

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fifth 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 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 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 — “And Can It Be?” ..... Dan Forrest  
Dr. Grace Shumaker, Piano

The Introit — “Let Thy Holy Presence” ..... Paul Tschesnokoff

The Call to Worship — Psalm 50:1–2; 14–15

The Hymn No. 235 — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

The Invocation

The Doxology

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

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 141 — “God, in the Gospel of His Son”

The Scripture Reading — James 3:13–18 ..... pew Bible page 1012

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

**The Offertory** — “Immortal, Invisible” ..... arr. Eric Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest to both great and small;  
in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree;  
and wither and perish but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of Light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee. Amen.

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Scripture Reading** — Leviticus 26–27.....pew Bible page 104

**The Sermon** — **Devoted to God: Holy Living** ..... Dr. Strain

**The Hymn No. 534 (stz. 1–3)**— “O for a Closer Walk with God”

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

**So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.**

**The Postlude** — “The Tree of Life” ..... K. Lee Scott  
Rae Shannon, Organ

## 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.

“LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE  
THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US  
LOOKING TO JESUS,  
THE FOUNDER & PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH.”

HEB 12:1-2

# READY TO RUN

RUNNING WITH ENDURANCE + LOOKING TO JESUS  
JUNE 2-6 VBS 2025

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[FPCJ.MS/VBS](https://fpcj.ms/vbs)

First Presbyterian Church  
**CHILDREN'S**  
**Ministry**  
"rooted and built up in Him"  
- Colossians 2:7



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Jackson, Mississippi

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon  
Minister of Missions

Mr. J. Peyton Gunter  
College Ministry Intern

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

The Prelude — “Shepherd Medley” .....Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 660 — “O God beyond All Praising”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Song of Zechariah” .....hymn sheet

The Greetings and Recognition of the Mission Teams

The Evening Prayer.....Dr. Zeb Henson, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Be Thou My Vision”

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

Q76. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai? **A. Ten commandments.**

Q77. Why should we obey the Ten Commandments? **A. Because God is our Creator, Savior, and King.**

Q78. What do the first four commandments teach? **A. What it means to love and serve God.**

Q79. What do the last six commandments teach? **A. What it means to love and serve my neighbor.**

\* The Meditation & Prayer .....Mr. Owen Hallbach, Mission Fellow

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me” .....hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 84 .....pew Bible page 493

The Sermon — Summer in the Psalms: A Day in Your Courts .....Mr. Peipon

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

With ev’ry breath I long to follow Jesus. For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me. Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me!”

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 25, 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      |
| 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 26, 2025

Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, May 27, 2025

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|------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 9:30 a.m.  | French Camp Quilters..... | Bookstore |
| 10:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study .....   | WH 305    |
| 12:00 p.m. | Weekday Prayer .....      | PH        |

## Wednesday, May 28, 2025

|                |   |    |
|----------------|---|----|
| 5:00–6:00 p.m. | No Midweek Dinner or Activities (Midweek resumes June 11) |    |
| 5:50 p.m.      | Adult Choir Rehearsal.....                                | MS |

## Thursday, May 29, 2025

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| 9:30 a.m. | French Camp Quilters..... | Bookstore |
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## Saturday, May 31, 2025

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| 7:30 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast ..... | PH |
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## Sunday, June 1, 2025

|                   |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|
| 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship Services.....                              | Sanctuary                              |
| 9:45 a.m.         | Sunday School .....  | Various                                |
| 5:00 p.m.         | Prayer for Global Missions.....                            | Parlor                                 |
| 2:00 p.m.         | VBS Volunteers & Teen Helpers Convocation.....             | Sanctuary                              |
| 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 Russ Home (2337 Twin Lakes Circle) |

LH—Lowe Hall MB—Main Building MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite  
PH—Patterson Hall SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

### MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Tonight in the evening service we will be sending out the members of our three mission groups this summer with prayer. Please join us in praying for their health and safety and that the Lord would bless their efforts to make His name known.

