

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixteenth Day of November, 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

ADORING THE COVENANT LORD

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

The Prelude — “He Giveth More Grace” Dick Bolks
Ms. Emily Williams, violin; Ms. Liz Goff, piano

The Introit — “Come! Join Our Cheerful Song” Dale Wood
Come join our cheerful song! Lift up your voices strong! Rejoice, be glad, give praise!

The Call to Worship — Revelation 4:8, 11; 5:12, 13

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!

**Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive
glory and honor and power,
for You created all things,
and by Your will they existed and were created.**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!

**To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever! Amen.**

The Hymn No. 311 — “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (based on Psalm 72)

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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.**

RECEIVING THE COVENANT SIGN

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and Their Families
The Biblical Promise
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Baptism
The Baptismal Benediction

The Hymn No. 189 (stz. 1-2) — “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

The Offering

The Offertory — “Amazing Love”David Rasbach

Dr. Grace Shumaker, Accompanist

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father’s throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race!
‘Tis mercy all immense and free, for O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature’s night.
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray; I woke the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off! My heart was free! I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive, in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th’eternal throne, And claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

HEARING THE COVENANT WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 Timothy 4:6-10pew Bible page 992

The Sermon — Life in the Household of God: A Good Servant.....Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 576 (stz. 1-4) — “Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Blest Savior, introduced by You, have I my race begun;
and, crowned with vict’ry, at your feet I’ll lay my honors down,
I’ll lay my honors down.**

The Postlude — “Old Hundredth” Fred Bock

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 VOWS OF BAPTISM

In order for the congregation to participate in the sacrament of baptism and to refresh our own commitment to these vows, they are included below:

TO THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as a congregation, undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO

Penelope Anne Banchemo
daughter of Chris and Devin Banchemo

Shepard Christopher Banchemo
son of Chris and Devin Banchemo

Hugh McMaster Jackson
son of Ben and Ellie Jackson

Lucille Lowe Jones
daughter of Ryan and Kenzie Jones

Charlotte Lucille Kern
daughter of Nate and Kate Kern

Eloise Albritton Kern
daughter of Nate and Kate Kern

Catherine Reese Loftin
daughter of Christopher and Douglas Loftin

Anne Presley Osborne
daughter of Carter and Anna Grace Osborne

Calvin Lee Terry
son of Austin and Anna Terry

The next baptism date is January 18.
Spaces are available for both services.
Please email emilye@fpcjackson.org to reserve a place.

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 Catechism Recitation Recognition..... Miss Meg Barbour

The Prelude — “Fairest Lord Jesus” Mr. Lydian Peipon, piano

The Call to Worship — Psalm 31:23, 24

The Hymn — “I Am Making All Things New”hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 648 (stz. 1-3) — “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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*The Offertory — “O Shout for Joy” The Student Choir; Reed Hairston, Director

Oh, shout for joy unto the Lord. Worship Him with gladness.
Let all the earth bring songs of praise; telling of His greatness.
Know that the Lord we praise is God. He is God, our Maker;
and we are a people called sheep within His pasture.

Oh, enter in His gates with praise; His courts with great thanksgiving,
for He is good, His love endures morning after morning.

Oh, shout for joy unto the Lord! See, the way is open
to live in peace beneath His grace, ev'ry sin forgiven.
For He, Who knew no mark of sin, took our sins upon Him;
that we might be the righteousness of the God in Heaven.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
O praise Him. O praise Him. O praise Him!

Oh, shout for joy unto the Lord through the hours of darkness
for day by day His faithful hand ever stays upon us.
With ev'ry morning rise, we kneel; All our lives we offer
To be a living sacrifice, wholly to the Saviour.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Hebrews 11:23-28..... pew Bible page 1008

The Sermon.....Mr. Lowry

The Foundation Holds: Be Not Afraid, Neither Be Thou Dismayed

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMS AT NIGHT CHRISTMAS DINNER — DECEMBER 2

The MOMS at Night Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 6-8 p.m. Husbands are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and a marriage discussion led by David and Lauren Felker. The FPC Bookstore will be open from 5-6 p.m. with complimentary gift wrapping available.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH — DECEMBER 3

The MOMS Bible Study Christmas Brunch will be held on Wednesday, December 3, at 9 a.m. Join us for a festive morning of fellowship featuring a special guest speaker. The FPC Bookstore will remain open until 11:30 a.m. with complimentary gift wrapping available.

