

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Amazing Grace” A.L. Christopherson
Mrs. Terri Newcomb, Bass Clarinet; Mrs. Kathryn Edwards, Piano

The Introit — “Almighty God of Our Fathers” Will James
Almighty God, God of our fathers immortal, Mighty are Thou, the Lord of Lords!

The Call to Worship — Psalm 100:1-3

The Hymn No. 165 — “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

The Invocation

The Doxology — “Praise God from Whom All Blessing 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 Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

The Prayer of Confession...adapted from John Calvin's Strasbourg Liturgy (1545)

Heavenly Father, You are pleased to declare Your holy will to us, and to instruct us in the righteousness of Your law. Write and engrave it on our hearts, that we would seek to serve and obey you alone throughout our lives. Do not impute to us transgressions that we have committed against Your law. As we experience Your grace in such abundance, may we have cause to praise and glorify You, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 441 — “Jesus Shall Reign” (based on Psalm 72)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “Pilgrim’s Hymn”Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You.
Endless Your Grace. O endless Your Grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Hebrews 9:1-14..... pew Bible page 1005

The Sermon — Good Things That Have ComeMr. Lowry

The Hymn No. 449 (stz. 1-3) — “We Rest on Thee”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**“We rest on thee” - our shield and our defender!
Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors - we rest with thee, through endless days,
When passing though the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors - we rest with thee, through endless days.**

The Postlude — “Tocatta on *Old Hundredth*”Michael Burkhardt
Dr. Levi Henkel, Organ

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

Mr. William H. Skinner
Senior Minister's and Discipleship Intern

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

The Recognition of the Children's Catechism Recitation

The Prelude — "This Is My Father's World"Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

The Call to Worship — 2 Corinthians 5:7-9

The Hymn No. 65 — "Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne" (from Psalm 100)

The Invocation

The Hymn — "Facing a Task Unfinished"hymn sheet

The Missions Report Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Martin
Belgium Mission Trip Members

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Dr. John Neill, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — "Worthy of Worship" Tom Fettke
The FPC Student Choir; Ms. Reed Hairston, Director

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

Q118. What is the third petition [of the Lord's Prayer]? **A. The third petition is, "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."**

Q119. What does it mean to pray, "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven"?
A. We are asking God to make us able and willing to serve Him on earth just as He is served in heaven."

* The Meditation & PrayerMr. George Herndon, Students & Families Intern

The Hymn No. 252 (stz. 1-3) — "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Hebrews 11:4-6..... pew Bible page 1007

The Sermon — **The Foundation Holds: Faith in a Fallen World**....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**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.**

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 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

BOUND TOGETHER: THE HOUSEHOLD BOOK CLUB

First Meeting: Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us October 21 at 6:30 p.m. for our first discussion on *Remaking a Broken World* by Christopher Ash. Come enjoy conversation, fellowship, and learning together as we consider God's vision for His church. Please register at fpcj.ms/events.

THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

Our 2025–2026 churchwide theme, *The Household of God*, reminds us that the Church is not merely a building but is the living family of God. Find out more and watch the Household of God theme video at fpcj.ms/household.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We use a platform called ShelbyNext to house our church-wide “Digital Directory.” All members have access to the directory. Download the **ShelbyNEXT Membership** smartphone App or visit the ShelbyNext website fpcjackson.shelbynexthms.com. With questions or to set up your account for the first time, contact Kristina Barnes at kristinab@fpcjackson.org. Help your church family get to know you by updating your picture. It's quick and easy in the app!

FPDS ACORN FUND

As you are able, consider making a gift to the FPDS Acorn Fund, 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 are used 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 fpcjackson.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.

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!

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.

Austin & Rachel Kettle – Austin will serve alongside Daniel Brink and Julian Bacon in Brussels, Belgium, in pastoral service and strategy for future church plants. Austin and his wife, Rachel, have two daughters: Adeline (5) and Iside (1). Email: austin.kettle@mtw.org

Zhongming & Yuhong Chen – Zhongming serves as a church planter at Ark Covenant Church in Fairfax, VA. Zhongming & Yuhong have two children: Norah (9) and Jonah (6). Email: zchen@arkcovenant.org

Pioneer Ministries – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Pioneer is a ministry whose purpose is to prepare boys and girls spiritually, educationally and emotionally to serve Christ in their communities as contributing citizens. We further envision helping married couples to acquire relationship skills that will produce stable homes in a fast-changing world. Email: pminis3659@aol.com

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MISSIONS REPORT — TONIGHT

Tonight in the evening service, Lawrence and Betsy Martin will give a report on the Belgium Mission Trip. Come and hear how God is at work all over the world.

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 evening, Katherine Hoff will receive her Bible for recitation of the *Children’s Catechism*, which consists of 150 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.

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!

9-10 a.m.	One Sunday School in the Baird Center Gym
10-10:20 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Parents pick children up from Sunday School)
10:30 a.m.	One Worship Service (Children’s churchtime available for 3 and 4-year olds)
11:30 a.m.	One Churchwide Luncheon

JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT — OCTOBER 17-19

Join us October 17–19 at Timber Creek Camp. Enjoy small groups, worship, and teaching from Jermaine Van Buren on Neighborly Love. Register at fpcj.ms/events.

FPC THIS WEEK

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
9:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	LH, MH, and Gym
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	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	... the Barbour Home (4205 N Honeysuckle Ln.)

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series	MH
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
7:00 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
9:30 a.m.	GriefShare	Parlor
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
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 9, 2025

9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study: Exodus	PH
9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study: Romans	MH

Saturday, October 11, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
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	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	Annie's House (4654 Katherine Blvd.)

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