

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twelfth Day of April, 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 — “Improvisation on *Llanfair*”

Mr. Aaron Patterson, organ

The Introit — “He Is Risen” Walter Pelz

He is risen. Christ is risen, all glory to His name.
All glory to His name. Alleluia.
He lives!

The Call to Worship — Psalm 145:10-13

The Hymn No. 115 (stz. 1-4) — “All Creatures of Our God and King”
(based on Psalm 148)

The Invocation

The Doxology (stz. 5) — “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Corporate Prayer of Confession.... Richard Baxter (modernized language)

O most great, most just and gracious God;
You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity;
And yet You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ
to all that repent and believe in Him.
We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.
We have neglected and abused Your holy worship.
We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors.
We have not sought first Your kingdom.
You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ
and offered us pardon and salvation in Him;
but we have turned away.
We have run into temptation;
and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!
In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope.
Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of your Son,
and in the end receive us into Your glory,
through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 283 — “Alleluia! Alleluia!”

The Scripture Reading — Ezra 8:1-14pew Bible page 394

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “O for a Thousand Tongues”Eric Nelson

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

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 286 (stz. 1-4) — “Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;
sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!**

The Postlude — “Improvisation”

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 connect with the life of our church.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Mr. Timothy P. O. Tumutod
IT/AV Intern

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — “Jesus Paid It All”

The Fours and Fives Children's Choir
Mrs. Molly Blanton, director; Mrs. Amanda Hohm, accompanist

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 55:3, 6

The Hymn No. 57 — “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “The Power of the Cross” hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. Arthur Davis, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

The Third–Fifth Grade Children’s Choir
Mr. John Laws, director; Miss Jennie Statom, accompanist

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

Q9. What is God? **A. God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.**

Q10. Where is God? **A. God is everywhere.**

The Meditation & PrayerMr. Jennings Duncan, Discipleship Intern

The Hymn No. 307 (stz. 1-4) — “Nothing But the Blood”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 4:1-34.....pew Bible page 839

The Sermon — Hear, That Your Soul May LiveMr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Now by this I'll overcome —
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
now by this I'll reach my home —
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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 CHURCH STAFF

THE MINISTERS

David T. A. Strain
Senior Minister
David Felker
Executive Minister
Stephen Biggs
Minister of Students & Families
Billy Dempsey
Minister of Congregational Care
Rupert Hunt Taylor
Minister of Discipleship

Wiley Lowry
Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care
Scott Miller
Minister of Young Adults and College
Jamie Peipon
Minister of Missions
Gary Sinclair
Assistant Pastor and FPDS Chaplain
Charlie Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

THE MINISTRY & SUPPORT STAFF

Alan Walters
Executive Director
Mary Ball
Communications Department
Boopie Beard
Bookstore
Elizabeth Bush
Hostess
Harold Clardy
Maintenance
Haley Cushing
Accounting and Human Resources Director
Rebekah Dawson
Human Resources Manager
Chris Dill
Head of Security
Emily Eastman
Administrative Assistant for Congregational Care, Pastoral Care, Shepherding, and Students & Families Ministry
Barbara Eichelberger
Business Office Administrative Assistant
McKenzie Garrard
Senior Minister's Executive Assistant
Rodney Gillis
Director of Facilities
Maclain Gleason
Students & Families Ministry Assistant

Debbie Goelz
Executive Minister's and Discipleship Administrative Assistant
Mikayala Hallbach
Children's Ministry Assistant
Levi Henkel
Music Director
Mary Helen Herndon
Students and Families Ministry Assistant
Erin Johnson
Assistant Chef
Nicki Kilby
Receptionist/Security Officer
Terra Massey
Staff Accountant
Jo Lynn Mayfield
Missions Coordinator
Carol Anne Miconi
Director of Local Outreach
Margaret McPhillips
Communications Director
Deborah Oakley
Women's Ministry Director
Tina Oates
Nursery Director
Rose Ohnstad
Young Adults Female Coordinator

Lisa Oswalt
Women and Children Administrative Assistant
Aaron Patterson
Organist/Music Assistant
Ella Payne
Women's Discipleship Coordinator
Mark Phillips
Sanctuary Sound Technician
Trey Porter
TV Ministry Producer
Jenny Sanders
Creative Director
Kenneth Smith
TV Ministry Assistant
Ruth Smith
Wedding Coordinator
Kimberly Sumrall
Children's Choirs Coordinator
Tian Teh
TV Ministry Assistant
Victoria Thomas
Assistant Chef
Annie Watkins
Students & Families Ministry Assistant
Kimberly Wilkins
Children's Director
Chase Wynn
Director of Giving and Stewardship

THE INTERNS, FELLOWS, & RESIDENTS

Tucker Alexander
Congregational Care Resident
Stephen Christenbury
Young Adults Intern
Jennings Duncan
Discipleship Intern
Peyton Gunter
College Ministry Intern
Owen Hallbach
Missions Fellow

George Herndon
Senior Minister's Intern
Eliot Jones
Students & Families Intern
Tim Sanduleac
Worship Intern
Tim Tumutod
IT/AV Intern

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 12, 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 (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the Yerger Home (221 Rolling Meadow Rd)

Monday, April 13, 2026

Various	Women's Ministry Circles Meet This Week....	See Announcements
10:30 a.m.	Caregiver's Support Group.....	MH 203

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Various	Women's Ministry Circles Meet This Week....	See Announcements
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 Spring Dinner	MH
6:45 p.m.	Internationals Class.....	PH

