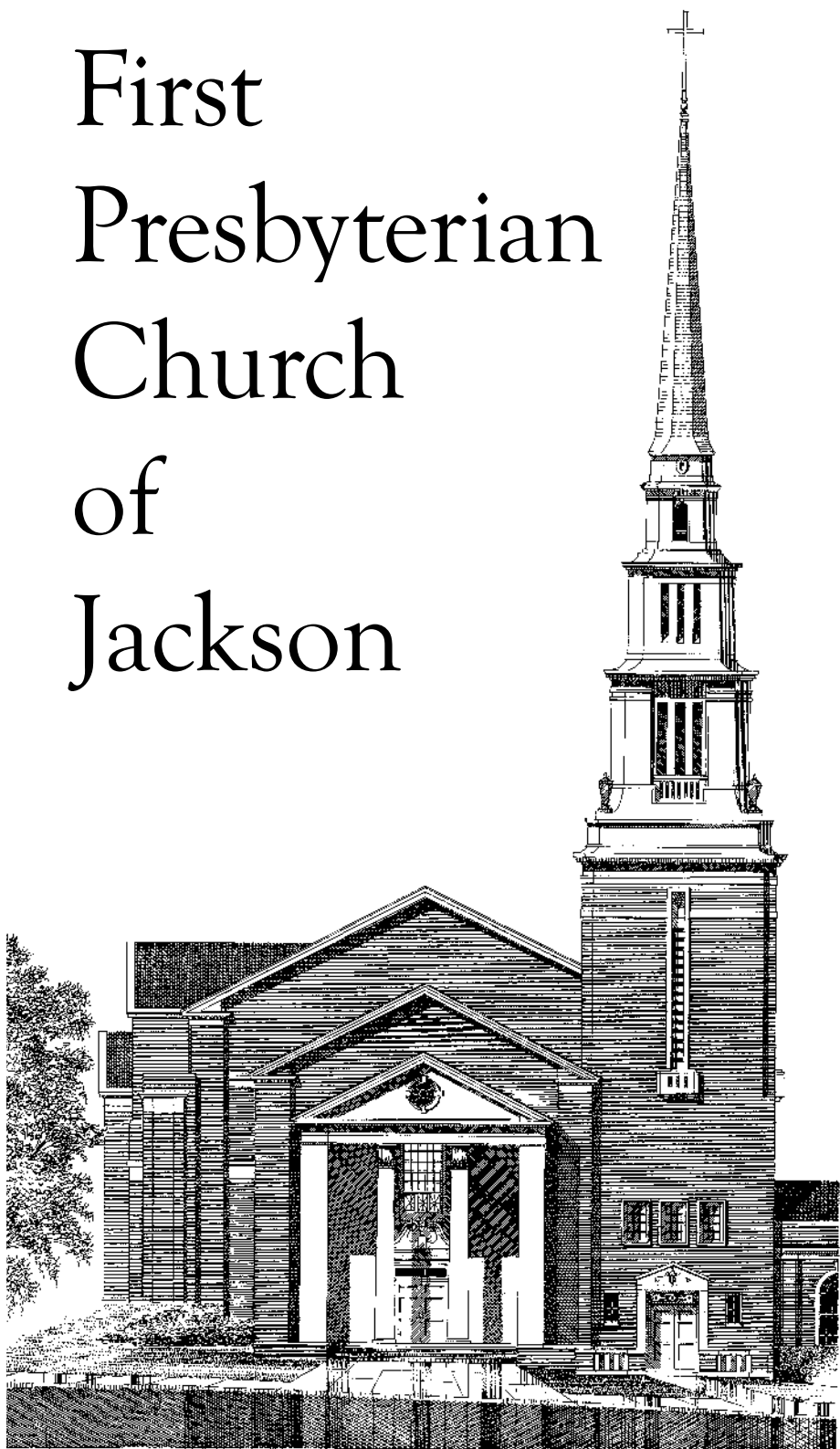


The
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Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Second 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 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

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 — “Land of Rest” Wilbur Held
Rae Shannon, Organ

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

The Call to Worship — Psalm 95:1–6

The Hymn No. 165 — “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

The Invocation

The Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Gideon Report Mr. David McPhail

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 108 — “Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “We Believe”John Purifoy

We believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day, He rose again and ascended into heaven.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit and the worldwide Church,
the communion of all the saints, the forgiveness of ev’ry sin,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen, Amen.

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 Will Be Done Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 585 (stz. 1–5)— “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for Thee.

