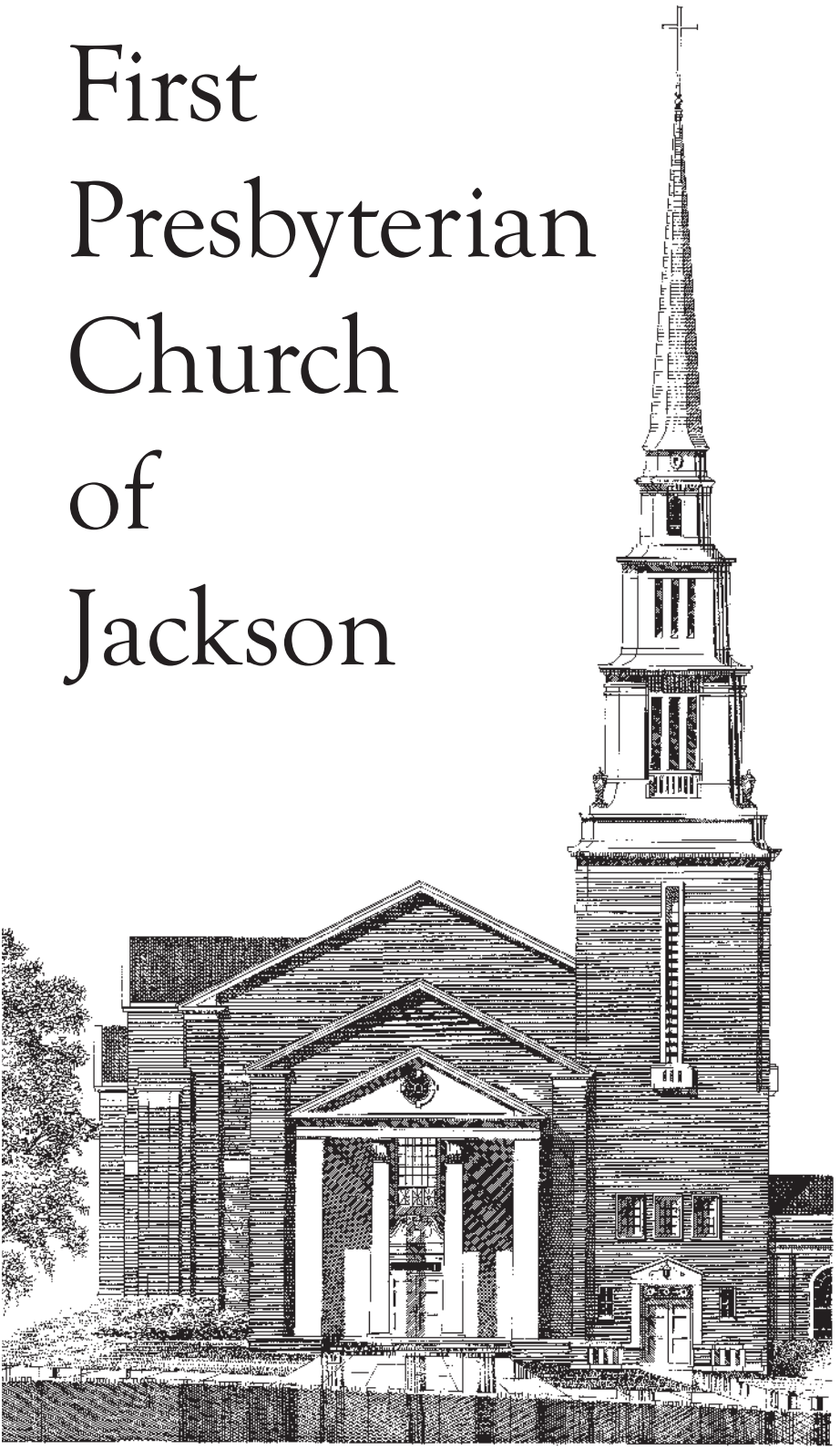
The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth Day of August, Two Thousand Twenty-Six
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven in the Morning

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

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Improvisation"
Mr. Aaron Patterson

The Introit — "Let the People Praise Thee, O God".....William Matthias
Let all the people praise Thee, O God. Let the people praise Thee, O God:
Yea, let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad.

