

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Eighth Day of September, Two Thousand Twenty-Five
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain
Senior Minister

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Meditation on *St. Columba*" Dale Wood
Ms. Liz Goff, Organist

The Introit — "Behold Now, Praise the Lord"Everitt Titcomb
Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, praise the Lord.

The Call to Worship — Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

The Hymn No. 53 — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (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

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 469 — "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"

The Scripture Reading — Ezra 2:1-39pew Bible page 389

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “When I Can Read My Title Clear” Shelton Ridge Love

When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies,
I'll bid farewell to ev'ry fear and wipe my weeping eyes.

Then not a wave of care will roll across my peaceful breast
when I shall bathe my weary soul in seas of heav'nly rest.

Let cares like mighty torrents come and storms of sorrow fall!
May I but safely reach my home, my God, my heav'n my all.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 Timothy 3:8-13pew Bible page 992

The Sermon — **Life in the Household of God: Deacons** Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 575 (stz. 1-2) — “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**To keep your armor bright, attend with constant care;
Still walking in your Captain's sight, and watching unto prayer.
From strength to strength go on; wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the pow'rs of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.**

The Postlude — “Fantasy on *Lobe den Herren*” Aaron David Miller

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. Rupert Hunt Taylor
Discipleship Director

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

The Prelude — “Prelude in C”..... Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 111 — “This Is My Father’s World”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “O Day of Rest and Gladness”hymn sheet

The Missions Report Mr. Aaron Halbert, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Doug McDaniel, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “He Will Hold Me Fast”

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

Q116. What is the second petition [of the Lord’s Prayer]? **A. The second petition is, “Thy kingdom come.”**

Q117. What does it mean to pray, “Thy kingdom come”? **A. We are asking God to bring more and more people to hear, believe, and obey His gospel.**

* The Meditation & Prayer ...Mr. William Skinner, Senior Minister’s and Discipleship Intern

The Hymn (stz. 1-4) — “By Faith”hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Hebrews 11:1-3 pew Bible page 1007

The Sermon — **The Foundation Holds: What We Stand On**.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.
We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.**

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
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Jackson, Mississippi

SERVE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 29 — OCTOBER 5

MONDAY

Mission First

TUESDAY

Gateway Rescue Mission
Internationals Class

WEDNESDAY

Center for Pregnancy Choices

THURSDAY

We Will Go

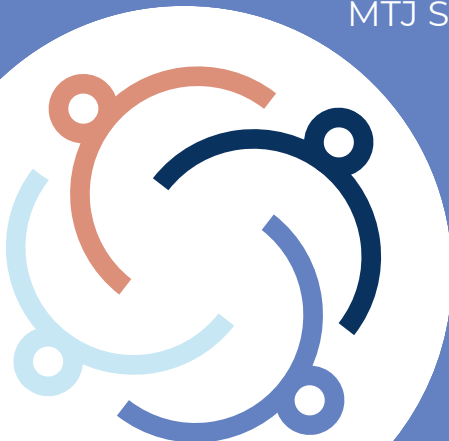
SATURDAY

Serve Saturday

FPC, FPDS, Twin Lakes, & Sojourner Church

SUNDAY

MTJ Sunday



VISIT [FPCJ.MS/SERVE](https://fpcj.ms/serve)
FOR MORE INFO
& TO REGISTER.



THE CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDER ELECTION

Nominations for the office of elder are open through October 8 via nomination card (located in the Welcome Center) or online at fpcj.ms/elder-election. Please join us in praying that God would raise up shepherds for our church!

THE SESSION

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain, Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker, Executive Minister

Hall Bailey	Arthur Davis	Larry Houchins	Richard Ridgway
Mark Baird	Steve Edwards	Paul Hurst	Ben Roberson
Kyle Ball	David Elkin	Wayne Husband	Steve Rosenblatt
Ken Ball	Parker Ellison	Rob Jones	John Lowe Smith
Max Bowman	George Fair	Harper Keeler	Bill Stone
Bud Bratley	Spence Flatgard	Stephen Kruger	Danny Story
Sharkey Burke	Craig Flowers	George May	Tian Teh
Stuart Clarke	Marcy Forester	Doug McDaniel	Tim Threadgill
David Cleland	Dave Fulcher	John McVey	Mike Tramel
Reid Cotten	Matt Graves	Hu Meena	Alan Walters
Jack Crawford	Claude Harbarger	Jimmy Moore	Cal Wells
Holt Crews	William Harper	John Neill	Marcus Wilson
Bob Cunningham	Sam Hensley	Phillip Parker	Mark Windham
Ned Currie	Zeb Henson	Bill Payne	

Elders Emeriti

Buddy Bartling, Bo Bowen, David Bowling, John Buchanan, Don Cannada, John Crawford, Doug Dale, Sr., Owen Elder, Bebo Elkin, Ken Fairly, Alan Futwoye, Crane Kipp, Rob Love, Buz Lowry, Robert Mims, Lee Owen, Jojo Payne, Bill Penn, Richard Russ, Mark Sorgenfrei, Marvin Stockett, Orrin Swayze, Jim Tohill, Noel Toler, Barry Vickery

