

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



*"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth Day of July, 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

## ADORING THE COVENANT LORD

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 — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” .....arr. Craig Courtney  
Dr. Grace Shumaker

The Introit — “Awake My Heart” ..... Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship — Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

The Hymn No. 115 — “All Creatures of Our God and King”

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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.

## RECEIVING THE COVENANT SIGN

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution  
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and Their Families  
The Biblical Promise  
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Baptism  
The Baptismal Benediction

The Hymn No. 30 — “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Psalm 90)

## The Offering

**The Offertory** — “I Am with You Always” ..... John Rutter

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world,  
Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.  
Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more;  
But ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world,  
Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in Me., and I in you.  
He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me...  
And he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him...

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you:  
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...

Lo, I am with you always...

## HEARING THE COVENANT WORD

### The Prayer of Illumination

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

**The Sermon** — Teach us to Pray: Forgive Us Our Debts ..... Dr. Strain

**The Hymn No. 486 (stz. 1-5)** — “God, Be Merciful to Me” (Psalm 51:1-15)

### The Benediction

### The Congregational Response

**Sinners then shall learn from me  
and return, O God to Thee;  
Savior, all my guilt remove,  
and my tongue shall sing Thy love;  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall praise accord.**

**The Postlude** — “Jesus, the Name High Over All” ..... Thomas Phillips

## 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.

## THE VOWS OF BAPTISM

In order for the congregation to participate in the sacrament of baptism and to refresh our own commitment to these vows, they are included below:

### TO THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as a congregation, undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO

Alice Perry Brantley  
daughter of Christopher and Reynolds Brantley

Robert Gary Dye, III  
son of Gary and Shelby Dye

Charles Bryant Fuller  
son of Tyler and Anna Bess Fuller

Georgia Charlotte Luter  
daughter of David and Rivers Luter

Thomas Hunter Manning III  
son of Hunter and Amelia Manning

Spencer Grace Terry  
daughter of Neal and Olivia Terry

Grace Eleana Turner  
daughter of Nigel and Charity Turner

The next baptism date is September 21.  
Spaces are available for for both services.  
Please email [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org) to reserve a place.

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

**The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair**  
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

**The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker**  
Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — “All Creatures of Our God and King”  
Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 2 — “O Worship the King” (Psalm 104)

The Invocation

The Hymn — “I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills” (Psalm 121) .....hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Wayne Husband, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “My Jesus, I Love Thee” .....Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q97. What is the sixth commandment? **A. The sixth commandment is “You shall not murder.”**

Q98. What does the sixth commandment teach you? **A. Not to take anyone’s life unjustly and not to sin when I am angry.**

\* The Meditation & Prayer .....Mr. Peyton Gunter, College Intern

The Hymn (stz. 1-4) — “Lo, He Comes” .....hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 5.....pew Bible page 449

The Sermon.....Mr. Sinclair  
Summer in the Psalms: A Prayer for the Righteous in a Wicked World

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow’r and glory, claim the kingdom for Thine own:  
O come quickly! O come quickly! Alleluia! Come, Lord, 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Quinn, faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY GAME NIGHT — JULY 28

We had so much fun at our first Women's Ministry Game Night, we're doing it again! Join us on July 28 in Miller Hall at 6-8 p.m. We will have teachers on hand ready to help anyone who needs it. We will have light refreshments. Register online at [fpcj.ms/events](https://fpcj.ms/events).

## MIDWEEK KICKOFF — AUGUST 13

Join us as we celebrate the start of another year of Midweek discipleship and activities for all ages! We've invited Slugs & Bugs, a musical group that was created to bring families together around scripture, faith, and fun. We'll also include our past favorites: a home-made ice cream contest, games and activities, grilled hot dogs, and a Ministers vs. Interns tug of war! Whether you're new to First Pres, or a Midweek regular, we encourage you to come by and join the fun as you find out more about Wednesday nights this fall.

## THEME OPENING SESSION — AUGUST 17

Each year all our teaching and programs center around one theme in an effort to build unity of purpose in our large church and every department of our ministry. The theme is the central message and focus for the various ages and stages of our church, and we have been excitedly preparing to launch the 2025-2026 churchwide teaching theme!

Make plans to join us Sunday, August 17, for the Opening Session of our new church-wide teaching theme! During the Sunday School hour, join us in Miller Hall for a special breakfast fellowship time. We'll gather together to watch a video presentation on the theme, listen to remarks from David Strain, and receive information about the programs and initiatives we can look forward to in the coming teaching year. Children's Sunday School classes (through fifth grade) will meet in their regular classrooms.

## SERVE WEEK — SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 5

*Save the Date!*

Serve Day is back, and it's better than ever! We've expanded this beloved program to Serve Week, a week-long initiative connecting our church members with local ministry partners. Serve Week is designed with our church's mission in mind: to make "disciples in our neighborhood, our communities, and the world." Mark this week down on your calendar, and work hand-in-hand with our partners in gospel ministry! Registration will open in August. Find out more at [fpcj.ms/serve](https://fpcj.ms/serve).

## 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](https://fpcj.ms/usher) or contact Josh Hollingsworth at [jdhollin13@gmail.com](mailto:jdhollin13@gmail.com) to join our team.

## 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 in this opportunity to show God's love to our neighbors. For more information, please contact Ashley Meena at 601-573-3389.

## 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](https://fpcj.ms/subscribe). Or with questions or for more information, you may email [communications@fpcjackson.org](mailto:communications@fpcjackson.org).

# THANK YOU SO MUCH

TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
VOLUNTEERS

Mary Bowden  
Anna Brand  
Debbie Brock  
Ann Davis  
Laura Flint  
Casey Hawes  
Evan Hawes  
Tami Hawes  
Rusty Hawkins  
Julie Jordan  
Crane Kipp  
Nan Kipp  
Helen Lewis  
Gina McRae  
Elizabeth Noblin  
Larry Noblin  
Deborah Oakley  
Nathan Oakley  
Bill Payne  
Judy Payne  
Susan Smith Peaster  
Katy Roberson  
Cindy Snowden  
Matthew Turnage  
Taylor Turnage

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**CHILDREN'S**  
Ministry

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, July 20, 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 Bateman Home (3939 Oakridge Drive)

## Tuesday, July 22, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore
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## Wednesday, July 23, 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 26, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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## Sunday, July 27, 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 Boyd Home (2693 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

## PRAY FOR SUPPORTED MINISTRY PARTNERS

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

**Abigail Conroy** – Abigail is serving with MTW in El Salvador.  
Email: [abigail.conroy@mtw.org](mailto:abigail.conroy@mtw.org).

**Mark & Stephanie Horn** – Mark serves as a church planter at Hope Presbyterian Church in Ocean Springs. Email: [masthorn@icloud.com](mailto:masthorn@icloud.com)

**Mission First** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Mission First is an inner-city mission organization that seeks to meet the tangible needs of individuals as an avenue to engage their paramount spiritual needs.