

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Six
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor
Minister of Discipleship

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF THE LORD

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

The Prelude — “This Is My Father's World” Mark Hayes
Ms. Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Let Thy Holy Presence” Paul Tschesnokoff
Let Thy Holy presence come upon us we pray.

The Call to Worship — Psalm 95:1-3

The Hymn No. 457 — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

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.

The Offering

The Offertory — “We Believe” John Purifoy
We believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day, He rose again and ascended into heaven.
He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit and the worldwide Church,
the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of ev'ry sin,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen, amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 Timothy 5:17-23pew Bible page 993

The Sermon — Life in the Household of God: Elder Care Dr. Strain

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “Behold the Lamb” see guide

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. 184 — “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (from Psalm 23)

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

The Postlude — “Allegro Maestoso from *Sonata II*” Felix Mendelssohn

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.

Behold the Lamb



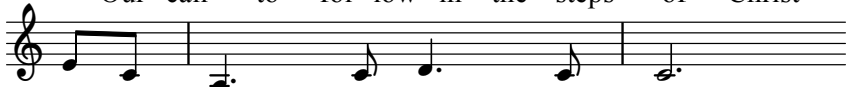
1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ,
3. The blood that cleans - es eve - ry stain of sin,
4. And so with thank - ful - ness in faith we rise



Slain for us, and we re - mem - ber
Torn for you, Eat and re - mem - ber
Shed for you, Drink and re - mem - ber
To re - spond, And to re - mem - ber



The prom - ise made that all who come in faith
The words that heal the death that brings us life
He drank death's cup that all may en - ter in
Our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ



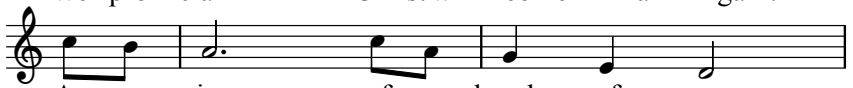
Find for - give - ness at the cross.
Paid the price to make us one.
To re - ceive the life of God.
As His bod - y here on earth.



So we share in this bread of life,
So we share in this bread of life,
So we share in this bread of life,
As we share in His suf - fer - ing



And we drink of His sac - ri - fice
And we drink of His sac - ri - fice
And we drink of His sac - ri - fice
We pro - claim Christ will come a - gain!



As a sign of our bonds of peace
As a sign of our bonds of love
As a sign of our bonds of grace
And we'll join in the feat of heav'n



A - round the ta - ble of the King.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Executive Minister

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

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

The Prelude — “There Is a Fountain”Nigel Williams
Mrs. Debbie Dempsey, Mr. Paul Forster, Mr. Tim Sanduleac

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 97 — “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “My Soul Finds Rest In God Alone” hymn sheet

The Missions Report Mr. Paul Forster, Japan Vision Trip

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. Bob Cunningham, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor”

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

Q141. Did Christ remain in the grave after his crucifixion? **A. No. He rose
bodily from the grave on the third day after His death.**

* The Meditation & Prayer... Rev. Scott Miller, Minister of College & Young Adults

The Hymn 498 (stz. 1-4) — “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Haggai 2:1-9pew Bible page 791

The Sermon..... Mr. Felker

The Unwanted God: Encouragement for Discouraged Kingdom Workers

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

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

BOUND TOGETHER BOOK CLUB — INSTALLMENT TWO

Joining the Mission of the Church

As we continue exploring what it means to belong to the Household of God, our next Bound Together Book Club gathering invites you to dive into the theme of **Joining the Mission of the Church**. This section of our reading plan will extend through January. Find the entire Recommended Reading List online at fpcj.ms/household.

The book club's featured book for this section is *What Is the Mission of the Church?* by Kevin DeYoung. If you weren't able to attend the previous book club, each meeting is independent, so please join us, Monday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m., led by Dallis and Christy Ketchum. Desserts and coffee will be provided. Register online at fpcj.ms/events.

ELDER ELECTION — FEBRUARY 1

An election for the office of elder will be held during a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The 28 candidates have completed a thorough review and training process, and the Session is confident they are fit for this office. Nominee information is available at fpcj.ms/elder-election. Members may vote for as many candidates as they feel led. On February 1, children age two and under may remain in the nursery; parents of older children are asked to pick up from Sunday School promptly at 10:20 a.m. Please join us in prayer that the Lord would raise up godly men to help lead our church.

STAND 2026 — FEBRUARY 6

Building Up Mid-South Men in the Gospel

Save the date for our annual conference for men in the Mid-South: Friday, February 6, led by Randy Pope. Join us for supper, and then worship with your brothers in Christ as we raise our voices together in praise. There is no cost to attend, but contributions to support the event are welcome. Register online at fpcj.ms/stand-2026 to help us plan for the dinner.

