

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

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

## APPROACHING THE THRONE OF THE LORD

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

The Prelude — “When in the Hour of Utmost Need” ..... J. S. Bach  
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Worthy Is the Lamb” (*Messiah*) ..... George Frideric Handel

The Call to Worship — Psalm 145:8–10, 21

The Hymn No. 44 (stz. 1, 3, & 4) — “How Great Thou Art”

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology

Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior Who has won the victory.  
Alleluia to the Spirit fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

The Offering

The Offertory — “God So Loved the World” (John 3:16) ..... Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son  
That everyone who would believe in His only Son shall have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
But God so loved the world that through His Son the world might be saved.  
God so loved the world that He gave His only Son  
That all who would believe in Him would have everlasting life.

## HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Leviticus 23 ..... pew Bible page 101

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

The Hymn No. 402 — “Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide”

# COMMUNING AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

## 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 No. 378 (stz. 1, 3, & 4) — “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

## The Benediction

## The Congregational Response

**Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;**

**Mine is the guilt but Thine the cleansing blood;**

**Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,**

**Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.**

The Postlude — “Lord, We Bow Before Your Glory” ..... Paul S. Jones

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care  
Mr. Tim P. O. Tumutod — AV/IT Intern

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

The Prelude — “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Four- and Five-Year Old Children’s Choir  
Sarah Edwards, Director; Amanda Hohm, Piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 104:31–33

The Hymn No. 2 — “O Worship the King” (Psalm 104)

The Invocation

The Children’s Choir Musical Offering — “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

First and Second Grade Children’s Choir  
Caitlin Vickery, Director; Joy Graves, Piano

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Dr. Craig Flowers, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Be Thou My Vision”

The FPC Student Choir  
Reed Hairston, Director; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q64. How long ago did Christ die? **A. About two thousand years ago.**

Q65. How were sinners saved before Christ came? **A. By believing in the promised Messiah.**

Q66. Before Christ came, how did believers show their faith? **A. By offering the sacrifices God required.**

Q67. What did these sacrifices represent? **A. Christ, the Lamb of God, who would come to die for sinners.**

\* The Meditation & Prayer .....Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor, Discipleship Ministry

The Hymn (stz. 1–4) — “The Sands of Time Are Sinking”.....hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 4:7–21..... pew Bible page 1023

The Sermon — Truth and Love: And Love and Love and Love.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Oh! I am my Beloved’s and my Beloved is mine!  
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine.  
I stand upon His merit — I know no other stand,  
Not e’en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel’s land.

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.

# GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the Church in every age. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

## The Lord's Table

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] He sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with Him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

## Christ's Presence

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

## 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.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## 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: A Family Event.....	Tree House
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.)

## Monday, April 14, 2025

Various	Circles Meet This Week.....	See Announcements Panel
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## Tuesday, April 15, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
9:30 a.m.	Sew & Sow .....	WH 302
Various	Circles Meet This Week.....	See Announcements Panel
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 16, 2025

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Spring Brunch .....	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.	Evangelism Training.....	Contact dlbowling@bellsouth.net
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
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

## Friday, April 18, 2025

all day	Church Office Closed	
6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service .....	Sanctuary

## Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast.....	PH
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## Sunday, April 20, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Visitor Meet & Greet .....	Welcome Center
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

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLES — MEETING THIS WEEK

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 learn of opportunities for service and missions within our church. To register, contact Lisa Oswald at 769-333-5802 or [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).

### *Monday, April 14*

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

### *Tuesday, April 15*

Circle 7 10:00 Blair Hederman's Home  
Circle 9 10:00 Parlor  
Circle 11 10:00 Frenchie Graham's Home  
Circle 12 10:30 St. Catherine's

## 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 is informal, lasts 45 minutes, and focuses solely on prayer. Feel free to bring your lunch and join us for all, or only a part, as your schedule allows.

## BAPTISM — MAY 18

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 18. Spaces are available for both services. To make a reservation, please contact Emily Eastman at [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## 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).

## 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](https://fpcj.ms/events). Contact the Youth House staff with any and all questions at [youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto: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 THE MINISTRY OF TWIN LAKES CAMP

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. Consider supporting the gospel-work of Twin Lakes in two ways: First, gifts to the **Twin Lakes Fund** advance 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. Second, 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.

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, the wishlist can be found at [fpcj.ms/wish-list](https://fpcj.ms/wish-list).

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## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patsy Futvoye by her family.

## COMMUNION — TODAY

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

## EXPERIENCE EASTER: A FAMILY EVENT — TODAY

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.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SINGING — TONIGHT

The Four- and Five-Year-Old Children's Choir and the First and Second Grade Children's Choir will sing in the Evening Worship Service this week. Parents, please have your child in the sanctuary no later than 5:20 p.m. in Sunday morning attire. With questions contact Kimberly Sumrall at 601-937-4111 or KSumrall86@gmail.com.

## 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.

## 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).

**Brian & Tanya McLean** – Brian teaches at Mukhanyo Theological College and John Wycliffe Academy, and he is a teaching elder at Cross Culture Church in Johannesburg, South Africa. Email: [brianmclean77@gmail.com](mailto:brianmclean77@gmail.com)

**Jeff & Dominique Jordan** – Jeff serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi College. Email: [jjordan@ruf.org](mailto:jjordan@ruf.org)

**Gateway Rescue Mission** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Gateway offers life-changing hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ to homeless men, women, and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling, and discipleship. Email: [rbaker@gatewaymission.org](mailto:rbaker@gatewaymission.org) or [mlott@gatewaymission.org](mailto:mlott@gatewaymission.org)