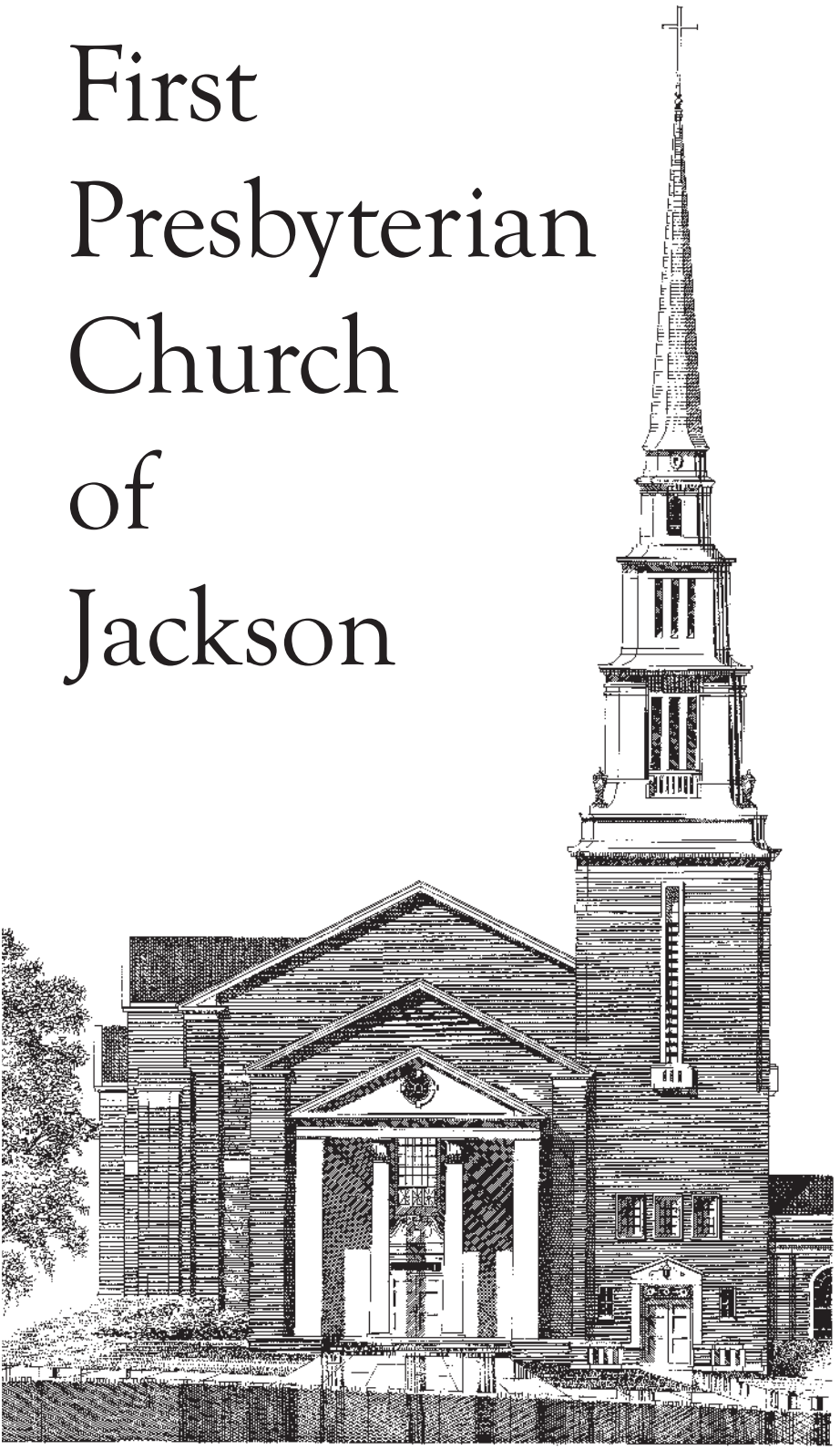
The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Prelude on *Kingsfold*" ..... Cecily DeMarco

The Introit — "Rise Up! Arise!" ..... Felix Mendelssohn
Rise up, arise, rise and shine! For the glory of the Lord upon thee.

