

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth 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 Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor
Minister of Discipleship

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "How Great Thou Art" Schmidt, Beek, and Nelson
Mrs. Nancy Bateman, cello

The Introit — "Praise to the Lord" Melius Christiansen
Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly for aye we adore Him.

The Call to Worship — Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, He is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; Bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
And His faithfulness to all generations.

The Hymn No. 38 — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

The Invocation

The Doxology — "Gloria Patri" tune: *Greaterex*
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 Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 73 — "Rejoice, All People, Homage Give" (from Psalm 47)

The Scripture Reading — Ezra 5:1-5.....pew Bible page 392

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “O Love, How Deep” Titcomb

Mr. Tim Sanduleac, Director

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
For us He prayed, for us He taught, for us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not Himself, but us.
All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore for ever and forever more. Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 Timothy 6:11-21pew Bible page 993

The Sermon..... Dr. Strain

Life in the Household of God: Flee, Fight, and a Good Foundation

The Hymn No. 576 (stz. 1-4) — “Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Blest Savior, introduced by You, have I my race begun;
and, crowned with vict’ry, at Your feet I’ll lay my honors down,
I’ll lay my honors down.**

The Postlude — “Carillon De Westminster”Louis Vierne

Dr. Levi Henkel, 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.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

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

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

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — “O God beyond All Praising”Mr. George Herndon, piano

The Call to Worship — Colossians 1:13-18

The Hymn — “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn — “We Will Feast” hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Missions ReportMr. Josh Hollingsworth, Moldova Mission Trip

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Reid Cotten, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Siciliano” Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, organ

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

Q146. What is hell? **A. Hell is an awful place, where unbelievers are separated from God to suffer for their sins.**

The Meditation & Prayer.... Rev. Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

The Hymn No. 591 (stz. 1-4) — “Jesus Calls Us”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 1:14-34.....pew Bible page 836

The Sermon — With Authority!?!..... Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call,
give our hearts to Thine obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.**

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.



A House for all Nations

FEB 21 – MAR 1
2026 GLOBAL
MISSIONS CONFERENCE

New Event!

SAT
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FEB

OPENING SESSION

5-6:15 p.m. Sanctuary
with Kevin DeYoung

Nursery available

SUN
22
FEB

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

8:30 & 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
with Kevin DeYoung

Nursery available

WED
25
FEB

MISSIONS MIDWEEK

5 p.m. Dinner with Missions Guests in Miller Hall
6 p.m. Missions Midweek Session in Miller Hall
6 p.m. Children's Missions Time in Regular Locations

Nursery available

THUR
26
FEB

WOMEN'S MISSIONS EVENTS

two options to choose from:

11:30 a.m. Lunch in Miller Hall
6 p.m. Dinner in Patterson Hall

*Registration
Required*

MEN'S MISSIONS EVENT

6 p.m. Dinner in Miller Hall

FRI
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FEB

SENIOR ADULTS COFFEE & CONVERSATION

9 a.m. Coffee with missionary guests in Patterson Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL DINNERS

Contact your class president for more information.

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LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m. with Jonathan (MTW)

Nursery available

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS FROM GUESTS

9:45 a.m. in the following locations

GYM

College
Light House
Lost & Found
Young Adults

MILLER HALL

Covenant
Lamplighters
Life Learners
Pilgrims
Young Seekers

LOWE HALL

Cornerstone
Providence
Salt & Light
Stewards
First Ladies

YOUTH HOUSE

7th-12th grade

REGULAR LOCATIONS

Children
Special Friends

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS

6 p.m. in the Baird Center Gym

FPC THIS WEEK

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
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	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 Herndon Home (4016 Hawthorne Drive)

Monday, February 9, 2026

Various	Women's Ministry Circles Meet This Week.....	see announcements
10:30 a.m.	Caregiver's Support Group.....	WH 202B
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting.....	PH
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting.....	MS

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Various	Women's Ministry Circles Meet This Week.....	see announcements
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
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class.....	PH

Wednesday, February 11, 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 12, 2026

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

Friday, February 13, 2026

11:30 a.m.	Senior Adults Luncheon	PH
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Saturday, February 14, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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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.....	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Ketchum Home (1073 Manship St.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 will begin with lunch, followed by a short message. For more information and to RSVP, contact Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 or emilye@fpcjackson.org.

ELDER ORDINATION — FEBRUARY 15

On Sunday, February 15, in the evening worship service, we will ordain and install our newly elected elders. We rejoice in the kind provision of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and head of His church, who has raised up these new leaders and shepherds in answer to our prayers.

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 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.

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.

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. FPC families are invited to a priority registration through February 12 for Family Camp (to be held July 22-25). Register at www.twinlakescamp.org.

BOOKSTORE SALE — WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

The First Presbyterian Church Bookstore is hosting a clearance sale with deeply reduced prices. Many titles are half off or more, with \$1, \$3, and \$5 books available while supplies last. Our bookstore exists to provide convenient access to carefully selected resources that support Christian education and spiritual growth. You'll find a wide range of adult and children's books, including devotionals, Bibles, Bible studies, and books on Christian living. Bookstore Hours: Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Wednesdays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

PRAY FOR SUPPORTED MINISTRY PARTNERS

For detailed prayer requests and contact information for our supported missionaries and ministry partners, please contact Jo Lynn at jollynnm@fpcjackson.org.

Jon & Tanya C – Jon serves with MTW Europe as a church planter.

Olivia Bedenbaugh – Olivia serves with RUF as campus staff at Belhaven University. Email: olivia.bedenbaugh@ruf.org.

Little Light House – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, LLH is a tuition-free developmental center that for over three decades has been making a difference in the lives of hundred of children with special needs.

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COLLEGE LUNCH — TODAY

College students are invited to a free lunch today at the Felker home (4159 Navajo Rd.). Join us for worship at 11 a.m., and lunch will follow. Contact Peyton for more information or if you need a ride at 205-613-1059.

MISSION REPORT — TONIGHT

In the evening worship service tonight, Josh Hollingsworth will give a report on the mission trip to Moldova and how God is at work there.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Joseph Purvis — January 26, 2026

Mrs. Glenda Cox — January 28, 2026

CAREGIVERS MINISTRY — FEBRUARY 9

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet Monday, February 9, 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.

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, February 9

Circle 3 9:30 Westminster Hall 204
Circle 8 9:30 The Orchard
Circle 2 10:00 Holly Buchanan's Home
Circle 4 10:00 Parlor
Circle 5 10:00 Bebe Sumner's Home
Circle 14 12:00 Miller Hall
Circle 6 6:30 Rhonda Baird's Home

Tuesday, February 10

Circle 7 10:00 Sara Whelan Morgan's Home
Circle 9 10:00 Parlor
Circle 12 10:30 St. Catherine's

MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES — BEGINS FEBRUARY 10

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, at 6:30 a.m. come wrestle with a God whose love disciplines, pursues, and brings rebellious sons home. Register online at 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.

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.