



THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth 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. Scott H. Miller
Young Adults and College Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Were You There?" arr. Marchand
FPC Brass Ensemble; Nathan Oakley, Director

The Introit — "This Joyful Eastertide" Parker/Shaw

The Call to Worship — Psalm 118:1, 22-24

The Minister: Christ is Risen

The People: He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

The Hymn No. 277 — "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

The Invocation

The Doxology 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 — "See, What a Morning" see guide

The Scripture Reading — Luke 24:1-35.....pew Bible page 884

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "Now Glad of Heart"Keaton Lee Scott
Rae Shannon, Organ

Now glad of heart be every one! The fight is fought, the day is won,
The Christ is set upon His throne, Alleluia, alleluia!

Who on the rood was crucified, Who rose again, as at this tide,
In glory to His Father's side, Alleluia, alleluia...

Who baffled death and harrowed hell and led the souls that loved Him well
All in the light of lights to dwell: Alleluia, alleluia...

To Him we lift our heart and voice and in His paradise rejoice
With harp and pipe and happy noise. Sing alleluia, alleluia...

Then rise all Christian folk, with me and carol forth the One in Three
That was and is and is to be, Alleluia, alleluia!

Now glad of heart be every one! The fight is fought, the day is won,
The Christ is set upon His throne, Sing alleluia, alleluia...

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 16pew Bible page 453

The Sermon — The Path of Life Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 286 (stz. 1-4)— “Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing Your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!**

The Postlude — “In Death’s Strong Grasp the Savior Lay” J.S. Bach

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.

See, What a Morning

Words and Music:
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



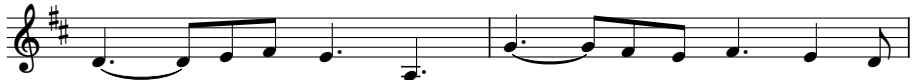
1. See, _____ what a morn - ing,
2. See, _____ Ma - ry weep - ing,
3. One _____ with the Fa - ther,



glo - rious - ly bright, with the
"Where _____ is He laid?" As in
An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.
Spi - rit Who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



Fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb _____ filled with light, as the
Hears _____ a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; It's the
Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an - nounce "Christ is ris - en!"
Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life _____ a - gain!
King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty.



See God's sal - va - tion _____ plan, wrought in
The voice that spans the _____ years, speak - ing
And we are raised with _____ Him; Death is



love, borne in pain, _____ paid in sac - ri - fice,
life, stir - ring hope, _____ bring - ing peace _____ to us,
dead, life has won, _____ Christ has con - quered.



Ful - filled in Christ the _____ Man, for He
will sound till He ap - pears, for He
And we shall reign with _____ Him, for He



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
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EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

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

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

The Prelude — “Be Still My Soul”Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — 1 Peter 1:3-7

The Hymn No. 263 — “Lift High the Cross”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Dr. Matt Graves, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “The Call”...John K. Laws, Baritone; Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q68. How many offices does Christ fulfill as the promised Messiah? **A. Christ fulfills three offices.**

Q69. What are they? **A. The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.**

Q70. How is Christ your prophet? **A. Christ teaches me the will of God.**

Q71. Why do you need Christ as your prophet? **A. Because I am ignorant by nature.**

* The Meditation & PrayerMr. Grant Carter, Students and Families Intern

The Hymn (stz. 1-4) — “Lo, He Comes”hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 5:1-12..... pew Bible page 1023

The Sermon — Truth and Love: Yes and Amen.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow’r and glory, claim the kingdom for Thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! Alleluia! Come, Lord, 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 20, 2025

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| 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 |
| 5:00 p.m. | Prayer Meeting for Global Missions..... | Parlor |
| 6:00 p.m. | Evening Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes) | |

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

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| 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 23, 2025

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| 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 |

Saturday, April 26, 2025

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| 7:30 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast | PH |
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Sunday, April 27, 2025

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| 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship Services..... | Sanctuary |
| 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 Bateman Home (3939 Oakridge Drive) |

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

TWIN LAKES FELLOWSHIP — APRIL 21–23

Ministers from all over the world will gather for Twin Lakes Fellowship (TLF) next week, and we hope you will join us in praying that they not only travel safely but are also encouraged, rested, and restored when they leave the retreat. TLF is a ministerial fraternal organization devoted to the encouragement of Gospel ministry and ministers. TLF is a ministry of the Session of FPC and several other PCA sessions and ministers in Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, and South Carolina. Its aim is to serve the servants of the Lord. This fellowship is designed to encourage ministers and churches to promote the work of church planting through their local congregations and to encourage ministers in their personal growth in grace, so as to maximize their effectiveness in promoting the work of the gospel.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 2–6

Registration is open for VBS online at fpcj.ms/vbs. At VBS 2025, we are READY TO RUN! Our theme this year builds on the life of Paul as we learn how to faithfully run with endurance and look to Jesus! Also, adult volunteers are needed in a variety of roles: table teachers to teach Bible lessons, craft leaders to get creative with our children, recreation leaders who play fun games and outdoor activities, musicians to lead our children in worship through song, and more! Sign up at fpcj.ms/vbs.

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 We Will Go campers with summer reading assignments and serving in the food pantry. For questions about joining this team, please contact Carol Anne Miconi at carolannem@fpcjackson.org or 601-506-5033. Register online at 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. 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 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.

THE FIRST WORD

The First Word is our weekly emailed newsletter featuring sermon notes and audio, missionary reports and prayer requests, event information, and announcements. Manage your subscription at fpcj.ms/email-list. Or with questions or for more information, you may email communications@fpcjackson.org.

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EASTER MORNING VISITOR MEET & GREET

For those new to our church, please stop by the Welcome Center for a meet and greet from 9:45–10:30 a.m. this morning!

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 this 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.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Jo Lynn Swayze — April 11, 2025
Dr. Richard B. “Dick” Ellison — April 11, 2025

SIXTH GRADE WELCOME TO FPCYM — MAY 1

Our Student Ministry will host a game of kickball (and pizza!) at the Jordan Home on May 1, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Come play and meet our staff! We’re also excited to have sixth grade join us in the Youth House for Sunday School on May 4, and at Midweek on Wednesday, May 7.

EVENING WORSHIP AT TWIN LAKES — MAY 4

On May 4 our evening worship service will be held at Twin Lakes. The casual service will begin at 5 p.m., but we encourage you to come early for a time of play and fellowship before the service. The gates will open at 2 p.m., and we will have recreation and fellowship with music, drinks, popsicles, and ice cream to enjoy! We will have dinner following the worship service. Dress comfortably and come to enjoy a service surrounded by the beauty of God’s creation. If you prefer not to drive to Twin Lakes, we would love to provide a ride for you. Register online at fpcj.ms/events for dinner and to request a ride.

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.

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.

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.

Moner & Stenia Shaded – Moner serves with International Messengers in Warsaw, Poland in pastoral ministry and outreach. Email: mshaded@data.pl

Devon & Taylor Rossman – Devon serves as a church planter in Mount Pleasant, MI. Email: devon@fellowshipmp.org

Lifeline – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Lifeline is a Christian agency that serves women in crisis pregnancy, supports families through adoption, and assists families in crisis through partnering with local churches to host and support vulnerable children. Lifeline partners with FPC specifically through Families Count and Care Portal.