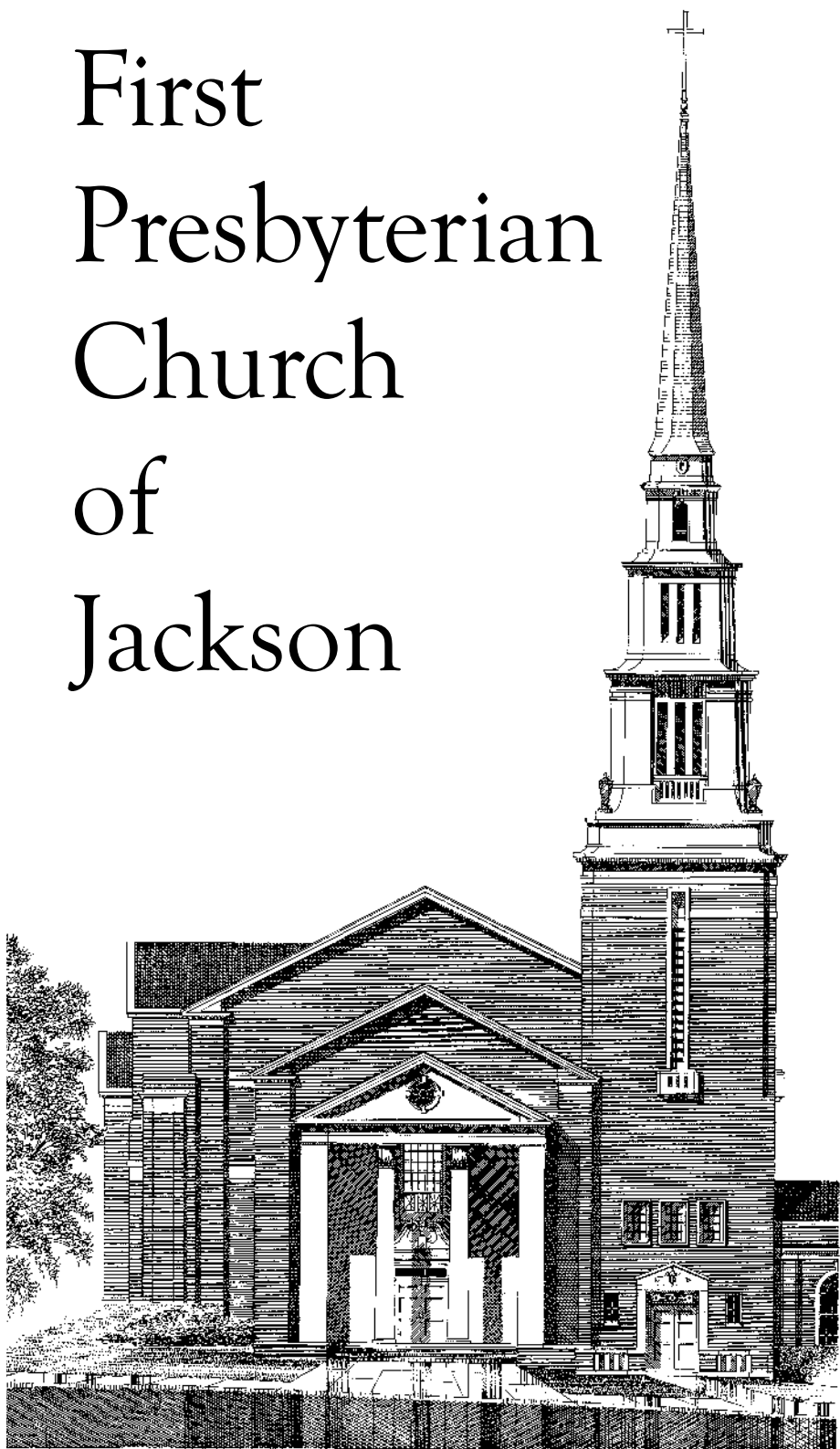


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

The Reverend Mr. Stephen A. Biggs  
Minister of Students and Families

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “The Lord’s Prayer”.....Malotte  
Thorburn McGee, Violin; Ms. Liz Goff, Organ

The Introit — “Antiphon”.....R. Vaughan Williams  
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The Call to Worship — Psalm 145:17-21

The Hymn No. 389 — “This is the Day the Lord Has Made” (based on Psalm 118)

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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 hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 168 — “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

The Stewardship Message ..... Mr. Biggs

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

**The Offertory** — “Pilgrim Song” .....Ryan Murphy

My brethren, I have found a land that doth abound with fruit as sweet as honey;  
the more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined to shout and sing Hosanna.

Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child; I am a child of glory;  
I am born from above, my soul is filled with love; I love to tell the story.

*My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior;  
and as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.*

My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings and contemplates what hour  
when the messenger shall say, “Come quit this house of clay, and with bright  
angels tower.”

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Scripture Reading** — 1 Timothy 3:14-16.....pew Bible page 992

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

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

**The Benediction**

**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.**

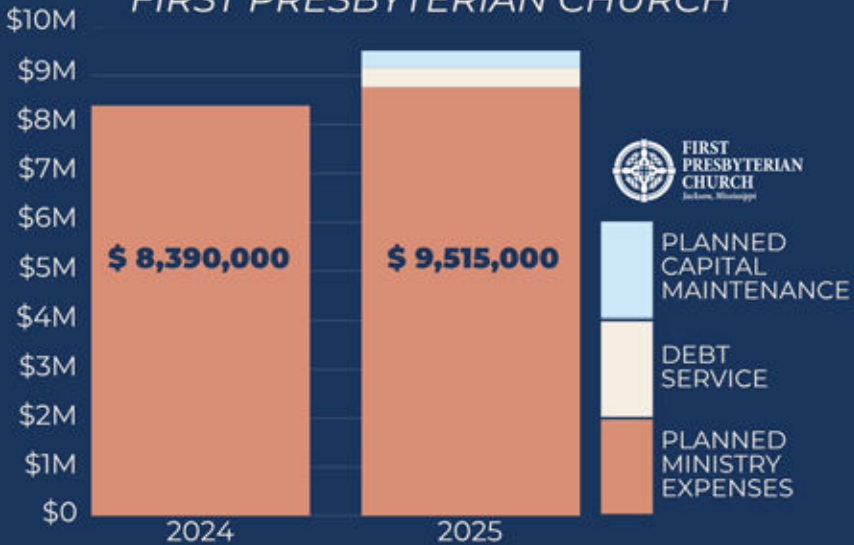
**The Postlude** — “Fanfare on *Ein feste Burg*”.....David Cherwien

## 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.

# MINISTRY EXPENSES 2024-2025

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET



### **\$350,000 PLANNED CAPITAL MAINTENANCE**

LOOKING AHEAD AT LONG-TERM NEEDS & STEWARDING OUR FACILITY WELL



### **\$400,000 ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE**

ANNUAL MINIMUM REPAYMENT OF FUNDS BORROWED TO ADVANCE RECENT KEY PROJECTS: THE BAIRD CENTER, WELCOME CENTER, FPC & FPDS SPACE REORGANIZATION, AND TWIN LAKES CAPITAL NEEDS

## MINISTRY GIVING

JAN-SEPT 2025

**\$5,005,932** 52.6%

**\$9.5M** 2025 ANNUAL BUDGET

## MISSIONS GIVING

JAN-SEPT 2025

**\$722,451** 60.2%

**\$1.2M** 2025 MISSIONS GIVING GOAL

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

**The Reverend Mr. Scott H. Miller**  
Minister of Young Adults and College

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

**The Prelude** — “As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus”.....Mark Hayes  
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

**The Call to Worship** — Revelation 1:3

**The Hymn No. 131** — “Children of the Heavenly Father”

**The Invocation**

**The Hymn** — “Jesus I My Cross Have Taken” .....hymn sheet

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer**.....Mr. Steve Rosenblatt, Ruling Elder

**The Offering**

**The Offertory** — “Abide With Me”

Paul Bowden, Daniel Kim, Thornburn McGee, Ben Roberson

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

Q120. What is the fourth petition?

**A. The fourth petition is “Give us this day our daily bread.”**

Q121. What does it mean to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread”?

**A. We are asking God to provide us with all that we really need.**

\* The Meditation & Prayer .....Mr. Stephen Christenbury, Young Adults Ministry Intern

**The Hymn No. 679 (stz. 1-3)** — “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Scripture Reading** — Hebrews 11:7..... pew Bible page 1007

**The Sermon** — **The Foundation Holds: After Me, the Flood**.....Mr. Lowry

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

**I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And to know that Thou are with me, wilt be with me to the end.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh for grace to trust Him more!**

**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.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## 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.)

