

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fourth 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. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

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

The Recognition of the *Shorter Catechism* Recitation (8:30 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” Dale Wood
Ms. Liz Goff, Organist

The Introit — “Antiphon” R. V. Williams

The Call to Worship — Psalm 124

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

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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.

WELCOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis
The Introduction of New Members
The Questions of Membership
The Prayer
The Declaration
The Blessing

The Offering

The Offertory — “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Ms. Emily Williams, violin

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, this our hymn of grateful praise.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 Timothy 1:12-20.....pew Bible page 991

The Sermon — Life in the Household of God: A Call to Arms..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 598 (stz. 1-2) — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.**

The Postlude — “Toccatà on CWM Rhondda” Paul Manz

CATECHISM RECITATION

“Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”
—2 Timothy 3:14-15

This morning, Mary Harr Payne will receive a Bible for reciting the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, which consists of 107 questions and answers.

Catechism memory work begins at First Presbyterian Church with the *Children's Catechism* in three-year-old Sunday School. That study continues throughout children's Sunday School and the Catechism Class on Sunday Evenings. The Catechism is a summary of what the Bible teaches in systematic question and answer form. Committing it to memory is invaluable in the life of a believer, as it helps to build a solid foundation for a life of faith.

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.

THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on August 6, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Brian and Allison Barnes
(Davis, Ann Geary, and Clark)

Kyle and Christa Carpenter

*Motte Davis

Sam Guidry

Nate and Kate Kern

Eliot and Eli Jones

*Thomas Morgan

*William Morgan

Max Pappas

Mack and Samantha Woo
(Samuel and Matthew)

*Covenant child joining as a communing member

() Covenant child joining as a non-communing member

JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is October 5. New member forms can be found online at fpcj.ms/membership or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by September 24. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care

Mr. Jennings L. Duncan
Discipleship Intern

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

The Prelude — “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe
Piano

The Call to Worship — Lamentations 3:40, 41

The Hymn No. 164 — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Here Is Love”hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Scotland Mission Trip Report.....Ms. Molly Forsberg
Mission Trip Team Member

The Evening Prayer..... Dr. Jimmy Moore, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Lord, from Sorrows Deep I Call” (Psalm 42)
Mr. Paul Bowden, Soloist; Mr. Zachary Horne, Cello; Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q103. What is the ninth commandment? **A. The ninth commandment is
“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”**

Q104. What does the ninth commandment teach you? **A. Never to lie, but to
tell the truth at all times.**

* The Meditation & PrayerMr. Stephen Biggs, Director of Students & Families

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Lamentations 2pew Bible page 686

The Sermon.....Mr. Lowry
When the Foundations Are Shaken: “_(‘\`)/_”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

With ev’ry breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me!”

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

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.

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.

INTERNATIONALS — AMERICAN PARTNERS NEEDED

The Internationals Class meets most Tuesday nights in Patterson Hall, welcoming people from around the world with Christian love, English help, and the gospel. Last year, participants from 18 countries received Bibles and built friendships with American Partners. An orientation for new Partners will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, in Patterson Hall. Learn more at www.InternationalsClass.org, call 601-668-7422, or email InternationalsClass@gmail.com.

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.

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.

CAREGIVERS MINISTRY — SEPTEMBER 8

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet Monday, September 8, in Westminster Hall 202B from 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. The purpose of our Caregivers' Ministry is to gather similarly situated caregivers who desire to learn, share stories, and grieve as we walk together through the valley of a loved one's suffering with dementia and dementia-related illness. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Fairly at 601-941-5004.

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! Find out more and register at fpcj.ms/serve.

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of David B. Wilson, Sarah G. Wilson and Elizabeth W. Wilson from their children.

SCOTLAND TRIP REPORT — TONIGHT

Join us tonight during the evening worship service when we will hear a report from Molly Forsberg about the Young Adults mission trip to Scotland.

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.

THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

Our 2025-2026 churchwide teaching theme, The Household of God, reminds us that the Church is not merely a building or an institution but the living family of God, an organism filled with life and love. Drawing from the Apostle Paul's words in 1 Timothy, we are reminded that Christians are truly members of God's household, where we may bring our wounds, disappointments, and failures to the throne of the Lamb and experience healing and reunion. Although the Church exists within a sinful world and often falls short, we do not turn away from it or deconstruct it. Rather, we renew our commitment to the Church as the bride of Christ, seeking to see her shine brightly. This year's teaching theme calls us to look inward at our relationship with God, to look around at our church family and consider how we may show true brotherly love, and to look outward toward the mission of our congregation in Jackson, within the Presbyterian Church in America, and in the global task of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD RECOMMENDED READING

This year, as a church family, we are exploring what it means to belong to the Household of God. To help us think deeply and live faithfully in light of this truth, we've prepared a recommended reading plan that pairs with our churchwide teaching series. These books have been thoughtfully chosen to encourage, challenge, and equip us. You can participate at your own pace. We encourage you to read at least one book from each section listed at fpcj.ms/household, or you may read them all! We will have informal meetings to discuss selected books from the reading list throughout the year.

In order to make these books easily accessible to you, the FPC Bookstore has created a way to pre-order. Visit fpcj.ms/household to purchase your selected book(s). The deadline to pre-order the books in the Doctrine of the Church section is tomorrow, August 25.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

Now is a great time to get connected with a Women's Ministry Bible Study. We have several different group sizes and meeting times. Register at fpcj.ms/women. With questions, please contact Deborah Oakley at deboraho@fpcjackson.org.

- MOMS and MOMS at Night Bible Study — Beginning September 10 & 16
- Women's Thursday Bible Studies — Beginning September 18
 - Exodus: The God Who Makes Himself Known
 - Romans: The Constitution of the Christian Faith
- Women's Ministry Circles — Beginning September 8
- Women's Bible and Prayer Time at We Will Go — Beginning September 3

FPC THIS WEEK

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	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Oakley Home (2006 Douglass Dr.)

Tuesday, August 26, 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 27, 2025

9:30 a.m.	GriefShare	Parlor
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 30, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, August 31, 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	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

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.

Clarke & Khrystyia Norton – Clarke serves as a church planter in Lviv, Ukraine. Email: hecnorton@gmail.com.

Danny and Carlye Ruth – Danny serves as a church planter at Steen's Creek Presbyterian Church in Florence, MS. Email: dannyaruth@gmail.com

PEARSON Foundation – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, PEARSON provides mentorship and discipleship to students through in-school mentoring, faith-based community mentoring in partnership with the Rankin County Juvenile Court, and after-school tutoring and mentoring at three sites in Pearl. It also offers Summer Reading Institutes for metro-area students in need. Email: Pearson39208@gmail.com or jarward@gmail.com