

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Tenth Day of August, 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 Prelude — "Holy, Holy, Holy" with "Largo" Marilyn Reimer
Dr. Levi Henkel, Pianist

The Introit — "Almighty God of Our Fathers"

The Call to Worship — Philippians 4:4-6

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

The Invocation

The Doxology — "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 460 — "Amazing Grace!"

The Scripture Reading — Ruth 2:14-23.....pew Bible page 223

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 — "It Is Well with My Soul" Mack Wilberg

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
'It is well, it is well with my soul.'

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control;
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well, with my soul; it is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well, with my soul; it is well, it is well, with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well, with my soul; it is well, it is well, with my soul...

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 7:7-11pew Bible page 812

The Sermon — Teach Us to Pray: Ask, Seek, Knock Dr. Strain

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

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

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

The Postlude — “Processional”.....Edwin T. Childs
Dr. Levi Henkel, Organist

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 into the church.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

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

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

The Prelude — “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” ... Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 6 — “O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord” (Psalm 103)

The Invocation

The Hymn — “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”hymn sheet

The Twin Lakes ReportMr. Robert Leard
Executive Director, Twin Lakes Camp

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. Rob Jones, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ... Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q101. What is the eighth commandment? **A. The eighth commandment is “You shall not steal.”**

Q102. What does the eighth commandment teach you? **A. Not to take anything that belongs to someone else.**

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

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “In the Cross Alone I Glory”hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 67pew Bible page 481

The Sermon.....Mr. Peipon
Summer in the Psalms: Let All the Peoples Praise You

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Never will I seek the glory, that was never meant for me.

Always heavenward reflecting, all to Jesus to receive.

In the cross alone I glory; nothing of my own to give.

Only that which Christ has offered for my soul that I may live,

For my soul that I may live.

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.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Jackson, Mississippi

Midweek

MUSIC • GAMES • FOOD

MIDWEEK KICKOFF

AUGUST 13 | 5-7 PM

CELEBRATE THE START OF
ANOTHER YEAR OF MIDWEEK
DISCIPLESHIP AND
ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

WITH

SLUGS &
BUGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK FALL PROGRAMS — BEGINNING AUGUST 20

Following our Midweek Kickoff this Wednesday, our Midweek programs for all ages will begin on August 20. Come be a part of the “family dinner table” of our church on Wednesday nights. Find out more at fpcj.ms/midweek.

I Love Thy Church, O God

This adult elective led by David Strain and David Irving, President of RTS-Jackson, will delve into our churchwide teaching theme covering the nature and story of the Church, its leadership, its mission, and why we should love the Church. Join us in Miller Hall!

Evangelism Training

Do you want to tell others about Jesus Christ but are not sure where or how to begin? In this elective, you will learn a clear, simple, scripture-based presentation of the gospel. Come and learn to share Christ for the first time; or renew your zeal to share Christ. Join us in Westminster Hall 204B.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Join this group in the vital practice of praying together for our church body and its ministries, our community, and our mission. Join us in the Session Room.

D Groups

Discipleship Groups comprise the small group ministry at our church. We know that many people can walk into this big church and feel lost. These small groups provide not only a way to grow deeper in your faith, but also to know others, and to be known. If you are new to D Groups, we would love to help find a spot for you that will encourage and challenge you! Please email discipleship@fpcjackson.org to register for a D Group.

College D Group

College students, join us for dinner 5-6 p.m. and a small group gathering at 6 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Midweek Dinner is free for any college student involved in one of our Midweek programs. Any other college student can eat for \$4.

Children's Choirs

Our children's choirs help children love music and prepare them to sing in worship all their lives. We learn how to read music as well as learn great historic hymns of the Church with texts and tunes that will shape their hearts toward the gospel. Choirs meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. divided by age groups in various locations. Each choir sings at least once a semester in worship services in addition to the annual Christmas program they present. For more information or to register, contact Kimberly Sumrall at KSumrall86@gmail.com.

Rise: Sixth Grade Fellowship

Sixth grade is a transitional year here at FPC as our children prepare to graduate from the Children's Ministry and rise to the Student Ministry. On Wednesdays August-April, our sixth graders have a special Bible study and hang out, meeting on the playground at 5:30 and Study Center 211 at 6 p.m. (They are invited to join the Student Choir which meets on Sunday afternoons.)

