

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventeenth 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. Scott H. Miller
Young Adults and College Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Meditation on King's Weston"Robert Lind
Ms. Liz Goff, Organist

The Introit — "I Was Glad"Parry/Wymond

The Call to Worship — Psalm 9:7-11

The Hymn No. 100 — "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

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. 457 — "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

The Scripture Reading — Ruth 3:1-18.....pew Bible page 223

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 Timothy 1:1-11pew Bible page 991

The Sermon..... Dr. Strain
Life in the Household of God: Teaching, False and True

The Hymn No. 342 (stz. 1-4) — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

The Postlude — “Postlude Giocoso on Nicaea”..... David Lasky

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

The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

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

The Prelude — “Brother James’ Air”.....Mr. Tim Sanduleac, Flute
Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — Lamentations 3:40, 41

The Hymn No. 310 — “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

The Invocation

The Greetings

The Offering

***The Offertory** — “Lord of the Small”Mrs. Aly Clement, Ms. Reed Hairston,
Mr. Joshua Burns, Mr. Daniel Kim
Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Lamentations 1pew Bible page 685

The Sermon.....Mr. Lowry
When the Foundations are Shaken: This Is Fine

The Hymn — “Be Not Far Off, for Grief Is Near” (Psalm 22C)... Hymn Sheet

The Lord’s Supper

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Hymn (stz. 1-2) — “Before the Throne of God Above” Hymn Sheet

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!**


One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood!

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,

With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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.



The
House
of
God

*2025-2026 Churchwide
Teaching Theme*

“I am writing
these things to you so that...
you may know how one ought to behave
in the Household of God,
which is the church of the living God,
a pillar and buttress of the truth.”

-1 Timothy 3:14-15



FIRST
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK FALL PROGRAMS — BEGINNING THIS WEEK

Our Midweek programs for all ages begin this Wednesday, 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!

D Groups

Discipleship Groups are the primary small group ministry at our church. We know that many people can walk into this big church and feel lost. These small groups not only provide 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.

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.

College D Group

College students, join us for this small group. Midweek Dinner is free for college students involved in our Midweek programs. Dinner is \$4 for any other college student.

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.

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, and a deep dive into God's Word. We will have two sessions, a lunch outing, and a fun evening in Lost Rabbit. Register at fpcj.ms/events.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS — TWO SIX-WEEK OFFERINGS

There are two upcoming offerings of the Membership Class. The first will begin September 7 and will meet on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in M123. The second will begin October 15 and will meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Westminster Hall 204. This is the place to begin if you are considering membership at FPC or would like to know more about our church and the basics of our faith and practice. Contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org to register or to ask for more information.

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Howard and Gustava Cleland by their family.

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.

EVENING COMMUNION — TONIGHT

Communion will be observed in the evening worship service tonight. 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.

WEEKDAY PRAYER

Join us on Tuesdays, 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 if you would like, and join us for all, or only a part, as your schedule allows.

FAMILIES COUNT CLASS — BEGINNING AUGUST 20

Our next Families Count class is scheduled to begin on August 20. If you'd like to consider being a part of this program, or to provide help with childcare or transportation, please contact Carol Anne Miconi (carolannem@fpcjackson.org; 601-506-5033).

GRIEFSHARE — BEGINNING AUGUST 27

God is near to the broken hearted, and at GriefShare our focus is relying on His comfort and mercy in some of life's most crushing moments. If you or someone you know is experiencing grief, we invite you to join us at our next 13-week course led by Billy Dempsey, beginning Wednesday, August 27, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. To register, please contact Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

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.

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.

FPC THIS WEEK

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.)

Tuesday, August 19, 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
12:00 p.m.	Weekday Prayer Meeting	PH

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

5:00-6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:00 p.m.	Families Count	PH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MS
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Programs for Adults	
	I Love Thy Church, O God	MH
	D Groups	Various Locations
	College D Group	WH 302
	Evangelism Training	WH 204B
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	The Session Room
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Rise: Sixth Grade Fellowship	SC 211
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups	YH & Baird Center Gym

Saturday, August 23, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various 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 Oakley Home (2006 Douglass 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

PRAY FOR SUPPORTED MINISTRY PARTNERS

For detailed prayer requests and contact information for our supported ministries and ministry partners, please contact Jo Lynn at jolynnm@fpcjackson.org.

Andrew Sheppard – Andrew serves in evangelism, discipleship, and mentoring of university students with MTW in Ukraine. Email: ADShep7@gmail.com

Sam Stackler – Sam serves with RUF as an intern at the University of California at Berkeley. Email: sam.stackler@ruf.org

The Center for Pregnancy Choices – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, the CPC enters into the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy with a woman and walks alongside her, offering personalized and comprehensive support from the time she finds out she is pregnant until long after her pregnancy decision using a holistic approach to meet the needs of the whole woman—physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.