

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The First Day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-Six

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

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

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Priere from *Gothic Suite*" ..... Leon Boellmann  
Dr. Levi Henkel, organ

The Introit — "Behold Our God" ..... Joshua Spacht  
Behold our God, seated on His throne; come, let us adore Him!  
Behold our King. Nothing can compare; come let us adore Him!

The Call to Worship — Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24, 28-29

The Hymn No. 363 — "We Gather Together"

The Invocation

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 Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 64 — "God, the Lord, a King Remaineth" (from Psalm 93)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "I Am Not My Own" ..... Marty Parks  
Student and Adult Choirs

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul.  
Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.  
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece;  
and all that He designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the living God.  
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought.  
As I bear His image, oh, may I not profane  
the holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

*I belong to the Lord, oh, I am not my own.  
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.  
I will honor Him, for this I know:  
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.*

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own.  
The measure of my worth is His love alone.  
He declares my standing, He declares my state.  
So I will know myself by the name He gave.

I am not my own and now my heart is free.  
Oh, Maker, come and make what You will of me.  
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair.  
So Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care!

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 Timothy 6:3-10 .....pew Bible page 993

The Sermon..... Dr. Strain

**Life in the Household of God: Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain!**

The Hymn No. 529 (stz. 1-3) — “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

The Postlude — “Toccata from Gothic Suite” ..... Leon Boellmann

## 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.

# SERVICE GUIDE

## ELDER ELECTION

An election for the office of elder will be held during a congregational meeting this morning 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 [fpcjms.com/elder-election](https://www.fpcjms.com/elder-election).

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.

### *Candidates for the Office of Elder*

Charles Barbour	Bo Gregg	Doug Morgan	Jeff Skelton
Jesse Browning	Michael Hogue	Mike Myers	Ernie Strahan
Brooks Buchanan	Dallis Ketchum	Nathan Oakley	Hugh Trussell
Beau Burrow	Jeffrey Lamb	Virgil Payne	Matthew Turnage
Bill Crim	Alston Ludwig	Matt Peaster	Lee J. Webb
Price Davis	John Marchetti	Trey Porter	Tom Wright
Paul Forster	Martin McGee	Malcolm Saxon	Frank York

## GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

### *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

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care  
The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational and Pastoral Care

The Greetings and Announcements

The Recognition of the *Children's Catechism* Recitation

The Prelude — "Fairest Lord Jesus" .....Mrs. Nancy Bateman, cello  
Mrs. Val Vickery, piano

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 40:3-5

The Hymn (stz. 1 & 2) — "All Glory Be to Christ" ..... hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn (stz. 3) — "All Glory Be to Christ" ..... hymn sheet

**When on the day, the great I Am, the Faithful and the True,  
The Lamb who was for sinner's slain, is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our Steadfast Light,  
And we shall e'er His people be, all glory be to Christ!  
All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!**

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 — "Jesus, I Come" ..... hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Offering

The Offertory — "Benedictus"...Dr. Sarah Waters, organ; Mr. Morgan Yeates, piano  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. A shout of praise in the highest!

\*The Young Children's Devotional — *The Children's Catechism*

Q143. Will the Lord Jesus come again? **A. Yes! He will return to judge the world.**

Q144. What happens to believers when they die? **A. Our bodies will return to the dust and our souls will go to be with the Lord forever.**

Q145. What happens to unbelievers when they die? **A. Their bodies will return to dust also, but their souls will go to hell.**

The Meditation & Prayer ..... Rev. Jamie Peipon, Minister of Missions

The Hymn No. 649 (stz. 1-3) — "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 1:1-13.....pew Bible page 836

The Sermon — Grace in the Wilderness..... Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;  
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee, more love to thee!**

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

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES — BEGINS FEBRUARY 10**

Men, our Breakfast Series is back on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. This semester our topic is Hosea: God's Casual Lovers. Hosea tells an unsettling love story of a holy husband who refuses to give up on his fickle bride. In this men's Bible study, led by Rupert Hunt Taylor, we'll face the scandal of God's relentless love for His faithless church—and see ourselves in Israel's wandering hearts. Beginning February 10, come wrestle with a God whose love disciplines, pursues, and brings rebellious sons home. Register online at [fpcj.ms/events](http://fpcj.ms/events) to let us know you're coming and to pay for breakfast.

## **BOUND TOGETHER BOOK CLUB — INSTALLMENT TWO**

*Rescheduled for February 12*

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](http://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, Thursday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m., led by Dallis and Christy Ketchum. Desserts and coffee will be provided. Register online at [fpcj.ms/events](http://fpcj.ms/events).

