

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

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

**The Reverend Dr. Derek W. H. Thomas**  
Chancellor's Professor at Reformed Theological Seminary  
Teaching Fellow at Ligonier Ministries

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

## DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

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

**The Prelude** — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ..... Anna Laura Page  
Dr. Levi Henkel, Organ

**The Introit** — “Let Thy Holy Presence” ..... Pavel Tschesnokoff  
Let Thy holy presence come upon us, we pray.

**The Call to Worship** — Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
**Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**

Know that the LORD, He is God!  
**It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!  
**Give thanks to Him; Bless His name.**

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,  
**And His faithfulness to all generations.**

**The Hymn No. 38** — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon**

**The Doxology** ..... tune: *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God from Whom all blessing flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## WELCOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

**The Public Profession of Faith**

The Biblical Basis  
The Introduction of New Members  
The Questions of Membership  
The Baptism (11 a.m. only)  
The Prayer  
The Declaration  
The Blessing

## The Offering

The Offertory — “This Is My Father’s World” ..... Mack Wilberg

Mr. Jeff Brown, Director

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,  
all nature sings and ‘round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees; of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world: the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair;  
in the rust’ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev’rywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler, yet.  
This is my Father’s world: why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns: let the earth be glad!

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Colossians 3:1-4.....pew Bible page 984

The Sermon — Seeking Those Things Which Are Above .....Dr. Thomas

The Hymn No. 644 (stz. 1-4) — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.**

The Postlude — “Fanfare on *Ein’feste Burg*” ..... James Pethel

## 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.

## THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

### QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

### NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on October 5, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Mary Katherine Biggs

David Brown

Stephen and Sarah  
Christenbury

Levi and Anna Henkel  
(Makinley, Nora, and  
Sophie)

Calvin Henry

Sam Montgomery

Harris Oakley

Jenn Odom

Agapee Pardigon

Walker Price

William and Meredith  
VanDevender  
(Magee, Ellie, Billy, and  
Joycie)

Luther and Elisa Ward

Michael and Bernice  
White

( ) Covenant child joining as a non-communing member

### BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered during the 11 a.m. service to

Tony F and Ashley L  
Ronnie F

### JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is December 7. New member forms can be found online at [fpcj.ms/membership](http://fpcj.ms/membership) or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by November 26. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REFORMATION DAY SERVICE — TONIGHT!

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.

## DR. DEREK THOMAS — GUEST MINISTER

A native of Wales, Dr. Thomas is Chancellor's Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology and a Teaching Fellow with Ligonier Ministries. He previously served as Senior Minister at First Presbyterian Church (ARP) in Columbia, SC, and as Minister of Teaching here at FPC. An accomplished author and theologian, he has written more than twenty books and taught at several Reformed Theological Seminary campuses.

## NEW WE WILL GO TEAM — BEGINNING THIS TUESDAY

Join your church family in serving our neighbors through We Will Go's Food Pantry on the fourth Tuesday of each month, from 9-11 a.m. For more information, contact Rae Ann Lawrence at 601-278-4935 or [lawrence.raeann@gmail.com](mailto:lawrence.raeann@gmail.com).

## BAPTISM — NOVEMBER 16

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 16. Spaces are available for both services. To make a reservation, please contact Emily Eastman at [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## FATHER SON RETREAT — NOVEMBER 21-22

Save the date for our Father Son Retreat at Twin Lakes. We are excited to put together a weekend specifically for dads and sons. Spend time together having fun and making memories! Save the date and register online at [fpcj.ms/events](http://fpcj.ms/events).

## 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).

## COVERING OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER

Through *Covering Our Children in Prayer*, each Adult Sunday School class is paired with a Children's or Youth class to pray for throughout the year. This program connects our church family across generations and helps us keep the promise we made at each child's baptism to assist in their Christian nurture. Ask your Sunday School president for your class's prayer list, and join us in praying for God's protection, provision, and purpose in the lives of our children.

## PRAY FOR SUPPORTED MINISTRY PARTNERS

For detailed prayer requests and contact information for our supported ministries and ministry partners, please contact Jo Lynn at [jolynnm@fpcjackson.org](mailto:jolynnm@fpcjackson.org).

**Sashko & Ania Nezamutdinov** – Sashko serves as a church planter in Krakow, Poland. Email: [nezamutdinov@yahoo.pl](mailto:nezamutdinov@yahoo.pl)

**Leslie & Peyton Gunter** – Leslie serves as RUF Campus Staff at Belhaven University, and Peyton is the FPC College Intern. Email: [leslie.gunter@ruf.org](mailto:leslie.gunter@ruf.org)

**The Center for Pregnancy Choices** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, the CPC enters into the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy with a woman and walks alongside her, offering personalized and comprehensive support from the time she finds out she is pregnant until long after her pregnancy decision, using a holistic approach to meet the needs of the whole woman—physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, October 26, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School .....	Various Locations
9:45 a.m.	Communicant Meet & Greet .....	LH
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for 3 and 4 year olds.....	M135
5:00 p.m.	Prayer for Global Missions.....	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Reformation Day Service.....	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)

## Tuesday, October 28, 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
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night Bible Study.....	MS
7:00 p.m.	Internationals Class.....	PH

## Wednesday, October 29, 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
	Membership Class .....	WH 204
	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 30, 2025

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

## Saturday, November 1, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast .....	PH
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## Sunday, November 2, 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
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 Watkins Home (2212 Heritage Hill Dr.)

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

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Margaret and Bill Cook by their daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth Cook.