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 103 (stz. 1-3) — "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

The Invocation

The Doxology No. 103 (stz. 4) — "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name You;
while in essence only One, undivided God we claim You,
and adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession..... *The Book of Common Prayer* (1552)
Modernized Version

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 624 — "Through All the Changing Scenes of Life" (from Psalm 34)

The Scripture Reading — Haggai 2:10-23.....pew Bible page 791

The Charge and Prayer for FPDS Staff

The Offering

The Offertory — "Offertory" ..... John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man,
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice
And to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Exodus 20:1-17 ..... pew Bible page 61

The Sermon — The Bond of Love ..... Mr. Lowry

The Hymn No. 449 (stz. 1-3) — "We Rest on Thee"

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

"We rest on Thee" - our shield and our defender!
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors - we rest with Thee, through endless days.
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors - we rest with Thee, through endless days.

The Postlude — "Exultation" ..... Daniel Ficarri

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

Five-Thirty in the Evening

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

The Reverend Mr. Scott H. Miller
Minister of Young Adults and College

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" ..... Mr. Nathan Oakley
trombone

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 408 — "Day Is Dying in the West"

The Invocation

The Hymn — "Speak, O Lord" ..... hymn sheet

The Mission Trip Report ..... Dr. Michael Hogue and Mr. Eddie Batte
Peru Mission Team Members

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Dr. William Harper, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory— "O Perfect Love" ..... Mrs. Nancy Bateman, cello

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

Q52. What kind of life did Christ live on earth? **A. A life of obedience, service, and suffering.**

Q53. What kind of death did Jesus die? **A. The painful and shameful death of the cross.**

Q54. What is meant by the atonement? **A. Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.**

The Meditation & Prayer .....Mr. Jennings Duncan, Discipleship Intern

The Hymn (stz. 1-4) — "By Faith" ..... hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 8:1-21 .....pew Bible page 843

The Sermon — Plenty and Want.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

By faith this mountain shall be moved,
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail.
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.
We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

The Postlude

* Children ages 4 through 3rd 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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL

We are honored to welcome our FPDS faculty and staff to our 8:30 a.m. service today so that we can pray for them and encourage them in their ministry this school year. Please save this panel, and join us in praying for our FPDS family throughout the year.

ADMINISTRATION/OFFICE STAFF

Jonathan Lancaster
Head of School

Lisa Cupples
Fenly Davis
Kim Duhs
Mary Elizabeth Ferriss
Carley Garner
Kim Griffin
Olivia Hamilton
Camille Hassell
Aimee Hudson
Meredith Johnson
Claire Jordan
Sara Brantley Moss
Taylor Ormon
Lauren Ridgway
Gary Sinclair
Julie Weeks

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Peggy Bailey
Barbara Beavers
Doria Bell
Lisa Dickens
Keshawna Ford
Latrice Ford
Theamiyah Fuller
Jessica Hines
Annie Hollis
Sada Longino
Barbara McCollum
Loretta McDaniel
Kristin Meredith
Shamikia Miller
Sandra Springer
Erianna Tucker
Jama Wells
Antonia Wiggins

K3 & K4 PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

Mary Marie Bernardini
Elizabeth Brown
Hasina Brown
Ann Claridge Chestnut
Amber Cope
Iryna Dubosonova
Sarah Grace Duncan
Amy Hutton
Dominique Jordan
Dasha Kolomiiets
Jasmine McDaniel
Catherine McKee
Jennifer Morgan
Yana Tkachuk
Rebecca Singleterry
Tracey Robinson
Ann Turner Selman
Angie Thigpen
Debbie Parker
Vonda Ray
Ceci Rutledge
Cindy Wilks

FIRST–SIXTH GRADE

Julie Benson
Caroline Bird
Nicole Booker
Dea Bowling
Anna Beth Brinson
Ellen Champagne
Kristen Coleman
Kristi Cook
John Dawson
Hannah Ellis
Meredith Gifford
Julie Hoeniges
Angie Holman
Ashley House
Landrey Johnson
Janet Marble
Sally Beth Maxwell
Melody Mercer
Luci Moore
Amanda Porter
Sarah Stevens
McLain Waits
Kendal Waters

