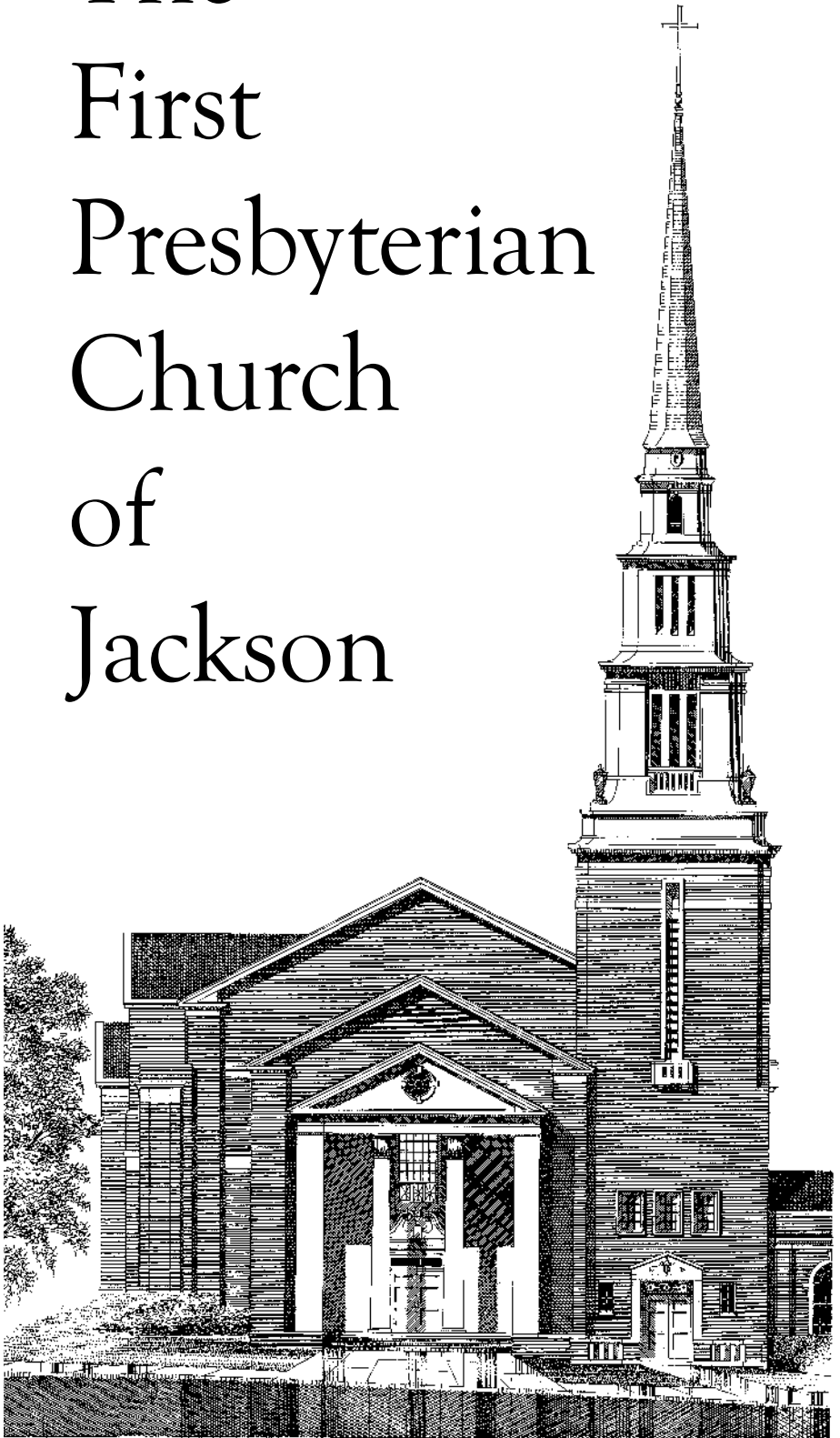


The  
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Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixth Day of April 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 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 — “The Humble Heart” ..... Robert Lau  
Rae Shannon, Organ

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

The Call to Worship — Psalm 135:1-4, 19-21

The Hymn No. 122 — “God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

The Invocation

The Doxology — “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

tune: *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

## SEEKING GOD’S FACE

The Hymn No. 599 — “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

The Scripture Reading — James 2:1-13 ..... pew Bible page 1011

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “A New Song” ..... Craig Courtney  
Daniel Kim, Director

Sing a new song, sing a new song.  
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
Sing to the Lord a new, a new song.