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Spring Brunch	MH
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime.....	Playground
5:50 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	MS
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	Ordinary Agents.....	PH
	Engaged & Newlywed Class	WH 202
	D Groups.....	Various Locations
	Evangelism Training	WH 304
	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, April 16, 2026

7:00 p.m.	Aaron Patterson Debut Organ Recital	Sanctuary
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Friday, April 17, 2026

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Senior Adults Day Trip	Pinehurst Parking Lot
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Saturday, April 18, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
All Day	Young Adults Retreat	Twin Lakes

Sunday, April 19, 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
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 Smith Home (2660 Lake Cir.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATING SENIOR DINNER — APRIL 20

Graduating high school seniors and their parents are invited to our annual Senior Dinner Monday, April 20, at 6 p.m. in Miller Hall. Please RSVP to Emily Eastman at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org by April 13 to help us plan.

CHOIR AND ORGAN FESTIVAL — APRIL 25

Our adult choir will participate in the American Guild of Organists' Choir and Organ Festival on April 25, to be held here at FPC, and we are inviting all singers to join us! The program of classic sacred anthems and congregational hymns will feature 12 local conductors and organists. If you are interested in singing, please contact Levi at levih@fpcjackson.org for more information. The 5 p.m. concert is free and open to the public.

EVENING WORSHIP AT TWIN LAKES — APRIL 26

On April 26, the evening worship service will be held at Twin Lakes at 5 p.m. The gates will open at 2:30 p.m., and attendees are invited to arrive early for a time of fellowship and to enjoy the grounds. Dinner will follow the service; participants may register for a boxed meal by visiting fpcj.ms/evening-worship or bring their own picnic. Those who prefer not to drive may sign up for transportation at the same link.

SIXTH GRADE WELCOME TO FPCYM — APRIL 30

Parents of Sixth Graders, we can't wait to welcome your children to student ministry at FPC! Join FPCYM for dinner and games on April 30 at 5:30. Come hang out and meet our staff! We're also excited to have sixth grade join us in the Youth House for Sunday School on May 3, and at Midweek on Wednesday, May 6.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 1-5

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School 2026. This year at VBS our students are discovering how to be **A Part of God's Royal Family** (Romans 8:16-17). Our website fpcj.ms/vbs is the one stop shop for all things VBS. Register your children; sign up a teenager as a teen helper; or volunteer as an adult!

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.

TWIN LAKES CAMP — SUMMER 2026

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.

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.

Andy & Cara Ritson – Andy serves with the IPC UK presbytery as a church planter at Eden Church Carlisle in England. Email: andy@edenchurch.org.uk

Mark & Stephanie Horn – Mark serves as a church planter at Hope Presbyterian Church in Ocean Springs. Email: masthorn@icloud.com

Young Life of Jackson – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Young Life seeks to share the gospel, lead adolescents to Christ, and help them grow in their faith. Vince Gordon, Inner-City: vgordonyl@comcast.net; Elizabeth Nenon, Private School: efnenon@gmail.com

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jan Gore Mounger by her sons and grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Jan Gore Mounger — April 3, 2026

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SINGING IN EVENING WORSHIP — TONIGHT

Our Fours and Fives and Third-Fifth Grade Choirs will sing in the Evening Worship Service tonight. Parents, please have your child in the sanctuary no later than 5:20 p.m. in Sunday morning attire. With questions contact Kimberly Sumrall at 601-937-4111 or KSumrall86@gmail.com.

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, April 13

Circle 3 9:30 Westminster Hall 204

Circle 8 9:30 The Orchard

Circle 2 10:00 Karan York's Home

Circle 4 10:00 Parlor

Circle 5 10:00 Shirley Windham's Home

Circle 14 12:00 Miller Hall

Circle 6 6:30 Rhonda Baird's Home

Tuesday, April 14

Circle 7 10:00 Kathryn Cotten's Home

Circle 9 10:00 Parlor

Circle 12 10:30 St. Catherine's

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP — APRIL 13

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet Monday, April 13, 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.

MOMS & MOMS AT NIGHT YEAR-END EVENTS — APRIL 14 & 15

MOMS at Night & MOMS Bible Study will each have a special gathering to close out our Bible studies for the year. We are pleased to welcome Parker Ellison, Ruling Elder at FPC and practicing pediatrician, as our speaker for MOMS, and Deborah Oakley, our own Women's Ministry Director, as our speaker for MOMS at Night.

DEBUT ORGAN RECITAL — APRIL 16

You are cordially invited for the debut recital of Aaron Patterson, organist, Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. The recital will feature works from Bach, Kreisler, and Vierne. Aaron, who recently joined the staff at FPC as organist, holds organ performance degrees from the Juilliard School and Curtis Institute of Music.

SENIOR ADULTS DAY TRIP — APRIL 17

Senior Adults, join us on a tour of Mississippi's Presbyterian history with David Irving on Friday, April 17. We will depart from the church campus at 8 a.m. and arrive back by 4:30 p.m. Along the way we will enjoy a delicious lunch at Fat Mama's Tamales in Natchez. The cost for the trip is \$30, in addition to the cost of lunch. To register for the event, please email Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org or call 769-572-3535.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT — APRIL 18-19

Young Adults, we're heading back to Twin Lakes for a weekend to rest and refocus with teaching from Jermaine Van Buren, April 18-19. Register online at fpcj.ms/events.