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 296 — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

The Invocation

The Doxology No. 358 (stz. 6) — "For All the Saints"
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 305 — "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 2:1-6 ..... pew Bible page 1021

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "If Ye Love Me" (John 14:15-17) ..... Thomas Tallis
If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever.
Ev'n the spirit of truth.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 3:16-18 ..... pew Bible page 1022

The Sermon — Love in Deed and Truth..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 358 (1-4) — "For All the Saints"

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Postlude — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ..... Max Reger

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 Dr. Charles M. Wingard—Minister of Shepherding

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death" ...Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 94 — "How Firm a Foundation"

The Invocation

The Hymn — "My Soul Finds Rest" (based on Psalm 62)..... hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. Ernie Strahan, Ruling Elder

The Offering

Praise Him, O come ye people, praise the Lord forever. Sing praises to His holy name. To the God of Glory loudest praise now bring, Source of our salvation, our Eternal King. Praise Him, praise the Lord forever, come and praise Him, come and praise the Lord.

The Offertory— "A Canon of Praise".....The Student Choir

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

Q58. What must you do to be saved?A. **I must repent of my sin and believe in Christ as my Savior.**
Q59. How do you repent of your sin?A. **I must be sorry for my sin, and hate and forsake it.**
Q60. Why must you hate and forsake your sin? A. **Because sin displeases God.**

The Meditation & Prayer .....Mr. Peyton Gunter, College Ministry Intern

The Hymn (stz. 1-2) — "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death".... hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 8:27-9:1.....pew Bible page 844

The Sermon — Turning Point.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.
O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

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.

BELOVED, IF GOD SO LOVED US,
WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. -1 JOHN 4:11

MISSION TO JACKSON



9:45-10:45 AM

THE MUSTARD SEED
MISSION FIRST
HARBOR DAY SCHOOL
GATEWAY
CARE CENTER
WE WILL GO
INTERNATIONALS MINISTRY



SEPTEMBER 28 — OCTOBER 3

MONDAY

9 AM - 12 PM
Mustard Seed

2:30 - 4 PM
Mission First

TUESDAY

8:30 - 11 AM
Harbor Day School

3:45, 5 - 6 PM
Gateway

5:45 - 8PM
Internationals

WEDNESDAY

8:30 - 11 AM
Care Center

11:15 AM-12:30 PM
Gateway

THURSDAY

9 - 11 AM
We Will Go

FRIDAY

5:30 - 7 PM
Care Center

SATURDAY

8:30 - 11:30 AM
Twin Lakes

Visit fpcj.ms/serve for more info & to register.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Jackson, Mississippi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE WEEK — SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 3

Serve Week is our week-long initiative connecting our church members with local ministry partners. During Serve Week, we'll get hands-on experience with our partner ministries, and it is our prayer that we would be able to forge new relationships between our members and these local organizations that extend beyond Serve Week — to all year long! Serve Week is designed with our church's mission in mind: to **make disciples in our neighborhood, our communities, and the world.** Register online at **fpcj.ms/serve**.

SENIOR ADULTS MARITIME MUSEUM DAY TRIP — OCTOBER 9

Senior Adults, experience a day of fellowship while learning about the history of the maritime industry on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We will spend the morning at the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum followed by lunch at The Reef in Biloxi. We will depart from the church campus at 7 a.m. and depart from Biloxi by 3:30 p.m. To register for the event, please email Emily Eastman at ccare@fpcjackson.org or call her office at 769-572-3535. The cost is $30 (in addition to the cost of your lunch).

ENCOUNTER RETREAT 2026 — NOVEMBER 13-15

Presbytery-Wide Junior High Retreat

Sixth through eighth grade students, join us at the Encounter Retreat at Twin Lakes Camp. We will join other churches from the MS Valley Presbytery for a weekend full of Bible teaching, new and old friends, fellowship, and fun! Our friend, Jeff Jordan, Assistant Pastor at Madison Heights Church, will lead us through a series, The King Has Come: Scenes of Salvation from the Gospel of Mark! The cost is $100, and the deadline to register is October 5. Register online at **fpcj.ms/encounter-retreat**.

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.

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.