STUDENT SERVICES AND FACULTY SUPPORT

Audra Banks
Cherry Dean Fyke
Jennifer Higginbotham
Jenny Howard
Meghan Kersgaard
Laura McEuen
Ann Raggio

ARTS, ATHLETICS, LIBRARY, SCIENCE, AND STEM

Reynolds Brantley
Carol Brister
Bonnie Brown
Myriam Coker
Jamie Dowd
Jana Heimer
Karen McBride
Delaney Pfeiffer
Sara Riles
Nairi Seker
Mary Claire Stockett
Sarah Thomas

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

Kathryn Day
Molly Lowry
Ella Payne
Barbara Porter
Gary Sinclair

FPDS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jeff Skelton
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Tim Threadgill
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HANDBELL ENSEMBLE — BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 3

We are seeking ninth graders through ninety-nine year olds to join our new Handbell Ensemble beginning this fall! Musical experience is preferred but not required. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., and we will play occasionally in our Sunday worship services. For more information and to sign up, contact Levi Henkel at levih@fpcjackson.org.

JOIN FPC'S ADULT CHOIR

The adult choir begins preparation for Music of Christmas in retreat on September 12. This is a great opportunity to join the choir. We rehearse Wednesdays 5:50-7:15 and sing for morning services. For more information, contact LeviH@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR ADULTS SERVE DAY — SEPTEMBER 14

Senior Adults, join us on Monday, September 14, anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the PEARSON Foundation as we work together in the community garden, organize for their college outreach, and gear up for their Annual Reception and Raffle. RSVP to Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org or 769-572-3535.

THE FIRST EPISTLE

The newest edition of the First Epistle is here! This issue gives us a glimpse into the life of our church family, from summer hymn singing and Vacation Bible School to a local mission trip to We Will Go. You'll also get to know ministers Stephen Biggs and Gary Sinclair and hear how God has faithfully equipped and led them, and more! Read the July 2026 edition online at **fpcjackson.org/resources**.

FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

The deadline for First Presbyterian Day School priority applications for church members is October 31. This applies to **new** students who will be in grades K3 through sixth in the 2027-2028 school year. If you are new to the church or even a long-time member, we invite you to visit our school. To apply, schedule a tour, or for more information, go online to **fpds.org/visit** or contact the school office at 601-355-1731.

JOIN THE FPDS TEAM!

Company, FPDS's after-school care program, is looking for a few more part-time staff members. If you enjoy working with children and are looking for a rewarding part-time opportunity, we would love to hear from you! Find out more and apply at **fpds.org/employment**.

ACORN FUND

As the new school year begins at First Presbyterian Day School, please pray for the 600 students who fill our halls each school day. As you are able, consider a gift to the FPDS Acorn Fund, which supports teacher recruitment and retention, academic excellence, and competitive tuition. Most importantly, the Acorn Fund provides an opportunity to partner with FPDS as we grow our children from acorns of faith into "oaks of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:3). Gifts may be made at **fpds.org/give**, through the church app by selecting "Acorn Fund," or by mailing a check payable to First Presbyterian Day School–Acorn Fund to 1390 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

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.

Andrew Sheppard – Serving in evangelism, discipleship, and mentoring of university students with Mission to the World in Ukraine, email: ADShep7@gmail.com

Jason & Erika Piland – Serving as church planters in Northeast Ohio, email: jason@wrpres.com

Mission First – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Mission First is an inner-city mission organization that seeks to meet the tangible needs of individuals as an avenue to engage their paramount spiritual needs. email: lthigpen@missionfirst.org

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Lloyd E. Turner by his family.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Lloyd E. Turner — August 16, 2026
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth "Sis" Langford — August 20, 2026

THE LOVE OF GOD

This year's churchwide teaching theme is **The Love of God: Vast, Unmeasured, Boundless, Free**. In a culture consumed with the pursuit of love, we will turn our attention toward the love of God, which is the foundation of the Christian gospel, the ground of Christian hope, and the joy of Christian hearts. Through this theme, we will explore the depths of God's love as revealed in His Word. Find out more at **fpcj.ms/love-of-god**.

