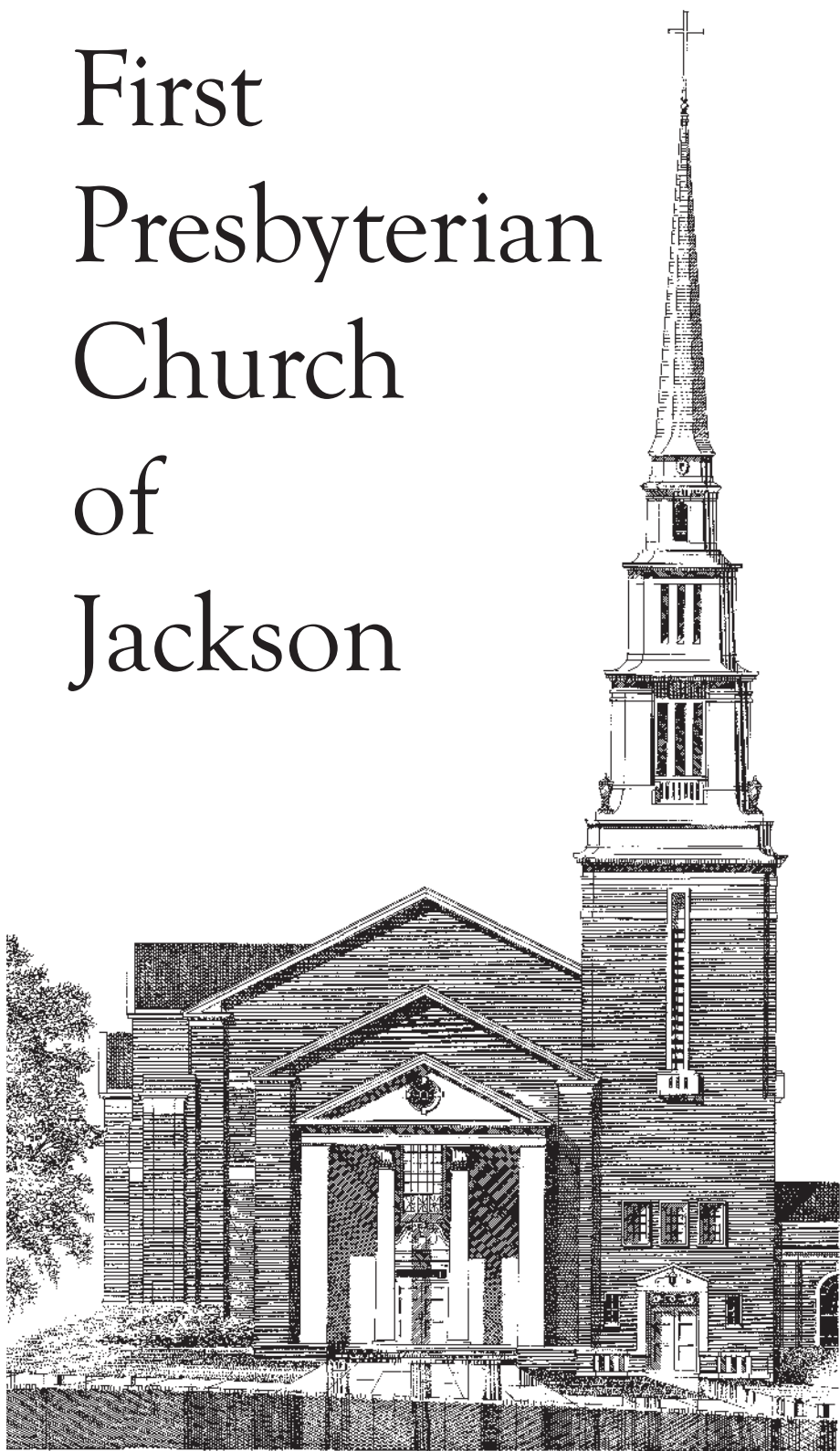


The  
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Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Third 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 Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor  
Discipleship Director

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Andante Espressivo” ..... Felix Mendelssohn  
Bonnie Brown, Violin    Thorburn McGee, Viola  
Emily Williams, Violin    Nancy Bateman, Cello

The Introit — “How Great Thou Art”

The Call to Worship — Psalm 66:1-4

The Hymn No. 76 — “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (Psalm 103)

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

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven:  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the Prophets.  
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## SEEKING GOD’S FACE

The Hymn No. 296 — “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

The Scripture Reading — Ruth 2:1-13.....pew Bible page 222

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “How Lovely Are the Messengers” ..... Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.”

