

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



*"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Ninth 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 Mr. Gary W. Sinclair  
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain

## APPROACHING THE THRONE OF THE LORD

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

The Prelude — “Passacaille” ..... G. F. Handel  
Nancy Bateman, cello; Bonnie Brown, violin;  
Emily Williams, violin; Thorburn McGee, viola

The Introit — “Worthy Is the Lamb” ..... G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 3 — “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” (based on Psalm 136)

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology — “Praise God from Whom all Blessings 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 Offering

The Offertory — “God So Loved the World” ..... John Stainer  
God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
But that the world through Him might be saved.  
John 3:16-17

## HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 Timothy 4:1-5 .....pew Bible page 992

The Sermon..... Dr. Strain  
Life in the Household of God: The Mystery of Ungodliness

The Hymn No. 378 — “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

# COMMUNING AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

## The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Hymn No. 580 (stz. 1-2) — “Lead On, O King Eternal”

## The Benediction

## The Congregational Response

**Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;**

**For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears;**

**Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:**

**The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.**

The Postlude — “Voluntary on *Darwall's 148th*” .....Robert Lind

Ms. Liz Goff, 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.

# GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

## The Lord's Table

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

## Christ's Presence

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

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# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

**The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon**  
Minister of Missions

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

**The Prelude** — “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

Third-Fifth Grade Choir

John Laws, Director; Jennie Statom, Accompanist

**The Call to Worship** — 1 Peter 1:6, 7

**The Hymn** — “O Great God” .....hymn sheet

**The Invocation**

**The Hymn** — “He Will Hold Me Fast” .....hymn sheet

**The Missions Report** ..... Rev. Gethin Jones, France

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer**..... Mr. Hu Meena, Ruling Elder

**The Offering**

**The Offertory** — “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Third-Fifth Grade Choir

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

Q124. What is the sixth petition [of the Lord’s Prayer]? **A. The sixth petition is, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”**

Q125. What does it mean to pray, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”? **A. We are asking God to keep us from being tempted and to make us strong enough to resist when we are tempted.**

\* The Meditation & Prayer ..... Rev. Charlie Wingard, Minister of Shepherding

**The Hymn No. 405 (stz. 1-2)** — “God, That Madest Earth and Heaven”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Scripture Reading** — Hebrews 11:17-22..... pew Bible page 1008

**The Sermon**.....Mr. Lowry

**The Foundation Holds: Constant Faith and Abiding Love**

**The Benediction**

**The Congregational Response**

**Guard us waking, guard us sleeping; and when we die,**

**May we, in Thy mighty keeping, all peaceful lie;**

**When the last dread trump shall wake us, do not Thou, O God forsake us,**

**But to reign in glory take us with Thee on high.**

**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

## 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!

## 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](http://fpcj.ms/events) by December 14 to pay the early bird price of \$190.

## NEW WE WILL GO TEAM — TUESDAYS

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).

## 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 [janielclarke6@gmail.com](mailto:janielclarke6@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](http://fpcj.ms/go).

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

## 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.

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

**Jonty & Georgina Rhodes** – Jonty serves as a church planter in Leeds, United Kingdom with the International Presbyterian Church. Email: [Jonty@centralleeds.church](mailto:Jonty@centralleeds.church)

**Daniel McSwain** – Daniel serves as the RUF intern at Belhaven University. Email: [Daniel.mcswain@ruf.org](mailto:Daniel.mcswain@ruf.org)

**Gateway Rescue Mission** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Gateway offers life-changing hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to homeless men, women and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling, and discipleship. Email: [mlott@gatewaymission.org](mailto:mlott@gatewaymission.org) or 601-353-5864, ext. 207

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## COMMUNION — TODAY

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services today. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available to pick up on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

## HONORING OUR VETERANS AT FPC

Stop by the Welcome Center today through November 12 to view a slideshow of our FPC veterans. We thank God for you!

## CAREGIVERS MINISTRY — NOVEMBER 10

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet on Monday, November 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall 202B. This ministry provides a setting for caregivers to learn, share, and find support as they walk through the challenges of a loved one's dementia or dementia-related illness. For more information, please contact Ken Fairly at 601-941-5004.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES — FINAL MEETING THIS WEEK

Men, don't miss our final session in the *Lions and Lambs: The Gentle Strength of a Christian Man* series this Tuesday morning. Invite a friend, and register at [fpcj.ms/men](http://fpcj.ms/men).

## 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, November 10*

Circle 3 9:30 Westminster Hall 204  
Circle 8 9:30 The Orchard  
Circle 4 10:00 Parlor  
Circle 5 10:00 Glynda Mosby's Home  
Circle 14 12:00 Miller Hall  
Circle 6 6:30 Beth Archer's Home

### *Tuesday, November 11*

Circle 7 10:00 Joy Cannada's Home  
Circle 9 10:00 Parlor  
Circle 12 10:30 St. Catherine's

## YOUNG ADULTS THANKSGIVING — NOVEMBER 13

Young Adults, gather with friends for our Thanksgiving event this Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m., at the Bean in Fondren. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a cozy evening of food, friends, and gratitude. Sign up to bring food at [fpcj.ms/ya](http://fpcj.ms/ya).

## FPDS HOLIDAY POTPOURRI — NOVEMBER 14

Join us Friday, November 14, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Darden North (2565 Lake Circle, Jackson) for Holiday Potpourri, FPDS's annual fundraiser. Enjoy a home tour, tasting tea, bakery, garden gallery, silent auction, and performances by the FPDS Strings and choir. For details or tickets, visit [www.fpds.org/holidaypotpourri](http://www.fpds.org/holidaypotpourri).

## 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).

## SENIOR ADULTS SERVE DAY

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

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, November 9, 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	the Rutledge Home (101 Ridge Street)

## Monday, November 10, 2025

Various	Women's Ministry 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, November 11, 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, November 12, 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, November 13, 2025

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

## Saturday, November 15, 2025

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	..... PH
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## 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
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7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Boyd Home (2693 Lake Circle)

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 by the family of David George Wasson, Sr., husband, father, grandfather, and friend.