THE DIACONATE

Charles Barbour	Paul Forster	Guy McClain	Taylor Smith
Will Barbour	Matt Glover	Jason McNeel	Cary Spence
Walter Brand	Henry Greaves	Read Meadows	Ernie Strahan
Jay Brown	Bo Gregg	Sanford Moore	Jeff Sumrall
Turner Brown	William Griffin	Doug Morgan	Stewart Swayze
Jesse Browning	Anthony Hall	Mike Myers	Ford Terry
Brooks Buchanan	Ty Hardy	Nathan Oakley	Bowen Thigpen
Beau Burrow	Michael Hogue	Rob Oates	Lee Thorne
Matthew Burrow	Allen Holiman	Lee Owen	Les Triplett
David Case	Josh Hollingsworth	Virgil Payne	Hugh Trussell
Bill Crim	Harrison Hood	Matt Peaster	Matthew Turnage
T Dale	Dallis Ketchum	Jim Poole	Will Vise
Paul Davis	Rob Lake	Trey Porter	Arthur Wadsworth
Price Davis	Willem Lamar	Jim Prince	Alan J. Walters
Dave Dear III	Robert Leard	Jonathan Randle	Lee J. Webb
William Denney	Alston Ludwig	Weston Russ	Coles Wilkins Jr
Gary Dye	David Luter	Bryan Rutledge	Neil Witherow
Auston Edwards	David Marchetti	Ken Seawright	Walt Wofford
Jamey Elkin	Harrison Matheny	Jeff Skelton	Chris Wyatt
Bailey Fair	John McBride	Brian Smith	Chase Wynn

Deacons Emeriti

John Allgood, Matt Ballew, Lewis Bell, Vic Blaylock, Glen Bush, Barry Cannada, John Cox, Paul Cox, Bobby Dye, Larry Edwards, Robert Feild, Buddy Graham, Gary Herring, Jim House, Carey Johnston, Mike Manning, Robert Miller, Walter Newman, Cy Rosenblatt, William F. Sneed, Joe Uithoven, Joe Wilkins, Johnny Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Charlie and Karen Crawford's 45th Wedding Anniversary with love from their family Anna, Emily, Brent, and Palmer.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Marian Ware — September 22, 2025

MISSIONS REPORT — TONIGHT

Tonight in the evening service we are glad to have Aaron Halbert, church planter in Honduras, with us. Come and hear how God is at work all over the world.

LOST & FOUND TABLE

Stop by the Welcome Center through October 1 to reclaim your missing Bibles, clothing, sunglasses, etc. Any unclaimed items will be donated during Serve Week.

NEW MIDWEEK ELECTIVE — BEGINS OCTOBER 1

Roots: Our Holy catholic Church

Often Christians long for depth and tradition. In this elective we will discover how Christ has secured an ancient heritage, continuous care, and glorious future for His Church. Join us Wednesdays in Patterson Hall at 6 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES — BEGINS OCTOBER 7

Lions and Lambs: The Gentle Strength of a Christian Man

What does it mean for men to be both meek and manly? Christ has called us as brothers, fathers, and friends to follow Him. Join us beginning Tuesday, October 7, as David Strain leads us to recover the heart of biblical manhood. Invite a friend, and register at fpcj.ms/men.

LOVING THE LOCAL CHURCH — OCTOBER 14

A Place to Belong with Megan Hill

Women, join us Tuesday, October 14, for one of two sessions with Megan Hill (11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. or 6–7:30 p.m., in Miller Hall). She will explore the beauty and calling of the local church. Please register online to help us plan for the meal at fpcj.ms/events.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS — BEGINS OCTOBER 15

Our next class begins October 15 and meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Westminster Hall 204. This is the place to begin if you are considering membership at FPC or to learn about our faith, Presbyterian basics, and life at First Pres while meeting others new to the church. To register or learn more, contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org.

ONE SUNDAY 2025 — OCTOBER 19

October 19 is One Sunday. Our church family will come together for one Sunday school, one worship service, and a church-wide lunch. Don't miss this special day in the life of our church as we celebrate the work God is doing through your giving and generosity!

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.

Graham & Emily Guo – Graham serves with MTW as the Campus Minister at the National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan. Email: graham.guo@mtw.org

Seth & Zoe Miller – Seth serves as a church planter in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Email: seth@immanuelpca.org

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. Email: lthigpen@missionfirst.org

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
9:45 a.m.	Membership Class	M123
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for 3 and 4 year olds	M135
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
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 Box Home (5316 Red Fox Rd.)

Monday, September 29, 2025

3:00-4:30 p.m.	Serve Week: Oasis at Mission First	Mission First
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Tuesday, September 30, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore
9:30 a.m.	Sew & Sow	WH 302
11:15-12:30 p.m.	Serve Week: Gateway	Gateway Rescue Mission
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	WH 305
12:00 p.m.	Weekday Prayer Meeting	PH
4:15-6:00 p.m.	Serve Week: Gateway	Gateway Rescue Mission
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night Bible Study	MS
7:00 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible and Prayer Time	We Will Go (806 N Farish St.)
9:30 a.m.	GriefShare	Parlor
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Serve Week: Center for Pregnancy Choices	CPC
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	
	Roots: Our Holy catholic Church	PH
	D Groups	Various Locations
	College D Group	WH 302
	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

Thursday, October 2, 2025

9:00-11:00 a.m.	Serve Week: We Will Go	We Will Go
9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study: Exodus	PH
9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study: Romans	MH
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Serve Week: We Will Go	We Will Go

Saturday, October 4, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
8:00 a.m.-noon	Serve Saturday	FPC, Twin Lakes, & Sojourner Church

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:00 a.m.-noon	MTJ Sunday Ministry Fair	Welcome Center
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Regular Locations
9:45 a.m.	Youth Sunday School	YH
9:55 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	LH, MH, and Gym
9:45 a.m.	Membership Class	M123
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for 3 and 4 year olds	M135
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
5:00 p.m.	New Member Meeting	MH
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 Barbour Home (4205 N Honeysuckle Ln.)