JUNIOR HIGH HOUSE HOP — DECEMBER 4

The Junior High Christmas House Hop will be held on Thursday, December 4, 5-7 p.m. at the Pondsides cul-de-sac in Jackson. Seventh- and eighth-grade students are invited to enjoy an evening of Christmas morning-themed fun, dinner, dessert, and a \$10 gift swap. Please register your student at fpcj.ms/house-hop, and note if you are able to bring an appetizer or dessert.

BELHAVEN SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE — DECEMBER 5 & 6

FPC will once again be part of Belhaven University's Singing Christmas Tree which is the oldest singing Christmas tree tradition in the U.S. We would love for you to join us either as a spectator or a volunteer. We will provide free hot chocolate for those attending and a card with the program on one side and our FPC December events on the other. If you are willing to volunteer to help pass out the cards from 6:30-8 p.m. on either December 5 or 6, please contact Tracy Ford at 601-454-6200.

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT — JANUARY 16-19

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for Winter Retreat, January 16-19 at Alpine Camp in Mentone, Alabama. Our theme this year is "Trinity: God's Nature and the Church." Scott Miller, our Minister to Young Adults and College Students, will lead us. Register online at fpcj.ms/events by December 14 to pay the early bird price of \$190.

HOST A MISSIONARY

Are you interested in hosting one of our guests during the conference? We need you! Please contact Janie Clarke, our housing coordinator at 601-953-4991 or janieclarke6@gmail.com.

2026 MISSION TRIPS

At First Presbyterian Church, short-term missions are one way we live out our mission to make disciples in our neighborhood, our communities, and around the world. Find out more and apply at fpcj.ms/go.

- January 2-10 to Moldova
- March 7-14 to Honduras (senior high students)
- July 10-18 to Peru
- July 24-August 2 to Thailand

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.

Cory & Heather Brock – Cory serves as the pastor at St. Columba's Free Church in Edinburgh, Scotland. Email: brock.cory@gmail.com

Chandler & Leah Rowlen – Chandler serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi College. Email: chandler.rowlen@ruf.org

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR ADULTS SERVE DAY — NOVEMBER 17

Senior Adults, join us Monday, November 17, anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., to help decorate the PEARSON Foundation (206 Old Whitfield Rd, Pearl) for their Holiday Open House. To participate, contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org or 769-572-3535.

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.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND MEAL — NOVEMBER 27

Gather with your church family this Thanksgiving Day! Join us for an informal service at 11 a.m. in Miller Hall, followed by a meal at 11:45. The church will provide the meat; please bring a side or dessert that serves at least eight. To sign up and share what you'll bring, call Emily Eastman (769-572-3535). Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor who may be alone this Thanksgiving!

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.

COVERING OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER

Through the Covering Our Children in Prayer program, 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 make in every baptism to assist in the child's 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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

This year, our Children's Sunday School Offering for November and December will go to support the Cross Culture Church Holiday Kids' Club in Randburg, South Africa. First Pres sent teams in 2024 and 2025 to help with this Kids' Club, and we are excited to share that this year, the local church staff will be leading it.

We encourage our children to bring an offering because it helps them learn the joy of giving and participating in God's work beyond our own community. Each gift, no matter the size, makes a difference and allows our children to be part of sharing God's love with other kids around 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, Meg Barbour will receive her Bible for recitation of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, which consists of 107 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.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 16, 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 (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Boyd Home (2693 Lake Circle)

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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
6:15 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible & Prayer Time	We Will Go
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, November 20, 2025

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

Friday, November 21, 2025

4:00 p.m.	Father Son Retreat	Twin Lakes
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Saturday, November 22, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
All Day	Father Son Retreat	Twin Lakes

Sunday, November 23, 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 (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary

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 and in loving memory of Mary Jo McAnally by her family.