

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

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

ADORING THE COVENANT LORD

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — “Prelude on *Lauda Anima*”Aaron Patterson
Mr. Aaron Patterson, organ

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

The Call to Worship — Ephesians 5:18b-21

The Hymn No. 76 — “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (from Psalm 103)

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 heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

RECEIVING THE COVENANT SIGN

The Sacrament of Baptism (11 a.m.)

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 Pastoral Prayer (8:30 a.m.)

The Hymn No. 413 — “Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer”

The Offering

The Offertory — “Ubi Caritas” Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

HEARING THE COVENANT WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

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

The Sermon — **Keep the Faith: Soldier, Athlete, Farmer**Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 571 (stz. 1-3) — “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song:
to him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.**

The Postlude — “Improvisation”Aaron Patterson

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 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

Henry Byrd Brown
son of Turner and Katie Brown

Whit Gregory Carpenter
son of Kyle and Christa Carpenter

Townes Miller Kirkland
daughter of Craig Howard and Haleigh Kirkland

Rollins Watson Kirkland
daughter of Craig Howard and Haleigh Kirkland

Louise Elizabeth Rhett
daughter of Johnson and Anna Rhett

The next baptism date is May 17.
Spaces are available for both services.
Please email emilye@fpcjackson.org to reserve a place.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

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

The Greetings and Announcements

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

The Call to Worship — Psalm 130:2-4

The Hymn — “I Run to Christ” (hymn sheet)

The Invocation

The Greetings

The Offering

The Offertory — “Let Us Break Bread Together” Mr. Daniel Kim, baritone
Dr. Levi Henkel, piano

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 2:1-17 pew Bible page 837

The Sermon — Come, Ye Sinners Mr. Lowry

The Hymn — “Behold the Lamb” (hymn sheet)

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. 501 (stz. 1-5) — “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

The Postlude

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
9:45 a.m.	Membership Class	MB 123
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	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Davis Home (4780 W Cheryl Dr.)

Monday, March 16, 2026

Various	Women's Ministry Circles	See Announcements
5:30 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting	PH

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Various	Women's Ministry Circles	See Announcements
6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Series	MH
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
6:00 p.m.	MOMS at Night Bible Study	MS
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
9:00 a.m.	We Will Go Women's Bible and Prayer Time	We Will Go
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
5:30 p.m.	Hope Exchange	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, March 19, 2026

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

Saturday, March 21, 2026

7:00 a.m.	Race Twin Lakes	Twin Lakes
7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
9:45 a.m.	Membership Class	MB 123
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for 3 and 4 year olds	M135
3:30-5:00 p.m.	Communicant/Pastor Interviews	Welcome Center
4:30 p.m.	Student Choir Rehearsal	MS
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 Forster Home (4616 E Cheryl Dr.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING DINNER — MARCH 24

Loving the Local Church: Committed in the Age of Me

Women, join us Tuesday, March 24, 6-8 p.m., in Miller Hall for our spring dinner gathering. We will hear from Rupert Hunt Taylor, Minister of Discipleship, on the Bible's vision for the local church in our increasingly individualistic age. Please register online at fpcj.ms/events to help us plan for the dinner. The cost is \$10 and will be taken at the door. A nursery is available by request at registration.

BOUND TOGETHER BOOK CLUB — MARCH 30

Living in Fellowship

Our next book club invites us to consider how the gospel shapes our fellowship as the body of Christ. The featured book for this installment is *A Place to Belong: Loving the Local Church* by Megan Hill, though the full recommended reading list is available at fpcj.ms/household. Each meeting is independent, so all are welcome even if you missed previous book clubs. Join us Monday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m., led by Tricia and Alan Walters and Allison and Brad Jeffries. Desserts and coffee provided; nursery available upon request. Register online at fpcj.ms/events.

GATEWAY CHAPEL — MARCH 31

FPC will lead Gateway's evening chapel service on Tuesday, March 31. All are invited to join us in celebrating our King with men in Gateway's New Life program! Please come at 3:45 p.m. if you'd like to help serve the meal. Chapel will begin at 5:15 p.m. and will include a message and singing with all being finished by 6 p.m. or before.

JUNIOR HIGH SPRING RETREAT — APRIL 10-12

Sixth-Eighth graders are invited to join us for the Junior High Spring Retreat 2026, April 10-12, at Twin Lakes Camp. The early bird deadline is March 12. Register online at fpcj.ms/spring-retreat.

RYM — SUMMER 2026

This summer, our church will send junior high students (June 22-26) and senior high students (June 29-July 3) to Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM), a national youth conference where the gospel is taught, friendships are deepened, and Mega Rec abounds. To register, visit fpcj.ms/events.

WE'RE HIRING!

First Presbyterian Church seeks an experienced Staff Accountant to serve the church, First Presbyterian Day School, and Twin Lakes. The Staff Accountant executes the day-to-day accounting operations for FPC, FPDS, and TL. This full-time role maintains the general ledger, executes the monthly close process, performs reconciliations, and prepares internal financial reports to ensure reliable and timely financial data. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please apply online at fpcj.ms/employment.

PRAY FOR SUPPORTED MINISTRY PARTNERS

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

O-Chan & Asami Odate – O-Chan serves in Japan as a pastor and church planter. Email: praisingguitarist@gmail.com.

Austin & Alex McCann – Austin serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi State University. Email: austin.mccann@ruf.org

Gateway Rescue Mission – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Gateway offers life-changing hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ to homeless men, women, and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling, and discipleship. Email: mlott@gatewaymission.org; Phone: 601-353-5864, ext. 207

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Abigail Conroy and Andrew May, and in loving memory of the bride and groom's grandparents Lloyd and Geraldine May, Joann Conroy, and Jean Champness.

EVENING COMMUNION — TONIGHT

Communion will be observed in the evening worship service tonight. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard. Parents, there will be no children's programs tonight to allow those serving in children's ministry to participate fully in this means of grace and to give our children the opportunity to be present and observe this meaningful act of worship.

EASTER WEEKEND

Join us at FPC this Easter to worship our Risen Lord! If you are visiting or new to our church, please stop by the Welcome Center for light refreshments and a meet & greet at 9:45 a.m. on Easter. Nursery is available for children age three and younger. Children's Churchtime is during the 11 a.m. service and is for children ages three and four.

- Good Friday Worship Service — April 3, 6 p.m.
- Easter Morning Worship Services — April 5, 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School to be held at 9:45 a.m.
- Easter Evening Worship Service — April 5, 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLES — MEETING NEXT TWO WEEKS

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, March 16

Tuesday, March 17

Circle 14 12:00 Miller Hall

Circle 7 10:00 Joy Cannada's Home

Circle 6 6:30 Rhonda Baird's Home

COLLEGE SPRING FLING — MARCH 21

College Students, join us for a Spring Fling, Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., in the Gym. We will have free food, sports, games, and fun! Come for a cookout at 11:30 a.m. plus basketball, volleyball, spikeball, and dodgeball. Don't like sports? Come and just hang out! We'll have a Mario Kart Tournament and board games available! All college students are welcome. You don't need to be a part of the FPC College ministry to come and enjoy.

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.

SENIOR ADULTS SERVE DAY — MARCH 23

Senior Adults, join us on Monday, March 23, anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. as we partner with the PEARSON Foundation to serve children and families in disadvantaged communities in Central Mississippi. Together, we will assist with their community garden pilot project. We will also prepare packets for the Foundation's summer reading program, part of its Learning Institute, which provides tutoring and mentoring opportunities designed to strengthen students academically and personally. Come for an hour or stay for the morning as we participate in this tangible opportunity to reflect the hope of the gospel.