## Monday, October 13, 2025

Circles Meet This Week - See Announcement Page for More Details

10:30 a.m.	Caregivers' Support Group.....	WH 202B
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting.....	Music Suite

## Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Circles Meet This Week - See Announcement Page for More Details

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
11:30 a.m.	Women's Luncheon with Megan Hill.....	MH
6:00 p.m.	Women's Dinner with Megan Hill.....	MH
7:00 p.m.	Internationals Class .....	PH

## Wednesday, October 15, 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.	John Reed Miller Lecture Series .....	MH
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 16, 2025

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

## Saturday, October 18, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast.....	PH
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## Sunday, October 19, 2025 - ONE SUNDAY

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REFORMATION DAY SERVICE — OCTOBER 26

Join us for our Reformation Day Service on Sunday, October 26, at 6 p.m. as we worship together and give thanks. We're excited to welcome our sister churches and neighbors in the community to this evening of reflection and praise. Ministers from across the presbytery will participate in the service, a joint choir will lead us in worship, and there will be a special program for children.

### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Lisa Shipp Lake — October 2, 2025

Mr. C. Dan Shipp — October 6, 2025

## COMMUNICANT MEET & GREET — OCTOBER 26

The Communicant Fall Meet & Greet will be held at 9:45 a.m. in Lowe Hall on October 26. This meeting is for sixth-eighth grade students and their parents about the process of becoming communing members of our church. To register, contact [kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org) or 769-230-3626. For more information, visit [fpcjackson.org/communicant](https://fpcjackson.org/communicant).

## FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

Priority applications for FPC members for the 2026–2027 school year at FPDS are open through October 31. Apply now or schedule a tour by contacting Camille Hassell, Admissions Coordinator, at [chassell@fpds.org](mailto:chassell@fpds.org).

## MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES — TUESDAY MORNINGS

### *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 Tuesday mornings, as David Strain leads us to recover the heart of biblical manhood. Invite a friend, and register at [fpcj.ms/men](https://fpcj.ms/men).

## 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.shelbynexetchms.com](https://fpcjackson.shelbynexetchms.com). With questions or to set up your account for the first time, contact Kristina Barnes at [kristinab@fpcjackson.org](mailto:kristinab@fpcjackson.org). Help your church family get to know you by updating your picture. It's quick and easy in the app!

## PERU INTEREST MEETING

Have you ever thought about joining our mission trip team to Peru? If so, this meeting is for you! On October 23, Team Leaders Danny Story and Craig Flowers will discuss the 2026 Peru Mission Trip, tentatively scheduled from July 10 – July 18. For more information or to reserve your spot in the meeting, please email [jolynnm@fpcjackson.org](mailto:jolynnm@fpcjackson.org) or call 769-524-5121.

## 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).

**Neil & Jillian Longwe & David & Ashton Trimble** – Neil & David serve as church planters at Merchant City Church in Glasgow, Scotland. Neil & Jillian have two children and David & Ashton have one child. Email: [neil@merchantcitychurch.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:neil@merchantcitychurch.onmicrosoft.com); [david@merchantcitychurch.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:david@merchantcitychurch.onmicrosoft.com)

**Joshua Farrington** – Joshua serves as the RUF intern at Jackson State University. Email: [joshua.farrington@ruf.org](mailto:joshua.farrington@ruf.org)

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](http://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](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## JOHN REED MILLER LECTURE SERIES — OCTOBER 15

FPC will host the annual John Reed Miller Lecture Series in partnership with our friends at RTS-Jackson with speaker Dr. Jordan Stone. Midweek Electives and D Groups will pause for this special evening. Dr. Stone serves as Senior Pastor of Redeemer PCA in McKinney, TX, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at RTS Dallas.

## 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](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).

### *Monday, October 13*

Circle 8 9:30 The Orchard  
Circle 2 10:00 Fair Hurst's Home  
Circle 3 10:00 Westminster Hall 204  
Circle 4 10:00 Parlor  
Circle 5 10:00 Rebecca Cleland's Home

### *Tuesday, October 14*

Circle 7 Not Meeting/attending Megan Hill  
Circle 9 10:00 Parlor  
Circle 12 10:30 St. Catherine's

### *Monday, October 20*

Circle 14 12:00 Miller Hall  
Circle 6 6:30 Beth Archer's Home

## 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

Pick up a copy of our Stewardship Book in the Welcome Center or outside the sanctuary in preparation for One Sunday!

## CAREGIVERS' MINISTRY — OCTOBER 13

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet Monday, October 13, 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.

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