

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard
Minister of Shepherding

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Improvisation"

Mr. Aaron Patterson, organ

The Introit — "How Glorious Is Your Name" Mark Hayes
O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name throughout the earth, O Lord!

The Call to Worship — Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

The Hymn No. 520 — "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

The Invocation

The Doxology No. 735 — "Gloria Patri"

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. 87 — "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Psalm 23)

The Scripture Reading — Ezra 8:24-36pew Bible page 395

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Carl Mueller
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 2 Timothy 3:10-13.....pew Bible page 996

The Sermon — Keep the Faith: The Ministry of Mimicry..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 654 (stz. 1-2) — “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

The Postlude — “Ceremonial March”Herbert Sumsion

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

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

The Greetings and Announcements

The Catechism Recitation Recognition Miss Claire Hartwell Wynn

The Prelude — “Seek Ye First”

First Presbyterian Day School Strings; Bonnie Brown, director

The Call to Worship — Zechariah 8:4-8

The Hymn No. 100 — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 189 — “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

The Missions Report Mr. Ricky Kroeger, Mexico

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Dr. John McVey, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “As the Deer ”

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

Q13. Can God do all things? **A. Yes. God can do all His holy will.**

The Meditation & Prayer.... Mr. Tucker Alexander, Congregational Care Resident

The Hymn (stz. 1-3) — “Let us Love and Sing in Wonder” hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 5:21-43..... pew Bible page 840

The Sermon — Cameos of Salvation..... Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**Let us wonder; grace and justice join, and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood, has secured our way to God.**

**Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, Now their praises fill the sky:
"Thou hast washed us with Thy blood. Thou hast washed us with Thy blood.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy Lamb of God!"**

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 GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2026! Join us as we pray that they would cling to Jesus as their true Vine as they begin this next new, exciting phase of life.

Mac Anderson	Hutch McClain
Laurie Barbour	Annie Metcalf
Meg Barbour	Libbie Metcalf
Anna Box	Virginia Mills
Thaxton Burke	Charlotte Oates
Molly Dickie	Rosalie Oliver
Helen Fulcher	Christy Rutledge
Sarah Greaves	Jack Skipper
Alex Guidry	Owen Turpin
Leigh Henson	Morgan White
Anne Melton Hewitt	

CATECHISM RECITATION

“Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” –2 Timothy 3:14-15

This evening, Claire Hartwell Wynn will receive her Bible for recitation of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, which consists of 107 questions and answers.

Catechism memory work begins at First Presbyterian Church with the Children’s Catechism in three-year-old Sunday School. That study continues throughout children’s Sunday School and the Catechism Class on Sunday Evenings. The Catechism is a summary of what the Bible teaches in systematic question and answer form. Committing it to memory is invaluable in the life of a believer, as it helps to build a solid foundation for a life of faith.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 3, 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.	New Member Meeting	PH
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 Hardy Home (761 Arlington Street)

Monday, May 4, 2026

10:30 a.m.	Caregivers' Support Group	MH 203AB
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Tuesday, May 5, 2026

9:30 a.m.	Quilters	Bookstore
10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	WH 305
12:00 p.m.	Weekday Prayer Meeting	PH

Wednesday, May 6, 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, May 9, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, May 10, 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 (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight	the McPhillips Home (1217 Pinehurst Pl.)

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

LOCAL MISSIONS TEAM — JUNE 16-18

FPC is building a local missions team to serve at We Will Go from 8:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16 through Thursday, June 18. Projects include helping campers with their summer reading assignments and serving in the food pantry, which involves opportunities to visit and pray with the families receiving food. To find out more about joining this team, please contact Rae Ann Lawrence at 601-278-4935 or lawrence.raeann@gmail.com. Learn more about We Will Go at www.wewillgo.org.

SEND A CAP TO PERU THIS SUMMER!

Our Peru Mission Team is 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 2,500 children in Cajamarca. 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 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!

SEWING CAMP — JUNE 8-11

Sew and Sow is offering a beginner sewing camp this summer, June 8-11, 9-12:30. Priority registration for church members is open now through May 19. The cost is \$5, plus supplies. For more information and to RSVP, contact Sharon Teh at 601-946-1517 or sewbusy321@hotmail.com.

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.

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.

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. Or with questions or for more information, you may email communications@fpcjackson.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 jolynnm@fpcjackson.org.

Alonzo & Esther Ramirez – Alonzo serves in campus ministry, seminary training, and church planting with Peru Mission USA in Cajamarca, Peru.
Email: ssagustin21@yahoo.com

Davis & Ashleigh Morgan – Davis serves with Reformed University Fellowship as the Campus Minister at the University of Southern Mississippi.
Email: davis.morgan@ruf.org

The Center for Pregnancy Choices – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, the CPC enters into the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy with a woman and walks alongside her, offering personalized and comprehensive support from the time she finds out she is pregnant until long after her pregnancy decision using a holistic approach to meet the needs of the whole woman—physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

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MISSION REPORT — TONIGHT

In the evening service tonight, we will hear a report from Ricky Kroeger, a Bible translator, serving in Mexico. Ricky will also meet with us at 5 p.m. in the Parlor at the Prayer Time for Global Missions. Come hear how God is at work and join us as we pray that the gospel would take root across the world.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Betty Anne Hays — April 25, 2026

YOUNG ADULTS PICKLEBALL — MAY 9

Young Adults, our pickleball tournament is set for May 9. Come out to Twin Lakes at 10:30 for the competition or just come and hang out. Lunch will follow. Sign up at fpcj.ms/ya.

YOUNG ADULTS SUPPER CLUBS — MAY 11, 12, OR 14

Young Adults Supper Clubs are an opportunity to cultivate community around the supper table. Gather with us in smaller groups to share a meal and form new friendships. If you're looking to connect more deeply with others in our large church, we invite you to join us May 11, 12, or 14. Sign up at fpcj.ms/ya.

BOUND TOGETHER BOOK CLUB — MAY 12

Worship & Government

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 Worship & Government. The book club's featured book for this section is *How Jesus Runs the Church* by Guy Waters. Find the entire recommended reading list online at fpcj.ms/household.

Join us for an evening of discussion, fellowship, and encouragement as we consider how the gospel shapes our purpose, our service, and our shared mission as the body of Christ. If you weren't able to attend the previous book club, we'd still love for you to come. Each meeting is independent, so feel free to participate whenever you're able. Join us Tuesday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m., led by Sarah & Guy Waters. Desserts & coffee provided. Register online at fpcj.ms/events. A nursery is available upon request at registration.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 1-5

The early registration deadline to guarantee a t-shirt for VBS is Monday, May 4. 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!

VOLUNTEER FOR FPC'S SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

We are looking for members with compassionate hearts to serve children with special needs during the Sunday School hour and the 11 a.m. worship service on a rotating basis. Volunteers may assist by reading with a child, helping with crafts, or sitting alongside them during the Bible lesson and singing time. Do you have a heart for these special covenant children but don't feel qualified? Training and support are available to help you serve with confidence. Contact Amy Turner with questions at 601-832-6178 or amykturner73@gmail.com, or to sign up contact Kimberly Wilkins at 769-230-3626 or kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org.

HYMN FAVORITES — BEGINNING JUNE 7

Gather in the sanctuary at 5:40 p.m. before our evening services this summer for an informal time of singing. Submit a favorite hymn to be sung by emailing Levi Henkel (LeviH@fpcjackson.org) the week prior, or you may make your request during the Sunday night gathering.