

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Five
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain
Senior Minister

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational and Pastoral Care

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

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

The Prelude — “Abide with Me” arr. Clay Christiansen
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Almighty God of Our Fathers” Will James

The Call to Worship — Psalm 9:7-11

The LORD sits enthroned forever;
He has established His throne for justice.

**And He judges the world with righteousness;
He judges the world with uprightness.**

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**And those who know Your name put their trust in You,
for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.**

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!

Tell among the peoples His deeds!

The Hymn No. 101 — “Come, Thou Almighty King”

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology — “Gloria Patri” tune: *Greatorex*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

WELCOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis
The Introduction of New Members
The Questions of Membership
The Baptism (11 a.m. only)
The Prayer
The Declaration
The Blessing

The Offering

The Offertory — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Mary McDonald

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me, Lord, unto me!

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 6:9–13.....pew Bible page 811

The Sermon — **Teach us to Pray: Hallowed Be Your Name** Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 644 (stz. 1–5)— “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.**

The Postlude — “Pompous March” Gordon Young

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.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Mr. George W. Herndon
Students and Families Intern

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

The Recognition of the *Children's Catechism* Recitation

The Prelude — "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"

The Call to Worship — Genesis 2:7; Psalm 100:3-4

The Hymn No. 86 — "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Psalm 23)

The Invocation

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

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Dr. Reid Cotten, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Tim Sanduleac, Piano

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

Q84. What is the first commandment? **A. The first commandment is "You shall have no other gods before me."**

Q85. What does the first commandment teach you? **A. To worship the true God, and Him only.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Jennings Duncan, Discipleship Intern

The Hymn (stz. 1-2) — "We Will Feast" hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 38 pew Bible page 467

The Sermon..... Mr. Biggs
Summer in the Psalms: Reminders for the All-Knowing

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more!

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.

THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on May 18, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Eloise Ketchum

Craig Kirkland Jr.

Robbie and Melissa Leis (Lucy and Molly)

Joseph and Erin Zanza (Drew and Elijah)

() Covenant child joining as a non-communing member

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered during the 11 a.m. service to

Joseph Andrew Tawonashe Zanza
son of Joseph and Erin Zanza

Elijah Dewayne Makanaka Zanza
son of Joseph and Erin Zanza

JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is August 3. New member forms can be found online at fpcj.ms/membership or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by July 23. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 8, 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
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 Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

Monday, June 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.	Caregivers' Support Group.....	WH 202B
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting.....	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting.....	MS

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	WH 305
4:15-6:00 p.m.	Gateway Chapel.....	Gateway Rescue Mission

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

5:00-6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
6:00 p.m.	Story and Song: Six Hymns that Shaped the Family of Christ...MH	
6:00 p.m.	Names of God: Children's Midweek Summer Nights.....	Various
6:00 p.m.	FPCYM Summer Midweek	Baird Center Gym & YH

Thursday, June 12, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Summer Kickoff.....	Urban Foxes

Friday, June 13, 2025

11:30 a.m.	Senior Adults Luncheon	Old Trace Park (422 Post Rd.)
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Saturday, June 14, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, June 15, 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
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

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 evening, Mary Adams Yerger will receive her Bible for recitation of the *Children's Catechism*, which consists of 150 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.

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. 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.

MOTHER • DAUGHTER • SISTER • FRIEND DINNER — JUNE 17

Finding Contentment

Make plans to join us for this annual event, June 17, 6–8 p.m., in Miller Hall. Mothers, bring your daughter and connect with other moms and daughters. Friends, bring your bestie or that neighbor you've been longing to connect with. This will be a light and lively evening with women of all ages. At a big church like ours, this event is the perfect way to make new friends and reconnect with old friends alike.

At the event Dominique Jordan will lead us through a beautiful (and easy) art project, as well as lead a discussion of Finding Contentment in an anxious age. Contentment has always been a challenge to the Christian's walk. *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment* was written in 1648; there is truly nothing new under the sun. And yet, in this digital age, contentment can seem more elusive than ever. Register online at fpcj.ms/events.

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.

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 for more information.

MEN'S MINISTRY ST. LOUIS TRIP — JULY 10–12

Men, sign up to be part of the adventure in St. Louis! Bring a child or grandchild to witness great baseball as the Cardinals and Cubs play for the win. The cost is \$350/person, not including meals and St. Louis sightseeing. This trip is always fun and filled with great memories. Register online at fpcj.ms/events.

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 or contact Josh Hollingsworth at jdhollin13@gmail.com to join our team.

VISITING FPC DURING THE WEEK?

When you visit our church during business hours Monday–Friday for a meeting, Bible study, etc., the Security Committee kindly requests that you stop by the receptionist desk in the Welcome Center to sign in. We ask that all week-day visitors wear a name tag or member badge for the duration of your visit. Thank you for helping us keep the building safe for our children and staff during the week!

CHILDREN'S CHURCHTIME

Children's Churchtime will resume 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY — JUNE 9

The Caregivers' Support Group takes place every second Monday of the month in Westminster Hall 202B, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. The purpose of our Caregivers' Ministry is to gather similarly situated caregivers who desire to learn, share stories, and grieve as we walk together through the valley of a loved one's suffering with dementia and dementia-related illness. The meeting will provide a safe and friendly forum to talk with others who understand the toils of caregiving for the cognitively impaired. With questions, please contact Ken Fairly at 601-941-5004.

GATEWAY CHAPEL — JUNE 10

Join us at Gateway Rescue Mission in celebrating our King with men in Gateway's New Life Program! Come at 4:15 if you'd like to help serve the meal. Chapel will begin about 5:15. We will be finished by 6 p.m. or earlier! For more information or with questions, contact Lou Ann Flatgard at 601-940-3012 or louflatgard@gmail.com.

MIDWEEK RETURNS THIS WEEK!

Make Midweek a part of your schedule this summer! Find out more at fpcjackson.org/midweek.

Story and Song: Six Hymns that Shaped the Family of Christ

This summer adults will spend time opening the hymnbook and rejoicing in the truths behind some favorite hymns. As we learn their stories, and the stories of those who first sang them, we hope to grow in love for the Triune God whose praises they sound.

Names of God

Our children are learning the Names of God, focusing on one name for the Lord each Wednesday night during the summer. By learning the Names of God, our children learn what God is called, and even more importantly they learn about His character!

FPCYM Summer Midweek

Our Youth Ministry Midweek programs meet in the Youth House as well as the Baird Center Gym for Bible study and hang out time each Wednesday during the summer.

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER KICKOFF — JUNE 12

Young Adults, join us as we kickoff the summer on Thursday, June 12, 5:30–7 p.m. at Urban Foxes. The summer is an excellent time to plug in to the Young Adults Ministry as many graduate from school or move to town to start new jobs. If you know a young-adult age person (22–30) new to town or looking to connect with a church community, please relay his or her information to our staff members, Scott Miller and Rose Ohnstad.

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.

Brian & Mandy – Brian & Mandy serve with MTW in Southeast Asia.

Wright & Elizabeth Busching – Wright serves as the church planter/pastor at University Presbyterian Church, in Tampa, Florida. Email: wright@upctampa.com

Center for Pregnancy Choices – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, the CPC offers alternatives to abortion for women experiencing crisis pregnancies, while declaring the good news about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with an emphasis on abstinence education and presenting adoption as a loving option.