Romans 5:15, 16

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Matthew 6:16-18.....pew Bible page 811

The Sermon — Teach Us to Pray: When You Fast..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 12 (stz. 1-2) — “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim” (Ps. 135:1-7, 21)

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Exalt the Lord, His praise proclaim;**

**all ye His servants praise His name,**

**who in the Lord’s house ever stand**

**and humbly serve at His command.**

**Forever praise and bless His name,**

**and in the church His praise proclaim;**

**in Zion is His dwelling place;**

**praise ye the Lord, show forth His grace.**

The Postlude — “Voluntary on ‘Lauda Anima’”.....Robert Lind  
Liz Goff, 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

The Installation Service of the Reverend Dr. David T. Irving  
The Third Day of August, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five  
Six O’Clock

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

The Prelude — “St. Thomas” .....Matthew Corl  
Liz Goff, Organist

The Call to Worship — Psalm 46:4-7

The Hymn No. 92 — “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 353 — “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

The Greetings and Introduction of the Presbytery Commission ....Dr. Waters

The Offering

\*The Offertory — “Variations on ‘The Church’s One Foundation’” ..... Bédard

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 2 Timothy 2:2..... pew Bible page 995

The Sermon — What We Are Trying to Do ..... Dr. Duncan

The Order of Installation

The Proceedings of the Presbytery

The Constitutional Questions to the Minister-Elect.....Dr. Waters  
The Constitutional Questions to the Session.....Dr. Waters  
The Installation Prayer.....Mr. Burnam  
The Declaration .....Dr. Waters  
The Charge to the Minister .....Mr. Ridgway  
The Charge to the Presbytery..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 345 (stz. 1-3) — “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

The Benediction..... Dr. David T. Irving

The Congregational Response

Savior, if of Zion’s city I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling’s pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion’s children know.

The Postlude — “Toccatà on ‘Built on the Rock’” (*Kirken*) ..... Gordon Young

\*Children ages 4 to 3rd grade will be dismissed for a Children’s Devotional after the offertory. Parents may pick them up in room 133 at the conclusion of the service.

## **THE QUESTIONS OF INSTALLATION**

Tonight, the Reverend Dr. David T. Irving will answer the following questions:

### **QUESTIONS TO THE MINISTER**

1. Are you now willing to labor at Reformed Theological Seminary as President and Assistant Professor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting Presbytery's call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this call, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of this call, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

### **QUESTIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY**

4. Do you, the members of this Presbytery, continue to profess your readiness to receive David T. Irving, whom you have called to labor at Reformed Theological Seminary?
5. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for instruction and spiritual edification at the seminary?
6. Do you engage to continue to him while he is serving at Reformed Theological Seminary that competent worldly maintenance which you have approved, and to ensure that he is furnished with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort?

### **MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERY COMMISSION**

Dr. Guy P. Waters, Teaching Elder, Chairman  
Dr. David T. A. Strain, Teaching Elder  
Mr. F. Paul Adams, Ruling Elder  
Mr. John A. Burnam, Ruling Elder  
Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III, Teaching Elder  
Mr. James D. "Bebo" Elkin, Ruling Elder  
Dr. Robert C. Cannada, Jr., Teaching Elder  
Mr. Paul A. Hurst III, Ruling Elder  
Mr. Samuel D. G. Hutton, Jr., Ruling Elder  
Mr. James R. Peaster IV, Ruling Elder  
Dr. Guy L. Richardson, Teaching Elder  
Mr. Richard L. Ridgway, Ruling Elder  
Dr. Allen M. Stanton, Teaching Elder  
Mr. T. Calvin Wells, Ruling Elder

### **RECEPTION**

Please join us following the worship service in Miller Hall!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## VISITING FPC DURING THE WEEK?

