

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh 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 Dr. Charles M. Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Panis Angelicus" Franck
Ms. Liz Goff, Organ; Mr. Mike Beasley, Trumpet

The Introit — "Let the Amen" Neander and Winkworth

The Call to Worship — Romans 15:5-7

The Hymn No. 7 — "From All That Dwell below the Skies" (based on Psalm 117)

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. 646 — "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "O God Beyond All Praising" Dan Forrest
O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift You send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift You send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end.
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrow and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
and make our joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.
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HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 Timothy 2:8-15pew Bible page 991

The Sermon..... Dr. Strain
Life in the Household of God: Men and Women, Creation and Redemption

The Hymn No. 140 (stz. 1-3) — “O Word of God Incarnate”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

O make Thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations Thy true light, as of old.
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see Thee face to face.

The Postlude — “Wachet Auf” Bach

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. Tucker N. Alexander
Congregational Care Resident

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

The Prelude — “Prelude on *Hyfrydol*” Mr. Morgan Yeates, Piano

The Call to Worship — Lamentations 3:40, 41

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

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Oh How Good It Is”hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Mission Trip Report Mr. Jeffrey Jordan
South Africa Mission Trip Member

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. Paul Hurst, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Day by Day” Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, Piano

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

Q109. What is prayer? **A. Prayer is praising God, giving thanks for all His blessings, and asking Him for the things He has promised in the Bible.**

Q110. In whose name should we pray? **A. Only in the name of Christ.**

* The Meditation & Prayer Rev. Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

The Hymn 402 (stz. 1-4) — “Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Lamentations 4pew Bible page 689

The Sermon.....Mr. Lowry
When the Foundations Are Shaken: This Too Shall Pass?

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with 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.

First Presbyterian Church
CHILDREN'S
Ministry
"rooted and built up in Him"
- Colossians 2:7

**PROMOTION
SUNDAY**
Today!

CLASS LOCATIONS

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
2 year old	Nursery	N4
3 year old	First Floor	MB 135
4 year old	Lower Level	G102A
5 year old	Lower Level	G103
1 st Grade....	Second Floor.....	MB 237
2 nd Grade ...	Second Floor.....	MB 235
3 rd Grade....	Second Floor.....	MB 232
4 th Grade....	Second Floor YH....	Y204
5 th Grade....	Second Floor YH....	Y205
6 th Grade....	Second Floor YH....	Y202



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Child must be age listed by September 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 — First and Third Wednesdays

SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — SEPTEMBER 19

Senior Adults, join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun on September 19, at 11:30 a.m. in Patterson Hall. We will begin with lunch, followed by a short message on the Household of God. The cost of the event is \$3 per person. We are asking attendees with the last names A-N to bring a side and those with O-Z to bring a dessert. The main dish will be provided by the church. If you would like to attend, RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

SERVE WEEK — REGISTER ONLINE

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.

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. Though the Church is imperfect, we do not turn away; but we renew our commitment to her 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. Find out more and watch the Household of God theme video at fpcj.ms/household.

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 fpds.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.

PRAY FOR SUPPORTED MINISTRY PARTNERS

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

Sam & Madison Cromley – Sam & Madison serve with MTW on the Thailand church-planting team. Email: sam.cromley@mtw.org, Madison.cromley@mtw.org

Harris & Laura Beth Bond – Harris serves as a church planter in Monroe, LA. Email: harris.bond@gmail.com

Lifeline – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Lifeline is a Christian agency that services women in crisis pregnancy, services families through adoption, assists families in crisis through partnering with local churches for hosting and support of vulnerable children.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — TODAY

A congregational meeting of the members of First Presbyterian Church will be held this morning 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.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Marilyn Stewart Witt — August 24, 2025

MISSION REPORT — TONIGHT

Join us tonight during the evening worship service when we will hear a report about this summer's South Africa Mission Trip from Jeffrey Jordan.

CHILDREN'S CHURCHTIME

Children's Churchtime will resume today. We would love to see your threes and fours join us for a children's worship service with hymns, prayer time, a short devotional, and snack time, held during the 11 a.m. worship service.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS — TWO SIX-WEEK OFFERINGS

There are two upcoming offerings of the Membership Class. The first will begin today 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.

STUDENT CHOIR — BEGINNING TONIGHT

Students in grades six-twelve are invited to join us for Student Choir! We rehearse Sunday afternoons 4:30-5:15 with supper to follow. Students will develop and practice basic musical skills, lead Sunday night worship a couple of times each month, and enjoy meaningful fellowship with other student choir members, mentors, and staff. For questions, email Levi Henkel at LeviH@fpcjackson.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLES — MEETING THIS WEEK

Joining a Circle is a wonderful way to get involved in the life of the church and make a big church feel like family. Circles are groups of women who meet monthly (September–May) for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and to learn of opportunities for service and missions within our church. To register, contact Lisa Oswalt at 769-333-5802 or lisao@fpcjackson.org.

Monday, September 8

Circle 8 9:30 The Orchard
Circle 2 10:00 Courtney Love's Home
Circle 3 10:00 Westminster Hall 204
Circle 4 10:00 Parlor
Circle 5 10:00 Mary Ellison's Home
Circle 14 12:00 Miller Hall
Circle 6 6:30 Beth Archer's Home

Tuesday, September 9

Circle 7 10:00 Kathryn Cotten's Home
Circle 9 10:00 Parlor
Circle 12 10:30 St. Catherine's

CAREGIVERS MINISTRY — SEPTEMBER 8

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet tomorrow, 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.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 7, 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
10:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
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 Russ Home (2337 Twin Lakes Cir.)

Monday, September 8, 2025

various	Circles Meet This Week	See Announcements
10:30 a.m.	Caregivers' Support Group	WH 202B
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	MS

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

9:30 a.m.	French Camp Quilters	Bookstore
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, September 10, 2025

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Welcome Back Coffee	MH
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, September 13, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, September 14, 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
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 Brown's Home (615 Old Agency Rd.)