SAVE THE DATE: GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2026

Make plans to join us for the 2026 Global Missions Conference: A House for All Nations, February 21-March 1! This week-long celebration will highlight God's work among the nations through worship, teaching, and stories from missionaries serving around the world. We're excited to welcome Kevin DeYoung, Jonathan (MTW), and many more guests. More information will follow.

PROVIDE A MEAL OR HOST A MISSIONARY

Missions Conference — February 21-March 1

We are in need of hosts for our upcoming Missions Conference. Help us provide hospitality to our honored guests during the conference! Want to help but can't offer your home? We also need volunteers to provide a meal. For more information, please contact Janie Clarke, our housing coordinator at 601-953-4991 or janielclarke6@gmail.com.

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.

Paul & Jackie – Paul & Jackie serve with World Outreach planting churches in Central Asia and serve with Young Life Capernaum. Email: pandj617@gmail.com

Daniel & Molly Tortorici – Daniel serves with RUF as the Associate Campus Minister at the University of Alabama. Email: Daniel.tortorici@RUF.org

PEARSON Foundation – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, PEARSON provides mentorship and discipleship to students through in-school mentoring, faith-based community mentoring in cooperation with the Rankin County Juvenile Court, after school activities and summer learning and enrichment. Email: Pearson39208@gmail.com or jarward@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Elizabeth Peaster, on her birthday. They are given by her parents, Matt and Taylor Peaster, and her brothers, Hamp and Rho.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mary Yerger — December 20, 2025

COMMUNION — TODAY

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services today. Please prepare your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Gluten-free elements are available on the table along the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet Monday, January 12, 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.

SENIOR ADULTS SERVE DAY — JANUARY 12

Senior Adults, join us Monday, January 12, any time between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. as we prepare arts and crafts for PEARSON Foundation's 2026 Spring Break Youth Retreat.

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, January 12

Circle 3 9:30 Westminster Hall 204
Circle 8 9:30 The Orchard
Circle 2 10:00 Beth Keeler's Home
Circle 4 10:00 Parlor
Circle 5 10:00 Linda Marchetti's Home
Circle 14 12:00 Miller Hall
Circle 6 6:30 Libby Garland's Home

Tuesday, January 13

Circle 7 10:00 Courtney Hewitt's Home
Circle 9 10:00 Parlor
Circle 12 10:30 St. Catherine's

BAPTISM — JANUARY 18

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, January 18. Spaces are available for both services. To make a reservation, please contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT — JANUARY 24-25

Young Adults, registration is open for our retreat, January 24-25. We're heading back to Twin Lakes for a weekend to rest and refocus with teaching from Jermaine Van Buren. Register online at fpcj.ms/events.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS — BEGINNING JANUARY 28

Those interested in becoming members of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend the upcoming six-week Membership Class, beginning January 28. The class will meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Westminster Hall 204. Participants will learn what we share in common with all Bible-believing Christians, as well as the particular tenets of Presbyterianism, hear from ministry leaders about life and ministry at First Pres, and have the opportunity to meet others who are new to the church. To register or for additional information, please contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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	Annie's House (4654 Katherine Blvd.)

Monday, January 12, 2026

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Senior Adults Serve Day at PEARSON	PEARSON
Various	Women's Ministry Circles Meet This Week...	See Announcements
10:30 a.m.-Noon	Caregivers' Support Group	WH 202 B
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	MS

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Various	Women's Ministry Circles Meet This Week...	See Announcements
9:30 a.m.	Sew & Sow	WH 302
9:30 a.m.	Quilters	Bookstore
12:00 p.m.	Weekday Prayer Meeting	PH

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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 Mini-Intensive: Ephesians	MH
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Rise: Sixth Grade Fellowship	SC 211
6:00 p.m.	Student Ministry D Groups	YH & Baird Center Gym

Thursday, January 15, 2026

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

Friday, January 16, 2026

3:30 p.m.	Senior High Winter Retreat Departure	YH
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Saturday, January 17, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, January 18, 2026

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.	New Member Meeting	PH
5:00 p.m.	Prayer for Global Missions	Parlor
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LH—Lowe Hall MB—Main Building MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite
PH—Patterson Hall SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

MIDWEEK MINI-INTENSIVE — BEGINNING JANUARY 14

Ephesians: Belonging and Becoming

Join us this January for our Midweek Mini-Intensive, as David Strain leads us through the book of Ephesians. Over two Wednesday nights, we will explore Paul's great masterpiece on the church: what does it mean to be united to, and to live in, the body of Christ? D groups and electives will resume on January 28.