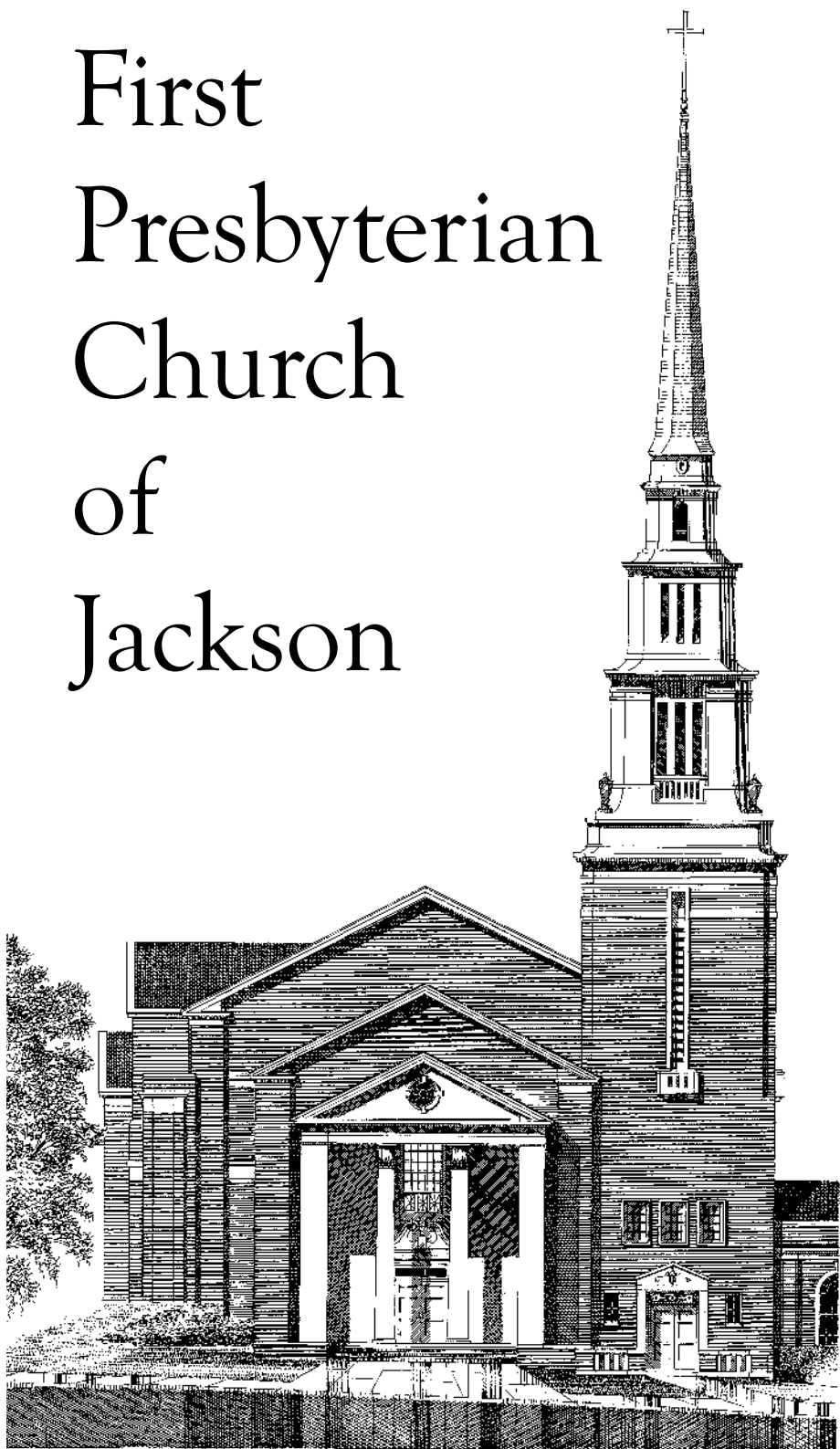


The  
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Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Day of May, 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 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 — “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

FPC Brass Ensemble; Nathan Oakley, Director

The Introit — “The Lord Reigns” ..... Dale Wood

The Call to Worship — Psalm 117

The Hymn No. 76 — “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (Psalm 103)

The Invocation

The Doxology

All praise we give to God, the Holy Trinity.  
We praise the Father, Son and Spirit joyfully.  
Creator God, our Shepherd, Savior, Lord and King: to Thee we Sing!

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

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

The Scripture Reading — James 2:14–26..... pew Bible page 1012

## The Pastoral Prayer

## The Offering

### The Offertory — “Praise Ye the Name of the Lord” ..... Gordon Young

Praise ye the name of the Lord of Hosts. Praise Him, praise Him, all ye people.  
Let all the nations praise the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord of Hosts.

Come ye together, sing unto God. Now and forever, sing unto God.  
Alleluia! Sing Alleluia! O come all ye nations, sing unto God.