When you visit our church during business hours Monday-Friday for a meeting, Bible study, etc., the Security Committee kindly requests that you stop by the receptionist desk in the Welcome Center to sign in and sign out. We ask that all week-day visitors wear a name tag or member badge for the duration of your visit. Day School visitors may be checked in at the FPDS entrance on Belhaven Street. Thank you for helping us keep the building safe for our children and staff during the week!

## 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. This ministry of support for those grieving the death of a loved one, turns to the Bible and the shared experience of others as we discover how to navigate the profound difficulties of bereavement. 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](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

Ladies, we are gearing up for all of our fall Bible studies. New to Women's Ministry Bible studies? Been out for a few years? Now is a great time to get connected. We have several different group sizes and meeting times. Register at [fpcj.ms/women](http://fpcj.ms/women). With questions, please contact Deborah Oakley at [deboraho@fpcjackson.org](mailto: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

## 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](http://fpcj.ms/events).

## RYM LOCAL — SEPTEMBER 25-26

RYM Local is coming to Jackson, MS! This event, which will be hosted by FPC Jackson is designed to equip and encourage churches, parents, youth leaders, and volunteers as they disciple the next generation of the Church. Keynote speakers for the event are: Kelly Kapic, Julie Lowe, and Brent Corbin. The event will focus on "Cultivating Resilient Youth," a response to rising challenges such as anxiety, depression, and spiritual disengagement among today's youth. Gain insights into guiding young people in building lasting faith and strength in Christ. Register for the event at [www.rym.org/local](http://www.rym.org/local). The event costs \$99 for couples or \$59 for individuals.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Reverend Dr. David T. Irving on the occasion of his installation as the President of Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson by the call of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.

## INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR DAVID IRVING — TONIGHT

Please join us tonight, as we host the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley for the installation service of the Reverend Dr. David T. Irving as the new President of Reformed Theological Seminary – Jackson. Following the service, there will be a reception for the Irvings in Miller Hall, to which all are invited.

## 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.

## SENIOR ADULTS MUSEUM VISIT — AUGUST 15

Senior Adults, come see for yourself what all the excitement about the Two Mississippi Museums is all about! Experience a day of fellowship while growing a deeper understanding of our state's history on August 15. We will spend the morning at the Two Museums followed by lunch prepared by famous Mississippi chef Nick Wallace at the Nissan Cafe. There is no charge for admission to the Museums, but please plan to pay for your lunch. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 or [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## 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.

## FPDS ACORN FUND

It is the start of a new school year for First Presbyterian Day School, a ministry of our church! Please be in prayer for the nearly 600 students who will fill the halls of our building each week—and as you are able, consider a gift to the FPDS Acorn Fund. The Acorn Fund is our school's annual fund and a way that you as a church member can support the ministry of the school. Gifts to the Acorn Fund benefit each and every student, as the school uses your gifts to recruit and retain the best teachers, provide academic excellence, and keep Christian education accessible through competitive tuition. Most importantly, a gift to the Acorn Fund is your opportunity to partner with FPDS as we grow our children from acorns of faith into "oaks of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:3). A gift to the Acorn Fund can be made at [fdds.org/give](https://fdds.org/give), through the church app by selecting "Acorn Fund," or by mailing a check made payable to First Presbyterian Day School—Acorn Fund to 1390 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

## MISSION FIRST HOMEWORK HELP

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.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, August 3, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various
5:00 p.m.	New Member Meeting	PH
5:00 p.m.	Prayer for Global Missions	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Installation Service (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Reception for David and Sarah Grafton Irving	MH

## Tuesday, August 5, 2025

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

## Wednesday, August 6, 2025

	No Midweek Dinner or Activities	
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MS

## Saturday, August 9, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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## 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.)

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 [jolynnm@fpcjackson.org](mailto:jolynnm@fpcjackson.org).

**Rick & Terri Herr** – Rick serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators as the Ethnic Radio Director and Field Systems customer relations; Terri works with Refuge 139 and Intercultural Communications. Email: [rick-terri\\_herr@sil.org](mailto:rick-terri_herr@sil.org)

**John & Tara St. Martin** – John serves in Mankato, MN as the pastor of a church replant. Email: [jtstmartin@gmail.com](mailto:jtstmartin@gmail.com)

**Mustard Seed** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, the Mustard Seed is a Christian organization seeking to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities. Website: [mustardseedms.org](http://mustardseedms.org)