Oliver & Kim Pierce – Oliver is serving with MTW as a RUF Campus Minister in Brussels, Belgium. Email: oliver.pierce@ruf.org

David & Robyn Williams – David is serving as a church planter in Hampton, Virginia. Email: reformeddjw@gmail.com

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

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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, September 14

Circle 3	9:30	Westminster Hall 204
Circle 8	9:30	The Orchard
Circle 2	10:00	Janie Clarke's Home
Circle 4	10:00	Parlor
Circle 5	10:00	Mary Ellison's Home
Circle 14	12:00	Miller Hall
Circle 6	6:30	Rhonda Baird's Home

Tuesday, September 15

Circle 7	10:00	Kathryn Cotten's Home
Circle 9	10:00	Parlor
Circle 12	10:30	St. Catherine's

WEEKDAY PRAYER MEETING

This semester we are offering more opportunities to join a Weekday Prayer Meeting! Choose an option that works best for your schedule, and make corporate prayer a part of your routine.

- Tuesdays, 8:15 to 9 a.m., RTS 1st-floor Conference Room | Women's Prayer Meeting | Led by Meredith VanDevender & Lauren Felker
- Tuesdays at noon, Patterson Hall | Led by David Strain
- Thursdays at 6:30 a.m., the Lake Cavalier Club House | Men's Prayer Meeting | Led by Lindsey Duhs and Bill Stone
- 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
- Sundays at 4:30 p.m., The Parlor | Prayer for Global Missions

WOMEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Ladies, our Thursday Morning Women's Ministry Bible Studies begin this week, September 17. New to Women's Ministry Bible studies? Been out for a few years? Now is a great time to get connected. We have several different group sizes and meeting times. Find out more and get connected at **fpcj.ms/women**. With questions, please contact Deborah Oakley at deboraho@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR ADULTS SERVE DAY — SEPTEMBER 14

Senior Adults, join us tomorrow, 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.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER — SEPTEMBER 21

The 53rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, acting upon the overture of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, calls our denomination to a solemn day of fasting and prayer for the revival and renewal of the church. Join us Monday, September 21, as we humble ourselves before the Lord and seek His mercy and blessing.

If you can participate in person, Highlands Presbyterian Church will be open throughout the day. Discussion and prayer will take place from 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Midday worship will be held at 12 p.m. with Dr. David Irving, President of RTS-Jackson. Evening worship will be held at 6 p.m. with Dr. David Strain. A prayer guide will be available at Highlands, and those unable to attend may register to receive one by email. Please come and go as you are able. Registration is not required but will help us plan: **fpcj.ms/fast2026**.

CALL FOR CHRISTMAS ARTWORK

You are invited to share your creativity by submitting a recent or newly created work of art for consideration as the cover of our Music of Christmas program and other Christmas publicity. Artwork may be in any medium or style and must be 10.5x14 in to be considered for the program cover. Please no images of Jesus. Submit your artwork to margaretm@fpcjackson.org by November 1.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	**Morning Worship Services**	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	**MTJ Joint Sunday School**	MH
9:45 a.m.	**Children's Sunday School**	Regular 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 Yerger Home (221 Rolling Meadow Rd.)	

Monday, September 14, 2026

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	**Senior Adults Serve Day** ...	PEARSON (206 Old Whitfield Rd., Pearl)
Various	**Women's Circles Meet This Week**	See Announcements
5:30 p.m.	**Diaconate Meeting**	PH
6:30 p.m.	**Session Meeting**	MS

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

8:15 a.m.	**Women's Weekday Prayer**	Reformed Theological Seminary
Various	**Women's Circles Meet This Week**	See Announcements
9:30 a.m.	**Quilters**	Bookstore
9:30 a.m.	**Sew & Sow**	WH 302
10:00 a.m.	**Men's Bible Study**	WH 305
12:00 p.m.	**Weekday Prayer Meeting**	PH
5:45 p.m.	**Internationals Class**	PH
6:00 p.m.	**MOMS at Night Kickoff**	MH

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

9:00 a.m.	**MOMS Bible Study**	MH
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 17, 2026

6:30 a.m.	**Men's Weekday Prayer**	Lake Cavalier Club House (672 Lake Cavalier Rd.)
9:15 a.m.	**Women's Bible Study | Revelation**	PH
9:45 a.m.	**Women's Bible Study | Genesis**	MH
5:30 p.m.	**Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal**	WH 304 B

Friday, September 18, 2026

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

Saturday, September 19, 2026

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

Sunday, September 20, 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
7:00 p.m.	**Senior High Insight** ...	the Woo Home (5128 Heatherton Dr.)

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