Praise ye the name of the Lord of Hosts. Praise Him, praise Him, all ye people.  
Let all the nations praise the Lord.

Praise ye the name of the Lord of Hosts.  
Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord! Let all the nations praise the Lord!

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

### The Prayer of Illumination

### The Scripture Reading — Leviticus 24 .....pew Bible page 102

### The Sermon — Devoted to God: Holy Place ..... Dr. Strain

### The Hymn No. 469 (stz. 1–5)— “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

### The Benediction

### The Congregational Response

**We long to see Your churches full,  
that all the chosen race  
may, with one voice and heart and soul,  
sing Your redeeming grace.**

### The Postlude — “Concerto” .....George Frideric Handel

Rae Shannon, Organ

## 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, Hattie Wofford 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.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

# EVENING WORSHIP

*at Twin Lakes*

**TODAY!**

**2 PM GATES OPEN**

**5 PM WORSHIP**

**6:30 PM DINNER**



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## THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2025! Join us as we pray that they would cling to Jesus as their true Vine as they begin this next new, exciting phase of life.

Betsy Ball

Olivia Case

Hallie Dale

John Fesko, Jr

Eason Forster

Lindan Garner

Charlie Greaves

Ellie Hogue

Henry Jordan

Piper McCalop

McClain Morgan

Will Morgan

Parker Page

Nan Sheppard

Lee Margaret Sykes

Thomas Waters

Noble Wilkinson

Lola Williams

Campbell Wyatt

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, May 4, 2025

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
2:00 p.m.	Twin Lakes Gates Open .....	Twin Lakes
5:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service .....	Twin Lakes
6:00 p.m.	Dinner .....	Twin Lakes

## Tuesday, May 6, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
9:30 a.m.	Sew & Sow .....	WH 302
12:00 p.m.	Weekday Prayer .....	PH

## Wednesday, May 7, 2025

5:00–6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner .....	MH
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 Missions in May .....	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior High D Groups.....	YH & Baird Center Gym

## Saturday, May 10, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast .....	PH
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## Sunday, May 11, 2025

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

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

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Check out FPC's 2024 Annual Report. This report summarizes how monetary giving to the church is ultimately used and the ministry impact of your generosity. Access it online at [fpcj.ms/annual-report](https://fpcj.ms/annual-report). Limited physical copies are available in the Welcome Center for pick up. If you prefer that a physical copy of the report be mailed to your home, please contact Chase Wynn at [chasew@fpcjackson.org](mailto:chasew@fpcjackson.org).

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS — BEGINNING JUNE 1

The next offering of the Membership Class will begin June 1 and will meet on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. 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 distinctives 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.

## 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).

## 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](https://fpcj.ms/email-list). Or with questions or for more information, you may email [communications@fpcjackson.org](mailto:communications@fpcjackson.org).

## 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chess and Grace Wymond.

## MISSIONS IN MAY FOR CHILDREN — BEGINS WEDNESDAY

Please plan on your elementary children joining us for “Missions in May!” during Mid-week in the month of May. We will focus on what God is doing in Honduras and in El Salvador, bringing reports of the Lord’s kingdom work across the globe right to our class. Rising four-year-olds through current fifth graders are invited to join us from 6–7 on Wednesday evenings May 7 and 14. Each week we will learn about missionaries serving in each country, make crafts, and have other fun activities! You don’t want to miss it!

## YOUNG ADULTS BARBECUE — MAY 8

Young Adults, make plans to join us for Barbecue, May 8, at 6 p.m. at 4797 Crestwood Drive in Jackson. The summer is an excellent time to plug in to the Young Adults Ministry as many move to town to start new jobs, graduate school, etc. If you know a young-adult age person new to town or looking to connect with a church community, please relay his or her information to our Young Adults staff members.

## 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).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 2–6

The deadline to register to guarantee a t-shirt for your child IS TODAY! Register online at [fpcj.ms/vbs](http://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](http://fpcj.ms/vbs).

## SUMMER LOCAL MISSIONS TRIP — 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](mailto:carolannem@fpcjackson.org) or 601-506-5033. Register online at [fpcj.ms/go](http://fpcj.ms/go).

## PRAY FOR SUPPORTED MINISTRY PARTNERS

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

**Tial & Annie Thanga** – Jial serves as the MTW National Partner Project Director and the Mission Executive Director of RPCM Church Planting.  
Email: [mrts.edu@gmail.com](mailto:mrts.edu@gmail.com)

**James & Missy Ritchey** – James, serves as a church planter at River City Reformed in Little Rock, Arkansas. Email: [jamesritchey28@gmail.com](mailto:jamesritchey28@gmail.com)

**Little Light House** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, LLH is a tuition-free Developmental Center that for over three decades has been making a difference in the lives of hundreds of children with special needs.