The Postlude — “Love Divine”arr. Stephen Cleobury

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Mr. William H. Skinner
Senior Minister's and Discipleship Intern

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

The PreludeMr. Tim Sanduleac, Piano
“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me/Take My Life and Let It Be”

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 302 — “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “See, What a Morning”hymn sheet

The Missions Report Mr. Miguel D'Azevedo
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Okinawa, Japan

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Jack Crawford, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “We Will Feast”Mr. Tim Sanduleac, Piano

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

Q88. What is the third commandment? **A. The third commandment is “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”**

Q89. What does this commandment teach you? **A. To treat God's name, Word, and works with reverence.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Owen Hallbach, Missions Fellow

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 143pew Bible page 523

The Sermon..... Mr. Dempsey
Summer in the Psalms: A Prayer for the Soul in the Dark

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

“I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.” - John Wesley, 1755

Gideon Sunday

Today is Gideon Sunday. Gideons International is a nonprofit organization supported by individual Christians, local churches, and pastors who realize that presenting people with the Holy Scriptures is an indispensable element in winning them to Christ. All contributions are used to make it possible for others to have their own copy of God's Word as a free gift.

An offering will be taken at the end of both morning worship services, as you exit the Sanctuary. If you want to receive contribution credit through FPC, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with “Gideon” in the memo line.

GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

Missions Report

In the evening worship service, we will hear a report from Miguel D'Azevedo, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, in Okinawa, Japan. Miguel, a dual citizen of the United States and Brazil, is married to Hannah who is a U.S. citizen raised on the mission field in West Africa. Together, they have three children.

In 2017, Miguel was sent by his presbytery to pursue an MDiv. at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. While at GPTS, Miguel was under care of Calvary Presbytery and worked as a pastoral intern at Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church under the mentorship of Pastor Carl Robbins. In 2020, he was licensed to preach by Calvary Presbytery, and after graduating with his MDiv. in 2021 began a pastoral internship at the Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah under the mentorship of Pastor Terry Johnson. In 2022 Miguel was ordained and installed by the Southeast Alabama Presbytery to be the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church (formerly Okinawa Covenant Church) in Okinawa, Japan.

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 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)

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study.....	WH 305

Wednesday, June 25, 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.....	YH & Baird Center Gym

Thursday, June 26, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters.....	Bookstore
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Saturday, June 28, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast.....	PH
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Sunday, June 29, 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 Ball Home (418 Hampton Ct.)

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

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.

Throughout 2025, we hope these Giving Updates highlight for you the church's finances and needs in three areas: FPC Ministry, Missions, and Debt Service.

FPC MINISTRY

Your faithful, regular giving to FPC drives all the ministry you see around you. The preaching and teaching of God's Word; the pastoral care, shepherding, and discipling of our congregation and our larger community; numerous disciple-making ministry programs and departments; the good stewardship of the building where we worship—and countless other ways. Below, you will find giving towards FPC and its expenses through May 2025.

FPC Ministry Year to Date through May 2025

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 3,974,177
Actual Expenses	\$ 3,783,031
Giving	\$ 2,622,353
Net Giving Over (under) Actual Expenses	(\$ 1,160,678)

FPC MISSIONS

Your gifts to missions drive our support of global and national missions. This year's missions giving goal is \$1.2 million. With these separate gifts to missions, FPC is able to directly support over 60 missionaries worldwide, 20 church plants across North America, and 15 RUF campus ministries. Below, you will find giving towards missions as well as missions spending through May 2025.

Missions Year to Date through May 2025

Expenses (Missionary support)	\$ 434,452
Giving	\$ 427,732
Net Giving Over (under) Actual Expenses	(\$ 6,720)

DEBT SERVICE

Between 2020 and 2023, FPC advanced several important ministry projects by borrowing money for which we are currently serving debt. Those projects include the Jim Baird Center gym and auditorium, the FPC Welcome Center, space reorganization for both the church and FPDS, and capital needs of Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center. The total cost of all of these projects was \$8.7M toward which you have already given \$3.6M! As of this update, the remaining balance of that loan is \$4,949,900. Though FPC budgets for minimum required payments from your regular FPC Ministry giving, if only the minimum payments are made, the remaining \$3.6M will be due or need to be refinanced when this loan matures in 2030. Any extra gifts made especially to FPC Debt Service will help us pay down this debt faster and allow us to freely pursue more ministry in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Margaret Wilbourn Vise by her family.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Margaret Wilbourn Vise — June 13, 2025

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
David Felker
Wiley Lowry
Jamie Peipon
Scott Miller

Stephen Biggs
Charlie Wingard
Gary Sinclair
Sharkey Burke
Stuart Clarke

Ned Currie
Bill Harper
Bill Stone
Mark Windham

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 jdholllin13@gmail.com to join our team.

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.

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.

Thomas & Erna Dreyer – Thomas serves as a church planter with Reformed Church Randburg in Johannesburg, South Africa. Email: thomas@ccchurch.co.za

Grant & Anne Michal Carter – Grant serves as the RUF Campus Associate, and Anne Michal serves as Campus Staff at Texas A & M. Email: grant.carter@ruf.org

Gateway Rescue Mission – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Gateway offers life-changing hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to homeless men, women and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling, and discipleship. Email: rbaker@gatewaymission.org or mlott@gatewaymission.org