

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-fifth Day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Six

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon  
Minister of Missions

The Reverend Mr. Stephen A. Biggs  
Minister of Students and Families

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Little Prelude" ..... B. Breland  
Mrs. Susan Lawler, harp

The Introit — "Praise Ye the Lord" ..... John Ness Beck  
For His name alone is excellent,  
His glory is above the earth and heaven,  
Praise ye the Lord!

The Call to Worship — Psalm 145:10-13

The Hymn No. 101 (stz. 1-3) — "Come, Thou Almighty King"

The Invocation

The Doxology No. 101 (stz. 4) — "Come, Thou Almighty King"  
To the great One in Three  
eternal praises be,  
hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession..... *The Book of Common Prayer* (1552)  
Modernized Version

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 558 — "That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God" (from Psalm 1)

The Scripture Reading — Ezra 4:17-24 .....pew Bible page 391

## The Pastoral Prayer

## The Offering

**The Offertory** — “My Song Is Love Unknown” .....Edwin T. Childs

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew His way and His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then “Crucify” is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, and gave the blind their sight.  
What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing of Him my soul adores.  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Yours!  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.  
My song is love.

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

### The Prayer of Illumination

**The Scripture Reading** — Matthew 6:9-13 .....pew Bible page 811

**The Sermon** — Thy Kingdom Come .....Mr. Peipon

**The Hymn No. 297 (stz. 1-5)** — “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

### The Benediction

### The Congregational Response

**O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall,  
we at his feet may fall!  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him, and crown him Lord of all!**

**The Postlude** — “Fanfare” .....Jacques Lemmens

## 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

## GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

### *Why do we have a prayer of confession?*

The Christian is one who has been given truth to confess. The heart of our confession is the good news that God has come in the flesh to redeem helpless sinners from our natural state of sin and misery. But it is the bad news of our natural sin and misery that makes the good news intelligible. This is why it is necessary and truly beneficial that we, as God's people, corporately confess our sins in worship. Corporate confession is one way that we reorient ourselves to the shocking reality of the kindness, mercy, and inestimable love of God—"for even while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Our confession of sin also reminds us that we are ever dependent on His grace, because, in this life, we are ever struggling with the darkness of our own sinful hearts. The Bible is crystal clear that even though we've been justified by the blood of Christ, as long as we are on this earthly pilgrimage, we will always be at war with our sin (Col. 3:5). When we confess our sins together, we stop hiding, and we allow the light of God's grace to expose our deeds. And it is in this act of confession that His mercy renews us, fixes our eyes once again upon Christ, and cleanses our consciences to serve the Lord with gladness, joy, and hope—hope that even we can be made clean by the precious blood of Christ!

## 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 Prelude — “Pastorale on a Theme by Mendelssohn” .....Dr. John Howard

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 40:3-5

The Hymn No. 170 (stz. 1-3) — “Fairest Lord Jesus”

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 170 (stz. 4) — “Fairest Lord Jesus”

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.**

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 — “I Run to Christ” ..... hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Hall Bailey, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ..... Dr. Sarah Waters, harp  
Mr. Thorburn McGee, viola

\*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 (stz. 1 & 2) — “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”...hymn sheet

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

**Unto the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ He lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.  
O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.**

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

## MIDWEEK THIRD QUARTER — BEGINS THIS WEEK

On Wednesday evenings, we gather between Sundays for a shared meal, teaching, and fellowship. Our third quarter electives begin this Wednesday, January 28. If you are new to Midweek or have been out for a while, now is the perfect time to jump back in. Join us for dinner in Miller Hall (5-6 p.m.) and programs for all ages at 6 p.m.

- **Philippians: Side by Side**  
Led by Dr. Chris Stevens, RTS
- **The Christian Household**  
Led by Wiley and Molly Lowry
- **D Groups**
- **Evangelism Training**
- **Membership Class**
- **Prayer Meeting & Bible Study**
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal**
- **College Midweek Book Club**
- **Student Ministry D Groups**
- **Rise: Sixth Grade Fellowship**
- **Children's Choirs**
- **Nursery**

For the semester schedule, detailed descriptions or each program, and contact information, please visit [fpcj.ms/midweek](http://fpcj.ms/midweek).

## 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](http://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.

### *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).

**Gethin & Katie Jones** – Gethin serves with UFM Worldwide in Lille, France as a church planter. Email: [Gethin.a.jones@gmail.com](mailto:Gethin.a.jones@gmail.com)

**Tim & Lana Higginbotham** – Tim serves as the Operations Director of North American Indigenous Ministries (NAIM) overseeing field directors and ministries. Email: [higginbotham@naim.ca](mailto:higginbotham@naim.ca)

**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

## FLOWERS

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

## COLLEGE LUNCH — TODAY

College students are invited to a free lunch today at the Felker home (4159 Navajo Rd.) following the 11 a.m. service. Contact Peyton for more information or if you need a ride at 205-613-1059.

## COMMUNICANT CLASS — BEGINNING TODAY

Parents of middle school students, our Communicant Class begins Sunday, January 25, at 4:45 p.m. in Miller Hall, with a fellowship meal following. The class is for sixth-eighth grade students who are interested in learning more about church membership and the Christian faith. If your child plans to attend and you have not registered, please contact Kimberly Wilkins at [kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org) or 601-353-8316.

## 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](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, 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](http://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](http://fpcj.ms/elder-election). 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.

### *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

## 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).

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, January 25, 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
12:00 p.m.	College Lunch	The Felker Home (4159 Navajo Rd.)
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
4:45 p.m.	Communicant Class & Fellowship Meal	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 Ketchum Home (1073 Manship St.)

## Monday, January 26, 2026

6:30 p.m.	Bound Together Book Club	WH 202
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## Tuesday, January 27, 2026

9:30 a.m.	Sew & Sow	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
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

## Wednesday, January 28, 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, January 29, 2026

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

## Saturday, January 31, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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## 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
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