**Scotland**  
(May 30 – June 7)

Ned Currie  
Sue Currie  
Molly Forsberg  
Matthew Locke  
Scott Miller  
Adrienne Saxon  
Daniel Trussell  
Hugh Trussell

**Belgium**  
(July 3 – 12)

Sam Berry  
Haley Cushing  
Phoebe Kruger  
Stephen Kruger  
Betsy Martin  
Lawrence Martin  
Ford Mosby  
Jamie Peipon  
Alan Walters

**South Africa**  
(July 10 – 21)

Phoebe Hunt Taylor  
Rupert Hunt Taylor  
Jeffrey Jordan  
Carrie Kimball  
David Kimball  
Wade Meena

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — JUNE 13

Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun on June 13, at 11:30 a.m. at Old Trace Park in Ridgeland (422 Post Rd., in Ridgeland). We will start off with a lunch followed by a short program. The cost of the event is \$3 per person plus \$5 for parking per vehicle. We ask all attendees with the last name starting with letters A–N to bring a side, and those with O–Z to bring a dessert. The main dish will be provided by the church. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 or [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## 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).

## CHILDREN'S CHURCHTIME

Today, May 25 is the last day for Children's Churchtime until September 7. We would love to see your rising threes and fours join us this fall for a children's worship service with hymns, prayer time, short devotional, and snack time, held during the 11 a.m. worship service.

## 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).

## 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.

## HEARING ASSISTANCE AT FPC

FPC partners with Sanctuary Audio to help improve the listening experience in our sanctuary. The program can be used through earbuds or any bluetooth-enabled hearing aid. Below are the directions for using Sanctuary Audio via your phone or tablet. If you have questions, please contact Tim Tumutod at [timt@fpcjackson.org](mailto:timt@fpcjackson.org).

1. Connect your headphones or earbuds to your phone/device.
2. Connect your phone/device to the WiFi network "FPC Guest."
3. Download the app called "ListenWIFI."
4. Open the "ListenWIFI" App.
5. Tap "Venue Scan" until the app connects with FPC Jackson.
6. Select "FPC Jackson" channel.
7. Enjoy listening to the Sanctuary audio!

## 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 today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 2025 graduates of Reformed Theological Seminary.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Jackson H. (Jack) Ables — May 14, 2025

## SERVE AS AN USHER

Men of FPC, we have a pressing need for more ushers, particularly at our 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services. 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 the service time they normally attend. Sign up at [fpcj.ms/usher](http://fpcj.ms/usher) or contact Josh Hollingsworth at [jdhollin13@gmail.com](mailto:jdhollin13@gmail.com) to join our team.

## VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

Help us prepare for VBS! We are in need of school-size spiral notebooks, small flashlights with batteries, 16 oz plastic reusable water bottles (NOT the ones already filled with spring water), and ink pens. We need 200 of each to fill drawstring bags for Camp Pioneer. Items may be dropped off in the donation box under the stairs by the Pepsi machines.

## 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 distinctiveness 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.

## SUMMER MIDWEEK — BEGINNING JUNE 11

As we take a break from D Groups over the next few weeks, we hope you'll plan to join us for Midweek this summer. Our adults will be led by a rotation of teachers through a series, **Story and Song: Six Hymns that Shaped the Family of Christ**. We will spend time opening the Church's family hymnbook and rejoicing in the truths behind some favorite hymns. In Children's Ministry, we will be learning the **Names of God**, focusing on one name for the Lord each Wednesday night. When you are in town this summer, we hope you will make Midweek a part of your routine!

## PRAY FOR SUPPORTED MINISTRY PARTNERS

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

**Mike & Stacy** – Mike, serving with Commission to Every Nation in Lebanon, coaches church planters around the world, and Stacy serves as a trainer with Parakaleo. Email: [wiebes4@gmail.com](mailto:wiebes4@gmail.com)

**Patrick & Regina Lennox** – Patrick & Regina serve with Occom Ministries, a ministry to Native Americans, First Nations, and American Eskimo in the US and Canada. Email: [lennoxletters@gmail.com](mailto:lennoxletters@gmail.com)

**Mustard Seed** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Mustard Seed is a Christian organization seeking to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities. Website: [mustardseedms.org](http://mustardseedms.org)