## **SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — FEBRUARY 13**

Senior Adults, join us for food, fellowship, and fun on February 13, at 11:30 a.m. in Patterson Hall, at our February Holidays Extravaganza. We couldn't choose just one holiday, so come and celebrate them all with the Senior Adults Ministry! We will begin with lunch, followed by a short message. The cost of the event is \$3 per person. We are asking all attendees whose last name starts with letters H-Z to bring a side dish, and those with last names beginning with A-G to bring a dessert. The church will provide chicken piccata as the main dish. If you would like to attend, RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 or [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## **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.

*New Missions Conference Event This Year*

Don't miss the conference Opening Session with Kevin DeYoung on Saturday, February 21, in the evening. Dr. DeYoung will share a message calling God's people to consider how they might participate in His mission around the world. All are invited to celebrate the beginning of this year's conference and to think deeply about how we might participate in advancing God's kingdom.

## **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).

**Jonas & Patricia Stava** – Jonas serves with MTW as a church planter in Stange, Norway. Email: [pattielee@icloud.com](mailto:pattielee@icloud.com)

**Devon & Taylor Rossman** – Devon serves as a church planter in Mount Pleasant, MI. Email: [devon@fellowshipmp.org](mailto:devon@fellowshipmp.org)

**Jackson Leadership Foundation** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, JLF is a Christ-centered ministry seeking spiritual, social, and economic transformation in Jackson's under-resourced communities through the empowerment of leaders, development of ministries, and networking of volunteers and donors.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of James L. Moore, on his birthday week, by his three sons and their wives.

## CATECHISM RECOGNITION

*“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, Lucy Lowry will receive her Bible for recitation of the *Children’s Catechism*, which consists of 150 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.

## CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS — BEGINNING FEBRUARY 3

Join us on Tuesday mornings, February 3-March 3, for a time for creativity and fellowship as we handcraft Christmas ornaments for our missionaries. No crafting experience is needed! We meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Westminster Hall 302. A nursery is available upon request. For more information, contact Sarah Prewitt at 601-954-3219 or [ssprewitt99@gmail.com](mailto:ssprewitt99@gmail.com).

## GRIEFSHARE — BEGINNING FEBRUARY 4

GriefShare is a ministry of support and encouragement for those grieving the death of a loved one. Using the Bible and the shared experience of others, participants will discover how to navigate the profound difficulties of bereavement. Our next 13-week GriefShare course will begin Wednesday, February 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. To register, please contact Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 or [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## STAND 2026 — FEBRUARY 6

### *Building Up Mid-South Men in the Gospel*

This Friday, February 6 is our annual conference for men in the Mid-South 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](http://fpcj.ms/stand-2026) to help us plan for the dinner.

## YOUNG ADULTS GIRLS BRUNCH — FEBRUARY 7

Young Adults girls, you’re invited to Saturday morning brunch with the Young Adults Ministry, February 7, at 10 a.m., at the Russ home. Come and join us as we hear personal testimonies from Cassie Graves & Ella Payne.

## FPCYM MOTHER DAUGHTER BRUNCH — FEBRUARY 7

7th-12th grade moms and daughters are invited to join us for a morning of good food, fellowship, and worship, Saturday, February 7, at 9:30 a.m. in Hutton Chapel.

## TWIN LAKES SUMMER CAMP — REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The Aerial Adventure and Rock wall aren’t just about climbing higher; they’re about stretching, growing, and challenging yourself. Campers learn perseverance, teamwork, and how to trust God when things feel uncertain or overwhelming. These moments foster confidence that lasts long after summer ends. Don’t miss your chance to be part of a summer that shapes hearts. Register at [www.twinlakescamp.org](http://www.twinlakescamp.org).

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, February 1, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Elder Election	Sanctuary
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 Henson Home (4 Pond Side Dr.)

## Tuesday, February 3, 2026

9:30 a.m.	Crafts for Missions	WH 302
9:30 a.m.	Quilters	Bookstore
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
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

## Wednesday, February 4, 2026

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
5:30 p.m.	Families Count	WH 202
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MS
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	Philippians: Side by Side	MH
	The Christian Household	PH
	D Groups	Various Locations
	Evangelism Training	WH 304
	Membership Class	WH 204
	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	Session Room
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, February 5, 2026

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

## Friday, February 6, 2026

5:15-8:30 p.m.	Stand: Building Up Mid-South Men in the Gospel	Sanctuary
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## Saturday, February 7, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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## Sunday, February 8, 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
4:45 p.m.	Communicant Class	MH
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 McPhillips Home (1217 Pinehurst Pl)