DEACON ELECTION 2027

The nomination period for deacons is open through September 9. Find our more and nominate online at **fpcj.ms/deacon-election** or via cards at the receptionist desk.

WEEKDAY PRAYER MEETING

This semester we are offering more opportunities to join a Weekday Prayer Meeting! Choose the option that works best for your schedule, and make corporate prayer a part of your routine. We will spend time praying about Word ministry in our neighborhood, communities, and the world.

- **NEW! Beginning September 1** | Women's Prayer Meeting | Tuesdays, 8:15 to 9 a.m., RTS 1st-floor Conference Room | Led by Meredith VanDevender & Lauren Felker
- Tuesdays at noon, Patterson Hall | Led by David Strain
- Friday mornings at 7 a.m. at Northshore Coffee at the District of Eastover | Led by George Herndon
- Saturdays at 7:30 a.m., Patterson Hall | Men's Prayer Breakfast

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

This fall, there are two opportunities to take our 6-week Membership Class: Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in M123 beginning September 6 and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Westminster Hall 204 beginning October 7. This is the place to begin if you are considering membership at FPC or would like to know more about our church and the basics of our faith and practice. During the class, we will learn what we share in common with all Bible-believing Christians, as well as about the distinctive aspects of Presbyterianism. Contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org to register or to ask for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

We are gearing up for all of our Women's Bible studies, and now is a great time to get connected. We have several different group sizes and meeting times. Registration is open at **fpcj.ms/women**. With questions, please contact Deborah Oakley at deboraho@fpcjackson.org.

- MOMS at Night Bible Study | Every other Tuesday at 6 p.m. | Exodus: The Story of Rescue & Deliverance | Begins September 15
- MOMS Bible Study | Wednesdays at 9 a.m. | Exodus: The Story of Rescue & Deliverance | Begins September 16
- Revelation: Hope, Perseverance, Worship | Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. | Led by Melissa Abraham, Helen Lewis, and Ella Payne | Begins September 17
- Genesis: The Beginning of the Gospel | Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. | Led by Laura Husband | Begins September 17
- Circles | Hosea: Loved, Pursued, Restored | Monthly on Mondays or Tuesdays

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 30, 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** G110
4:30 p.m. **Student Choir Rehearsal** ..... MS
4:30 p.m. **Prayer for Global Missions** ..... Parlor
5:30 p.m. **Evening Worship Service** ..... Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. **Senior High Insight** ..... the McPhillips Home (1217 Pinehurst Pl.)

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

8:15 a.m. **Women's Weekday Prayer** ..... Reformed Theological Seminary
9:30 a.m. **Quilters** ..... Bookstore
9:30 a.m. **Sew & Sow** ..... WH 302
12:00 p.m. **Weekday Prayer Meeting** ..... PH

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

9:30 a.m. **GriefShare** ..... Parlor
5:00-6:00 p.m. **Midweek Dinner** ..... MH
5:00-7:00 p.m. **Nursery** ..... Nursery
5:30 p.m. **Children's Playtime** ..... Playground
5:50 p.m. **Adult Choir Rehearsal** ..... MS
6:00 p.m. **Midweek Adult Programs**
The Love of God Midweek Elective ..... MH
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. **Student Ministry D Groups** ..... YH & Baird Center Gym

Thursday, September 3, 2026

9:30 a.m. **Quilters** ..... Bookstore

Friday, September 4, 2026

7:00 a.m. **Weekday Prayer Meeting** ..... Northshore Coffee (The District)

Saturday, September 5, 2026

7:30 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** ..... PH

Sunday, September 6, 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** M123
11:00 a.m. **Children's Churchtime** G110
4:30 p.m. **Student Choir Rehearsal** ..... MS
4:30 p.m. **Prayer for Global Missions** ..... Parlor
5:30 p.m. **Evening Worship Service** ..... Sanctuary

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