For the word of the Lord is right and true  
And His work is done in faithfulness.  
The Lord loves righteousness and justice.  
The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.  
Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord a new song, a new song.

Our soul waits for the Lord, our help and our shield.  
For our heart rejoices in Him because we trust in His holy name.  
May Your unfailing kindness be upon us, O Lord  
Even as we put our hope in You.  
Amen.

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Leviticus 21-22.....pew Bible page 99

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

The Hymn No. 598 (stz. 1-2) — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell’s Destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

The Postlude — “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” .....Don Hustad

## 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.



## **SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF TWIN LAKES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**

Twin Lakes Summer Camp 2025 is fast approaching and First Pres could not be more proud to encourage you to support one of our most important and beloved ministries. Each summer, over 1,700 children form friendships, enjoy fun-filled activities, experience the outdoors, and hear and see the gospel lived out through their counselors in this vital ministry of our church. Consider supporting the gospel-work of Twin Lakes in two ways:

### **THE TWIN LAKES FUND**

Gifts to this fund are your way to partner with us in providing an excellent ministry and camp experience! Your gift also helps us ensure that this ministry remains accessible, broadening the impact of Christian camping to families in our state and around the Southeast. Your gift to this fund advances every part of the camp experience, from helping us pay our summer counselors, to running our waterfront, to developing our Bible Adventure curriculum and program, to stewarding the beauty of God's creation on our grounds.

### **THE TWIN LAKES SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Your gift to the Twin Lakes Scholarship Fund helps us share the gospel and the camp experience with as many children as possible, by providing special assistance to families who could not otherwise afford to send their children to Twin Lakes. We are so blessed to hear stories of how hearts were changed and lives were saved through Twin Lakes. Your gift to the Scholarship Fund helps make that possible.

### **HOW TO GIVE**

Gifts to either fund can be made through a check sent to the church and made payable to Twin Lakes or online through either the FPC or Twin Lakes website. Twin Lakes also has an Amazon wishlist of items needed for its summer-camp ministry. If you wish to support Twin Lakes in that way, its wishlist can be found at the following link: [fpcj.ms/wish-list](https://fpcj.ms/wish-list).

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

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

**Mr. William H. Skinner**  
Senior Minister’s and Discipleship Intern

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

The Prelude.....Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano  
“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus/Softly and Tenderly”

The Call to Worship — Psalm 143:10, 11

The Hymn No. 347 — “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “In God the Mighty Father” (The Apostles’ Creed) hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Dr. Parker Ellison, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Amazing Grace” .....Lydian Peipon, Piano

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

Q61. What does it mean to believe in Christ? **A. To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.**

Q62. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power? **A. No. I cannot repent and believe unless the Holy Spirit changes my heart.**

Q63. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit? **A. God has told us to pray for the Holy Spirit’s help.**

\* The Meditation & Prayer... Mr. Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational & Pastoral Care

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 4:1-6 ..... pew Bible page 1023

The Sermon — Truth and Love: Keep in Step with the Spirit.....Mr. Lowry

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 power and reign;  
Appear, desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;  
Show in the heavens Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.**

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, April 6, 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
5:00 p.m.	New Member Meeting	MH
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service (age four through third grade dismissed for children's classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Boyd Home (2693 Lake Circle)

## Monday, April 7, 2025

6:00 p.m.	Graduating Senior Dinner	MH
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## Tuesday, April 8, 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
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

## Wednesday, April 9, 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
5:45 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.	Body Talk (Mothers and Daughters grades 6-12)	WH 204
6:00 p.m.	Programs for Adults	
	Law School: Dusty Case Law for Devoted Christians	PH
	College D Group: Dear Wormwood	WH 302
	D Groups	Various Locations
	Go? Exploring the Call to Missions	WH 202
	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, April 10, 2025

9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Esther	MH
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## Saturday, April 12, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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## Sunday, April 13, 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
4:45-5:45 p.m.	Experience Easter	MH
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 Ball Home (418 Hampton Ct.)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SEND A CARD FROM FPC THIS EASTER SEASON

This spring, we hope you will take an opportunity to welcome friends and neighbors to interact with our church family and hear the good news of Jesus with us. Spring cards with FPC weekly information printed on the back are available in the Welcome Center for you to send a handwritten invitation as a neighborly outreach. Please be praying about whom you may invite to join you at one of our gatherings!

## CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Invite a neighbor, coworker, family member, or friend to join us on Easter weekend at First Presbyterian Church. For those new to our church, we will have a meet and greet at 9:45 a.m. on Easter in the Welcome Center.

Good Friday Worship Service — April 18, 6 p.m.

Easter Morning Worship Services — April 20, 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Sunday School to be held at 9:45 a.m.

Easter Evening Worship Service — April 20, 6 p.m.

## JOIN OUR TEAM — WE'RE HIRING

### *Director of Facilities*

First Presbyterian Church is seeking a new Director of Facilities. This critical role provides comprehensive leadership, oversight, and strategic management for the facilities operations of First Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Day School, and Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center. This individual ensures that all physical facilities, mechanical systems, and shared-use spaces function effectively and efficiently to support the ministry, educational, and operational goals of each entity. The Director of Facilities manages facilities budgets across these areas, ensuring excellent stewardship of resources while aligning facilities operations with the church's broader mission: to glorify God by making disciples in our neighborhood, our communities, and the world. To read the full job description and to apply, [visit fpcj.ms/employment](https://fpcj.ms/employment).

### *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](https://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](mailto: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](https://fpds.org/employment) and follow the link under "Additional Open Positions" to apply.

## SUMMER LOCAL MISSIONS TRIP FOR ALL AGES — JUNE 17-19

FPC is building a local missions team to serve at We Will Go this summer from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday June 17 through Thursday June 19. Families are welcome, and projects include helping their campers with their summer reading assignments and serving in their food pantry. For questions about joining this team, please contact Carol Anne Miconi at [carolannem@fpcjackson.org](mailto:carolannem@fpcjackson.org) or 601-506-5033. Register online at [fpcj.ms/go](https://fpcj.ms/go).

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## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur C. “Ted” and Bernice S. “B” Stringer by their family.

## 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.

## BODY TALK — APRIL 9

### *A Biblical Frame for Viewing & Talking about Bodies*

Mothers and daughters (sixth through twelfth grade), you are invited to join us Wednesday, April 9, at 6 p.m. in Westminster Hall 204. We'll discuss the unique pressures and stress on our bodies as women. What does God say about our body, and how can the way we speak about our body honor (or dishonor) Him? Whether you're a mother or daughter, you have a story with your body. Mary Kathryn Evans, Licensed Counselor, will offer insights on how to think about our bodies as God-honoring vessels and gifts for our time on this earth.

## YOUNG ADULTS PICKLEBALL — APRIL 12

The Young Adults ministry will host a pickleball tournament on Saturday, April 12, at 11:30 a.m. at Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center. We will have burgers on the grill for lunch. Come to play or come to hang!

## COMMUNION — APRIL 13

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services next week. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available to pick up on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

## EXPERIENCE EASTER: A FAMILY EVENT — APRIL 13

We have a special event planned for families with elementary-aged children. Come experience the Easter story in this interactive activity on Palm Sunday, 4:45-5:45 p.m. in the Tree House. Come and go at your own pace and enjoy this activity together with your children.

## PRAY FOR SUPPORTED MINISTRY PARTNERS

For detailed prayer requests and contact information for our supported missionaries and ministry partners, please contact Jo Lynn at [jolynn@fpcjackson.org](mailto:jolynn@fpcjackson.org).

**Alonzo & Esther Ramirez** – Alonzo serves in campus ministry, seminary training, and church planting with Peru Mission USA in Cajamarca, Peru. Email: [ssagustin21@yahoo.com](mailto:ssagustin21@yahoo.com)

**Tim & Lana Higginbotham** – Tim serves as the Operations Director of North American Indigenous Ministries (NAIM) overseeing field directors and ministries. Email: [higginbotham@naim.ca](mailto:higginbotham@naim.ca)

**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 & enrichment. Email: [Pearson39208@gmail.com](mailto:Pearson39208@gmail.com)