

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker  
Executive Minister

## DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — “Sans Paroles” ..... Jean Conte  
Emily Williams, violin

The Introit — “Easter Acclamations!” ..... William Wymond  
Christ is risen from the dead! He is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

The Call to Worship — Psalm 117

The Hymn No. 100 (stz. 1-3) — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology 100 (stz. 4) — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”  
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Public Profession of Faith

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

The Offering

The Offertory — “I Was Glad” ..... Hubert Parry  
I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself.  
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace, peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

# HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 2 Timothy 2:20-26.....pew Bible page 996

The Sermon — Keep the Faith: A Vessel For Honorable Use..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 585 (stz. 1-5) — “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.**

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 connect with the life of our 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 March 29, and are being presented to the congregation during the morning worship services today. Please welcome them warmly.

Charlie Davis*	William Turnage*
Carmen Fesko*	Taylor Usry*
McNeel Florreich*	Crisler Wadsworth*
Elsa Gray Forster*	Michael and Angie Holman
Hettie Jeffries*	Rebecca Jenkins
Stella Jeffries*	Mick Kelly
Isobel Little*	Hunter and Katie Keyes
Maury McPhillips*	Tucker Ming
Knox Nicholas*	Anne Sadler
Stella Nicholas*	David Sandy
Coit Oates*	Betsy Starns
Mia Peipon*	Gene and Anne Clark Wood
William Smith*	Lizzie Wang
Waverly Strange*	
James Sumrall*	
Caroline Thomas*	
Daniel Thompson*	

\*Covenant child joining as a  
communing member

### JOIN FPC!

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that the next date to join is May 3. New member forms can be found online at [fpcj.ms/membership](http://fpcj.ms/membership) or in the greeting courtyard outside the sanctuary. Forms are due by April 22. If you have any questions about the membership process at FPC, please email [ccare@fpcjackson](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson).

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

**The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard**  
Minister of Shepherding

## The Greetings and Announcements

**The Prelude** — “For the Beauty of the Earth”

The First & Second Grade Children's Choir  
Miss Madeline Porter, director; Mrs. Joy Graves, accompanist

**The Call to Worship** — Isaiah 43:1-3

**The Hymn** — “On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand” ..... hymn sheet

## The Invocation

**The Hymn No. 51** — “O Jehovah, Hear My Words” (Psalm 5)

## The Greetings

**The Mission Report**.....Mr. George Herndon, Honduras Trip Leader

**The Evening Prayer**.....Mr. Mark Windham, Ruling Elder

## The Offering

**The Offertory** — “Is He Worthy” ..... Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe

\***The Young Children's Devotional** — *The Children's Catechism*

Q11. Can you see God? **A. No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me.**

Q12. Does God know all things? **A. Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.**

The Meditation & Prayer... Rev. Scott Miller, Minister of Young Adults & College

**The Hymn No. 689 (stz. 1-3)** — “Be Still, My Soul”

## The Prayer of Illumination

**The Scripture Reading** — Mark 4:35-5:20.....pew Bible page 839

**The Sermon** — Serenity, Sanity, and Sobriety.....Mr. Lowry

## The Benediction

## The Congregational Response

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

## 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.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## 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.)

## Monday, April 20, 2026

6:00 p.m.	Graduating Senior Dinner	MH
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## Tuesday, April 21, 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, April 22, 2026

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

## Saturday, April 25, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
5:00 p.m.	Choir and Organ Festival	Sanctuary

## Sunday, April 26, 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
2:30 p.m.	Gates Open	Twin Lakes
5:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service	Twin Lakes
6:30 p.m.	Dinner	Twin Lakes

LH—Lowe Hall MB—Main Building MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite  
PH—Patterson Hall SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](https://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](https://www.twinlakescamp.org).

## SEND A CAP TO PERU THIS SUMMER!

Our Peru Mission Team will be collecting baseball caps to take to Cajamarca in July. Please bring your new or gently worn caps to the bin outside the FPC Bookstore anytime during the week. Our team will be ministering to 2500 children in Cajamarca, teaching from Matthew 14:22-33 in which Jesus says... "It Is I... Take Courage... Do Not Be Afraid." We are also accepting financial donations to help with the materials for our trip. For more information or with questions, please contact Jo Lynn at [jolynnm@fpcjackson.org](mailto:jolynnm@fpcjackson.org) or 601-955-6053. Join us praying for our Peru Mission Team as they prepare to share the hope of the gospel with the children of Cajamarca!

## MEN'S TRIP TO ST. LOUIS — SUMMER 2026

Men, join Billy Dempsey and Stephen Biggs on a summer adventure to St. Louis! Bring a child or grandchild to witness great baseball as the Cardinals and Cubs play. We will travel in late July (dates to be finalized). The cost is \$350/person, not including meals and St. Louis sightseeing. Register online at [fpcj.ms/cardinals](https://fpcj.ms/cardinals).

## THE FIRST WORD

The First Word is our weekly emailed newsletter featuring sermon notes and audio, missionary reports and prayer requests, event information, and announcements. Manage your subscription at [fpcj.ms/subscribe](https://fpcj.ms/subscribe). Or with questions or for more information, you may email [communications@fpcjackson.org](mailto:communications@fpcjackson.org).

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We use a platform called ShelbyNext to house our church-wide "Digital Directory." All members have access to the directory. Download the **ShelbyNEXT Membership** smartphone App or visit the ShelbyNext website [fpcjackson.shelbynextchms.com](https://fpcjackson.shelbynextchms.com). With questions or to set up your account for the first time, contact [businessoffice@fpcjackson.org](mailto:businessoffice@fpcjackson.org). Help your church family get to know you by updating your picture. It's quick and easy in the app!

## 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](mailto:jolynnm@fpcjackson.org).

**Apam & Pamleiphy** – Apam serves as the director with the Trinity Missionary Training Centre. Email: [apam\\_vashum@yahoo.co.in](mailto:apam_vashum@yahoo.co.in)

**Ben & Melanie Kappers** – Ben serves with MNA as a church planter in St. George, Utah. Email: [ben@allsaintsreformed.com](mailto:ben@allsaintsreformed.com)

**Jackson Leadership Foundation** – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, JLF is a Christ-centered ministry seeking spiritual, social, and economic transformation in Jackson's under-resourced communities through the empowerment of leaders, development of ministries, and networking of volunteers and donors.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patsy Futvoye by her family.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SINGING IN EVENING WORSHIP — TONIGHT

Our First & Second Grade Choirs will sing in the Evening Worship Service this Sunday, April 19. 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.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mary Ann Hughes — April 9, 2026

## MISSION TRIP REPORT — TONIGHT

In the evening worship service, George Herndon will share a report about the Student Ministry mission trip to Honduras this past spring break.

## COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services next week. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available to pick up on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

## 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. The 5 p.m. concert is free and open to the public.

## CPC LIFEWALK — APRIL 25

Life Walk, April 25, 9-10:30 a.m., at Trustmark Park, is the annual fundraising event for the Center for Pregnancy Choices. It is a relaxed walk around the stadium designed for everyone. Children, teens, and the whole family can make an impact and protect the vulnerable by raising donations to help bring hope to women in our state by supporting the CPC Metro! To attend the event, each walker is asked to raise at least \$250. You can join an existing team or start your own. Contact Camille Bolen for any questions at camillebolen@yahoo.com.

## 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](http://fpcj.ms/evening-worship) or bring their own picnic. Those who prefer not to drive may sign up for transportation at the same link. Please sign up online to help us plan!

## 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](http://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!