

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Scripture Memory Passage — Matthew 7:24–29

²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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.” ²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

The Prelude — “Psalm Tune” Charles Callahan
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”Beethoven

The Call to Worship — Psalm 99:1–5

The Hymn No. 34 — “The God of Abraham Praise”

The Invocation

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.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 535 — “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

The Scripture Reading — James 5:1–6..... pew Bible page 1013

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering

The Offertory — “Lord, It belongs Not to My Care” Carl Schalk

Lord, it belongs not to my care, whether I die or live,
To love and serve Thee is my share, and this Thy grace must give.
If life be long, I will be glad that I may long obey:
If short, yet why should I be sad to soar to endless day?

Christ leads us through no darker rooms than He went through before,
He that unto God’s kingdom comes must enter by this door.
Come Lord, when grace has made me meet, Thy blessed face to see;
For if Thy work on earth be sweet, what will Thy glory be!

My knowledge of that life is small, the eye of faith is dim;
But ‘tis enough that Christ knows all, and I shall be with Him.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

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

The Sermon — Teach us to Pray: Your Kingdom Come..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 92 (stz. 1–3)— “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Psalm 46)

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.**

The Postlude — “Jesus Shall Reign”Albin C. Whitworth

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Scott H. Miller — Young Adults and College Minister
The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard — Minister of Shepherding

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

The Prelude — “Rock of Ages/My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 57 — “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Come, Ye Sinners”hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Doug McDaniel, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Give Me Jesus”

Daniel Kim, Soloist; Rebekah Lipscombe, Accompanist

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

Q86. What is the second commandment? **A. The second commandment is “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”**

Q87. What does the second commandment teach you? **A. To worship God only as He commands, and not to worship God by using statues or pictures.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Wiley Lowry, Minister of Teaching & Pastoral Care

The Hymn (stz. 1-2) — “Speak, O Lord”hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 103pew Bible page 502

The Sermon — Summer in the Psalms: Bless the Lord, O My Soul ...Mr. Miller

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your Glory.

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.

SERVICE GUIDE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Model for Christian Prayer

In Matthew chapter 6, Jesus gives us a model for what prayer should look like for a Christian. It is prayer that is both “vertical” (centering on “Our Father, who art in Heaven”) and “horizontal” (addressing tangible, earthly needs and concerns). The very structure of the prayer teaches us a lesson of vital importance: that our most pressing need is for our Father in heaven. Since “from Him and through Him and to Him are all things,” He necessarily deserves “all glory forever” (Rom. 11:36). Therefore, all prayer should be rooted in the Fatherhood of God with an aim toward His glory. However, Jesus also taught us to pray for the physical, felt needs of this life. Something so basic as bread, Jesus commends as a worthwhile and necessary component of God-honoring prayer. This reminds us that we are incapable of providing for the most basic needs of our lives, but are instead, dependent on the provision of our heavenly Father. By reciting this prayer together, we are collectively reminding ourselves that God is our Father, His glory is our goal, and He is ultimately the One who takes care of all our needs. May this be an encouragement to our hearts this morning, that our Father is not aloof and unconcerned with the tangible needs of earthly life, but is the one who kindly cares for us by bestowing them.

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.

FPC THIS WEEK

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)
7:00 p.m.	Reception for Sam & Laura Beth Edwards	MH
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Russ Home (2337 Twin Lakes Circle)

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

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
6:00 p.m.	Mother Daughter Sister Friend Dinner	MH

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

5:00–6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime.....	Playground
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 19, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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Saturday, June 21, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, June 22, 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 Smith Home (2660 Lake 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MISSION TEAM MEMBERS

Please be in prayer for our mission team who will show the love of Christ to our city, June 17–19, through the ministry of We Will Go.

Bea Blanchard	Ethan Graves	Meredith Vandevender
Melissa Blanchard	Anne Marie Kerr	Alan Walters
Samuel Blanchard	Eleanor Lawrence	Leigh Faires Winters
Emma Rhymes Brown	Kellon Lawrence	Anna Wofford
Phoebe Brown	Millie Lawrence	Hattie Wofford
Jo Ann Calcote	Rae Ann Lawrence	Laura Wofford
Janie Clarke	Vera Lawrence	Martin Wofford
Mary Ellison	Carol Anne Miconi	Frank York
David Felker	Jamie Peipon	Karan York
Lou Ann Flatgard	Samantha Soen	Kaylee York
Spence Flatgard	Danielle Turpin	Sarah York
Tracy Ford	Owen Turpin	
Cassie Graves	Magee Vandevender	

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the PCA will be held June 23–27 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The following church leaders and pastors will attend this year:

David Strain	Stephen Biggs	Ned Currie
David Felker	Charlie Wingard	Bill Stone
Wiley Lowry	Gary Sinclair	Mark Windham
Jamie Peipon	Sharkey Burke	
Scott Miller	Stuart Clarke	

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.

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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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Ables and Bill Sutherland, faithful and dedicated members of the Thursday Afternoon Men's Bible Study. They contributed much and are missed. Thanks be to God for these fellow Bible study partners.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Charlotte Watkins Turner — June 2, 2025

RECEPTION FOR THE EDWARDS FAMILY — TONIGHT

Please join us tonight following the evening worship service in Miller Hall as we thank Sam Edwards for his work as FPC's Director of Facilities and wish the Edwards family well as they are moving.

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.

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.

Daniel and Katy B – serving with MTW as the Europe Regional Director. Email: daniel@mtwbelgium.com

Joel & Holly Wallace – Joel serves as the Director of Ministry Development, Engaging Disability with the Gospel (a ministry of Mission to North America). Email: joel@engagingdisability.org

PEARSON Foundation – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, PEARSON provides mentorship and discipleship to students through in-school mentoring, faith-based community mentoring in cooperation with the Rankin County Juvenile Court, after school activities, and summer learning and enrichment. Email: Pearson39208@gmail.com or jarward@gmail.com