

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

The Reverend Mr. Scott H. Miller
Young Adults and College Minister

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 — “He Hideth My Soul” Mark Hayes
Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — “Behold, Now, Praise the Lord”Everitt Titcomb

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 198 — “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!” (Psalm 24)

The Invocation

The Doxology tune: *Old Hundredth*

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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 359 — “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

The Scripture Reading — James 5:7-12 pew Bible page 1013

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “With a Voice of Singing”Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of His name,

Make His name to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia...

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Luke 15:11-32.....pew Bible page 874

The Sermon — The Love of the Father, Part II Mr. Biggs

The Hymn No. 358 (stz. 1-5) — “For All the Saints”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Postlude — “Because He Lives” William J. Gaither

SERVICE GUIDE

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Apostles' Creed

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles' Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its author, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is "Apostolic" in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: "Ghost" is employed where we would use "Spirit," the word "quick" where we would use "living," and "catholic" where we would use "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.

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. Scott H. Miller
Young Adults and College Minister

Mr. Tim P. O. Tumutod
IT/AV Intern

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

The Prelude — “I Need Thee Every Hour” Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 347 — “The Church’s One Foundation”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “In Christ Alone”hymn sheet

The Mission Reportfrom North Africa

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Ned Currie, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Sheep May Safely Graze” ... Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q95. What is the fifth commandment? **A. The fifth commandment is “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”**

Q96. What does the fifth commandment teach you? **A. To love and obey my parents and all others that God appoints over me.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Mr. David Felker, Executive Minister

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand”hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 85pew Bible page 493

The Sermon — Summer in the Psalms: Restore Us Again Mr. Miller

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect, then take Thy pow’r, and reign;
Appear, Desire of nations, Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heav’ns Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come.

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.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS

Ken Ball
Melissa Blanchard
Paul Bowden
Sharkey Burke
David Case
Debbie Dempsey
Cassie Graves
Matt Graves
Claude Harbarger
Karis Harbarger
DeeDee Hester
John Eric Hester
Ann Kemp
Christy Ketchum
Dallis Ketchum
David Kimball
Linda Lash
Ginger Leard
Karys McEwen
Ann Owen
Lee Owen
Lynn Pearson
Mary Mills Ritchie
Petula Sinclair
Michelle Tabor
Sharon Teh
Hugh Trussell
Linda Waterloo



THIRD,
FOURTH, &
FIFTH GRADE
VOLUNTEERS

First Presbyterian Church
CHILDREN'S
Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert C. Cannada, a ruling elder of First Presbyterian Church, who was instrumental in the founding of the PCA and Reformed Theological Seminary.

The flowers in the sanctuary on June 29 were given in loving memory of Sally Mills by her family.

MEN'S SUMMER SOCIALS

Men, gather with smaller groups from our church family this summer at a more relaxed activity. Get to know new friends and connect with old ones, across age and stage. See the full list and register for one of our summer social activities at fpcj.ms/men.

SERVE MISSION FIRST AT FPC THIS SUMMER!

Mission First has a group of 44 students participating in a summer program weekdays here at FPC until July 11. They would love volunteers from 9-11 am (third floor of the Study Center) to help with classwork and tutoring, art, music, and P.E., along with volunteers from 1:15-2:30 pm (Baird Gym) to help with P.E. Volunteers can sign in when they arrive. If you have any questions, please email Carol Anne Miconi or call 601-506-5033.

MISSION FIRST HOMEWORK HELP

Volunteers Needed Starting in August

We are in need of additional support for our team serving Mondays from 3-4:30 at Mission First when the school year starts back. Please consider taking part of this opportunity to show God's love to our neighbors. For more information, please contact Ashley Meena at 601-573-3389.

SERVE AS AN USHER

Men of FPC, we have a pressing need for more ushers. 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. Sign up at fpcj.ms/usher or contact Josh Hollingsworth at jdhollin13@gmail.com to join our team.

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/subscribe. Or with questions or for more information, you may email communications@fpcjackson.org.

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.

Julian & Rachel Bacon – Julian serves a church planter with MTW Europe in Brussels, Belgium. Email: julian@mtwbelgium.com

Bentley & Sarah Love Crawford – Bentley serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University. Email: bentley.crawford@ruf.org

Jackson Leadership Foundation – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, JLF is a Christ-centered ministry seeking spiritual, social, and economic transformation in Jackson's under-resourced communities through the empowerment of leaders, development of ministries, and networking of volunteers and donors.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 6, 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 ...	Annie's Home (4654 Kathrine Blvd., Jackson)

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

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

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

5:00-6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Nursery	Nursery
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

Saturday, July 12, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, July 13, 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)

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 TO SOUTH AFRICA

July 10-21, our mission team will travel to South Africa. Please join us in praying for their health and safety and that the Lord would bless their efforts to make His name known.

Phoebe Hunt Taylor
Rupert Hunt Taylor
Jeffrey Jordan

Carrie Kimball
David Kimball
Wade Meena