Midweek with FPCYM

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

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING — AUGUST 31

If you are considering adoption or would like to learn more about the process, please join us on Sunday, August 31, at 5 p.m. in the FPC Conference Room for an Adoption Information Meeting hosted by Lifeline Children's Services. We will walk you through the steps, answer your questions, and provide guidance on how you can begin or continue your adoption journey. For questions or to register, email john.noblin@lifelinechild.org.

SENIOR HIGH LOCAL RETREAT — SEPTEMBER 6

Students, grades 9-12, you are invited to a Local Retreat, September 6, at FPC. Join us for a day for fun, fellowship, + a deep dive into God's Word. We will have two sessions, a lunch outing, + a fun evening in Lost Rabbit. For more information and to register visit fpcj.ms/events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Moore by his wife, Betty, and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The flowers in the foyer are given with thanks to God for Buz and Ann Lowry by their children and grandchildren and in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Francine Greenlee — July 30, 2025
Mr. James L. (Jim) Moore — August 2, 2025
Mr. Larry C. Mills — August 3, 2025

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — SEPTEMBER 7

A congregational meeting of the members of First Presbyterian Church will be held on September 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary to consider and act on the recommendation of the Session that the congregation elect up to 10 additional elders. Following approval of the resolution, we will proceed immediately with the nomination, training, and election process, with the election to be held on February 1.

While children age two and under may remain in the nursery, parents are asked to please pick up their older children from Sunday School promptly at 10:20 a.m. so that teachers may also attend the meeting.

WEEKDAY PRAYER — RESUMES AUGUST 12

Join us beginning Tuesday, August 12, at noon in Patterson Hall for Weekday Prayer. Spurgeon said that the prayer meeting is the engine room of the church. Please join us to intercede for the needs of the church and our community at this weekly prayer meeting each Tuesday during the lunch hour. The meeting will be informal and will focus solely on prayer. Bring your lunch and join us for all, or only a part, as your schedule allows.

SENIOR ADULTS MUSEUM VISIT — AUGUST 15

Experience a day of fellowship while deepening your understanding of our state's history as you tour The Two Mississippi Museums. As part of the itinerary, you can expect a delicious lunch prepared by famous Mississippi chef Nick Wallace at the Nissan Cafe. We will meet at the Two Museums at 9:30 a.m. and plan to leave by 2 p.m. after our lunch. There is no charge for admission to the Museums. Everyone will be responsible for his or her own lunch. The whole country is raving about The Two Mississippi Museums. Let's go see what all the hullabaloo is about!

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 churchwide teaching theme! During the Sunday School hour, join us in Miller Hall for a breakfast fellowship time. We'll watch a video presentation on the theme, listen to remarks from David Strain, and receive information about the programs and initiatives of the coming teaching year. Children's Sunday School classes (through fifth grade) will meet in their regular classrooms.

EVENING COMMUNION — AUGUST 17

Communion will be observed in the evening worship service next week. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 10, 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 (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Ketchum Home (1073 Manship St.)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	WH 305
12:00 p.m.	Weekday Prayer Meeting	PH

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

5:00-7:00 p.m.	Midweek Kickoff	MH, Baird Center Gym, Courtyard
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MS

Saturday, August 16, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Opening Session Churchwide Teaching Theme	MH
9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Regular Locations
5:00 p.m.	Prayer for Global Missions	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

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

SERVE WEEK — REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register now for Serve Week, Sept. 29-Oct. 5, our week-long initiative connecting our church members with local ministry partners. Serve alongside your church family with teams at Mission First, Gateway, FPC's Internationals Ministry, The Center for Pregnancy Choices or We Will Go, and join us on Saturday to steward the onsite physical needs of FPC, FPDS, and Twin Lakes! Serve Week is designed with our church's mission in mind: to make "disciples in our neighborhood, our communities, and the world." Find out more and register at fpcj.ms/serve.

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.

The Professors – The "Professors" serve with Mission to the World in Asia researching and developing curriculum used in many situations by believers around the world.

Davis & Ashleigh Morgan – Davis serves with Reformed University Fellowship as the Campus Minister at the University of Southern Mississippi. Email: davis.morgan@ruf.org

Young Life of Jackson – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Young Life seeks to share the gospel, lead adolescents to Christ, and help them grow in their faith. Vince Gordon for inner-city - vgordonyl@comcast.net
Elizabeth Nenon for private school - efnenon@gmail.com