedicated and passionate Early Childhood Director to lead our Early Childhood Development program, serving children from birth to 36 months. If you or someone you know is interested in this leadership opportunity at FPDS, visit fpds.org/employment and follow the link under "Additional Open Positions" to apply.

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.

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.

RYM SUMMER CONFERENCE 2025

RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries) is a youth conference that brings together students from across the country. At RYM the gospel is taught, friendships are deepened, and Mega Rec abounds! Sign up online at fpcj.ms/events. Contact the Youth House staff with any and all questions at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

Junior High RYM

Dates: June 23-27

Rising 7 through 9 Grade

Cost: \$450

Senior High RYM

Dates: July 8-13

Rising 10-12th Grade/College Freshmen

Cost: \$475

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.

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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.

Apam & Pamleiphy – Apam serves as the director with the Trinity Missionary Training Centre. email: apam_vashum@yahoo.co.in

Daniel & Molly Tortorici – Daniel serves with RUF as the Associate Campus Minister at the University of Alabama. email: Daniel.tortorici@RUF.org

Young Life of Jackson – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Young Life seeks to share the gospel, lead adolescents to Christ, and help them grow in their faith.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are from the wedding of Mary Helen McGee and George Herndon and are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clarence “Bro” and Dorothy McGee, Louise Rotenberry, Helen Faires, grandparents of the bride; and Jerry Dean Herndon, grandfather of the groom.

SUNDAY EVENING MISSION REPORT — TONIGHT

In the evening worship service, we will hear a report from Paul Sanduleac, a church planter serving Chisinau, Moldova. Join us as we hear how God is at work in Moldova!

WEEKDAY PRAYER — TUESDAYS AT NOON

Spurgeon said that the prayer meeting is the engine room of the church. Please join us to intercede for the needs of the church and our community at a new weekly prayer meeting each Tuesday at noon in Patterson Hall. The meeting will be informal, last 45 minutes, and focus solely on prayer. Feel free to bring your lunch and join us for all, or only a part, as your schedule allows.

WOMEN’S DINNER — MARCH 25

Women, join us for our spring Women’s Ministry Dinner. We will gather on March 25, 6-8 p.m., in Miller Hall. We are happy to have our friend Derek Thomas speaking on the subject of Pilgrim’s Progress. Sign up online at fpcj.ms/spring-dinner.

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.

MEN’S MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT — APRIL 3

It’s time to register as an individual or as a foursome and plan to join us for this fun, annual event at Lake Caroline Golf Club on April 3. Prices are listed on the registration form, including lunch which is available at 11:30 a.m. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. and you don’t want to miss it! Register at fpcj.ms/golf, and we’ll see you on the green!

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.