

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of May Two Thousand Twenty-Five

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon

Minister of Missions

The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard

Minister of Shepherding

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Scripture Memory Passage — Matthew 7:24–29

<sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” <sup>28</sup> And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at His teaching, <sup>29</sup> for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

The Prelude — “Jerusalem” .....C. Hubert H. Parry  
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “We Come, O Christ, to You”

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 57 — “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul” (Psalm 146)

The Invocation

The Doxology

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. 457 — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The Scripture Reading — James 3:1–12..... pew Bible page 1012

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

**The Offertory** — “No More Night” ..... arr. Camp Kirkland

The timeless theme, earth and heaven will pass away.  
It's not a dream, God will make all things new that day.

Gone is the curse from which I stumbled and fell; evil is banished to eternal hell.  
No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again.  
Praises to the great “I Am”, we will live in the light of the risen Lamb.

See all around, now the nations bow down to sing.  
The only sound is the praises to Christ, our King.

Slowly the names from the book are read; I know the King, there's no need to dread.  
No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again.  
Praises to the great “I Am”, we will live in the light of the risen Lamb.

See over there, it's a mansion prepared for me where I can live with my Savior eternally.  
No more night, no more pain, no more tears, never crying again.  
Praises to the great “I Am”, we will live in the light of the risen Lamb.

We will live in the light of the risen Lamb. Hallelujah to the risen Lamb!

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Scripture Reading** — Psalm 46 .....pew Bible page 471

**The Sermon** — God Is Our Refuge.....Mr. Peipon

**The Hymn No. 642 (stz. 1-4)**— “Be Thou My Vision”

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

**High King of heav'n, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**The Postlude** — “Now Praise, My Soul, the Lord” ..... Johann Gottfried Vierling

## 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.

"YOU SHALL BE HOLY,  
FOR I THE LORD YOUR GOD AM HOLY."  
- LV. 19:2



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# DEVOTED

LEARNING TO LIVE FOR GOD'S GLORY

This Sunday marks the beginning of the final quarter of our churchwide teaching theme, *Devoted: Learning to Live for God's Glory*. This theme calls us to renewed devotion to the only One who is worthy of our worship and praise, to the One who is before all things and in whom all things are held together.

This week, we begin work on our fourth quarter memory passage, Matthew 7:24-29, and we continue our churchwide reading, *Holiness* by J. C. Ryle. For more information, to read the fourth quarter Devoted prayers, and to get started with the Devoted reading list, pick up the Devoted Book IV available in the welcome center today or visit [fpcj.ms/devoted](http://fpcj.ms/devoted).

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

**Mr. Jennings L. Duncan**  
Discipleship Intern

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

The Prelude .....Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano  
“Tell Me the Story of Jesus/I Love to Tell the Story”

The Call to Worship — Revelation 7:10, 12

The Hymn No. 168 — “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Thy Mercy, My God” .....hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Honduras Mission Trip Report ..... Mr. Carson Edwards, Team Member

The Evening Prayer..... Dr. Bill Harper, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” .....Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q72. How is Christ your king? **A. Christ rules over me, the world and Satan, and He defends me.**

Q75. Why do you need Christ as your king? **A. Because I am weak and helpless.**

\* The Meditation & Prayer ..... Mr. Tim Tumutod, AV/IT Intern

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “In the Cross Alone I Glory” .....hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 2 John ..... pew Bible page 1025

The Sermon — Truth and Love: Radical Inhospitality .....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Never will I seek the glory, that was never meant for me.  
Always heavenward reflecting, all to Jesus to receive.

In the cross alone I glory; nothing of my own to give.  
Only that which Christ has offered for my soul that I may live,  
for my soul that I may live.

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, 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)

## Monday, May 12, 2025

Various	Circles Meet This Week.....	see announcements
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting.....	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting.....	MS

## Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Various	Circles Meet This Week.....	see announcements
9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
12:00 p.m.	Weekday Prayer .....	PH

## Wednesday, May 14, 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 <a href="mailto:dlbowling@bellsouth.net">dlbowling@bellsouth.net</a>
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

## Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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## Saturday, May 17, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast .....	PH
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## Sunday, May 18, 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.	New Member Meeting.....	MH
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)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight .....	The Forster Home (4616 E Cheryl Dr.)

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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 2–6

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](https://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](https://fpcj.ms/go).

## CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CHOICES TRAINING — JUNE 20–21

The CPC is holding a quarterly volunteer training for both men and women on June 20–21. This training opens doors to engaging in relational ministry with women and men in our city when they come to seek guidance and support in a time of need. For more information or to sign up, visit [fpcj.ms/cpc-training](https://fpcj.ms/cpc-training).

The Center for Pregnancy Choices has volunteer ministry opportunities throughout each week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., along with teaching opportunities outside of these hours. Contact Carol Anne Miconi at [carolannem@fpcjackson.org](mailto:carolannem@fpcjackson.org) for more information.

## 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).

## 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).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLES — MEET 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 serve our church together. To register, contact Lisa Oswalt at 769-333-5802 or [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).

### *Monday, May 12*

Circle 8 9:30 The Orchard  
Circle 2 10:00 Karan York's Home  
Circle 3 10:00 Westminster Hall 204  
Circle 4 10:00 Parlor  
Circle 5 10:00 Shirley Windham's Home  
Circle 14 12:00 Miller Hall  
Circle 6 6:30 Beth Archer's Home

### *Tuesday, May 13*

Circle 7 10:00 Joy Cannada's Home  
Circle 9 10:00 Parlor  
Circle 12 10:30 St. Catherine's

### *Tuesday, May 20*

Circle 11 10:00 Frenchie Graham's Home

## 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).

## EVENING COMMUNION — MAY 18

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

## LAST WEDNESDAY OF SPRING MIDWEEK

Join us this Wednesday, May 14, for the last week of our spring Midweek activities. We will take a break, and then summer Midweek will resume on Wednesday, June 11.

## 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.

## SERVE AS AN USHER!

Men of FPC, ushering at FPC is a wonderful way to serve the church and get to know your church family. Ushers serve one month at a time on a rotating schedule at any of the three services. Contact Josh Hollingsworth at [jdhollin13@gmail.com](mailto:jdhollin13@gmail.com) to join our team.

## 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).

**Becky White** – Becky serves with Mission to the World as a teacher at Christ's College in Taiwan.

**Jermaine & Laurie Van Buren** – Jermaine serves as the RUF Campus Associate at Jackson State University. Email: [Jermaine.vanburen@ruf.org](mailto:Jermaine.vanburen@ruf.org)

**Mission First/Lantern Clinic** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Mission First is an inner-city mission organization that seeks to meet the tangible needs of individuals as an avenue to engage their paramount spiritual needs. Email: [lthigpen@missionfirst.org](mailto:lthigpen@missionfirst.org).