

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth 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. Stephen A. Biggs
Minister of Students and Families

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — “Jesus, Strong and Kind” James Koerts
First – Fifth Grade and Adult Choirs

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.
Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.
And he showed me on the cross. He will come to me.

The Call to Worship — John 4:23-24

The Hymn No. 30 — “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (from Psalm 90)

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.**

WELCOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Public Profession of Faith (8:30 a.m.)

The Biblical Basis
The Introduction of New Members
The Questions of Membership
The Prayer
The Declaration
The Blessing

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “All Things New” Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss, strength after weakness, crown after cross;
sweet after bitter, hope after fears, home after wand’ring, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, He is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear, He is making all things new.

Sight after myst’ry, oh sun after rain, joy after sorrow, peace after pain,
Near after distant, oh gleam after gloom, oh love after loneliness, life after tomb.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 2 Timothy 1:1-7 pew Bible page 995

The Sermon — Keep the Faith: How Gospel Servants Are Made Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 460 (stz. 1-5) — “Amazing Grace!”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun.**

The Postlude — “My Heart Ever Faithful” J. S. Bach
Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, piano

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 INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were welcomed into our fellowship on January 22, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Owen Bernard
Creed and Olivia Franklin
Margaret White

JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is March 29. New member forms can be found online at fpcj.ms/membership or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by March 18. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Executive Minister

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, piano
Mr. Tim Sanduleac, flute

The Call to Worship — Hebrews 13:13-16

The Hymn No. 53 — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

The Invocation

The Greetings

The Offering

*The Offertory — “Rock of Ages” Bill Wymond
Student Choir

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly, wash me, Savior or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Hebrews 13:7-19 pew Bible page 1009

The Sermon — What We Owe Our Leaders Dr. Strain

The Order of Ordination and Installation

The Questions to the Candidates Mr. Harper Keeler

The Question to the Congregation..... Mr. Harper Keeler

The Charge Mr. Richard Ridgway

The Laying on of Hands and the Prayer Rev. David Felker

The Declaration of Ordination and Installation.....Mr. Marcy Forester

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor”..... hymn sheet

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Christ, the sure and steady anchor, as we face the waves of death.
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath,
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure.
And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.**

*Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor - it shall never be removed.*

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.

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Tonight we have the solemn and joyful privilege to ordain and install new elders, ministers of mercy to the work service.

TO THE CANDIDATES

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the Catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a ruling elder, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church, entitles him?

NEWLY ELECTED ELDERS

Charles Barbour
Beau Burrow
Bill Crim
Paul Forster
Dallis Ketchum

Nathan Oakley
Malcolm Saxon
Ernie Strahan
Matthew Turnage
Frank York

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are from the wedding of Anna Shepard and Andrew Mangum and are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the bride and groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Dallas, Reverend Robert Greaves, Mr. Billy Ray Mangum, and Mr. and Mrs. David Edwin Cook.

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. For more information and to register, visit fpcj.ms/missions-conference.

New Missions Conference Event This Year

Don't miss the conference Opening Session with Kevin DeYoung on Saturday, February 21, 5-6:15 p.m. 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.

Conference Schedule

Sat., Feb. 21 — Opening Session
5-6:15 p.m. with Kevin DeYoung
Nursery available for age 3 and younger.

Sun., Feb. 22 — Lord's Day Worship
8:30 & 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. with Kevin DeYoung

Tue., Feb. 24 — Weekday Prayer Meeting
12 p.m. Bring your own lunch

Wed., Feb. 25 — Missions Midweek
5 p.m. Dinner
6 p.m. Missions Midweek

Thur., Feb. 26 (registration required)
Women's Missions Events (11:30 or 6)
Men's Missions Event (6 p.m.)
Children's Missions Event (6 p.m.)

Fri., Feb. 27
Senior Adults Coffee (9 a.m.)
Sunday School Dinners

Sun., Mar. 1 — Lord's Day Worship
8:30, 11 a.m., and 5 p.m. with Jonathan
Joint Sunday Schools (9:45 a.m.)
Dinner on the Grounds (6 p.m.)

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year-end contribution statements were sent by email on February 2. If you did not receive yours, please update your email address in ShelbyNext and then contact the Business Office to request a copy.

RACE TWIN LAKES — MARCH 21

There's something refreshing about being outdoors, moving, and enjoying God's creation. Race Twin Lakes 5K & Fun Run is a great way to spend a morning: community, fresh air, and a beautiful setting. We'd love to see you there! Register at fpcj.ms/race-twin-lakes.

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.

Alex & Eska – Alex, serving with MTW Asian Crescent, is leading a church-planting team in Southeast Asia.

James & Missy Ritchey – James serves as a church planter at River City Reformed in Little Rock, Arkansas. Email: jamesritchey28@gmail.com

Mission First – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Mission First is an inner-city mission organization that seeks to meet the tangible needs of individuals as an avenue to engage their paramount spiritual needs. Email: lthigpen@missionfirst.org

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 15, 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 (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Ketchum Home (1073 Manship St.)

Monday, February 16, 2026

all day Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series	MH
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 18, 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 19, 2026

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

Saturday, February 21, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
5:00 p.m.	Missions Conference Opening Session	Sanctuary

Sunday, February 22, 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
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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 Dale Home (1582 Hwy 51)