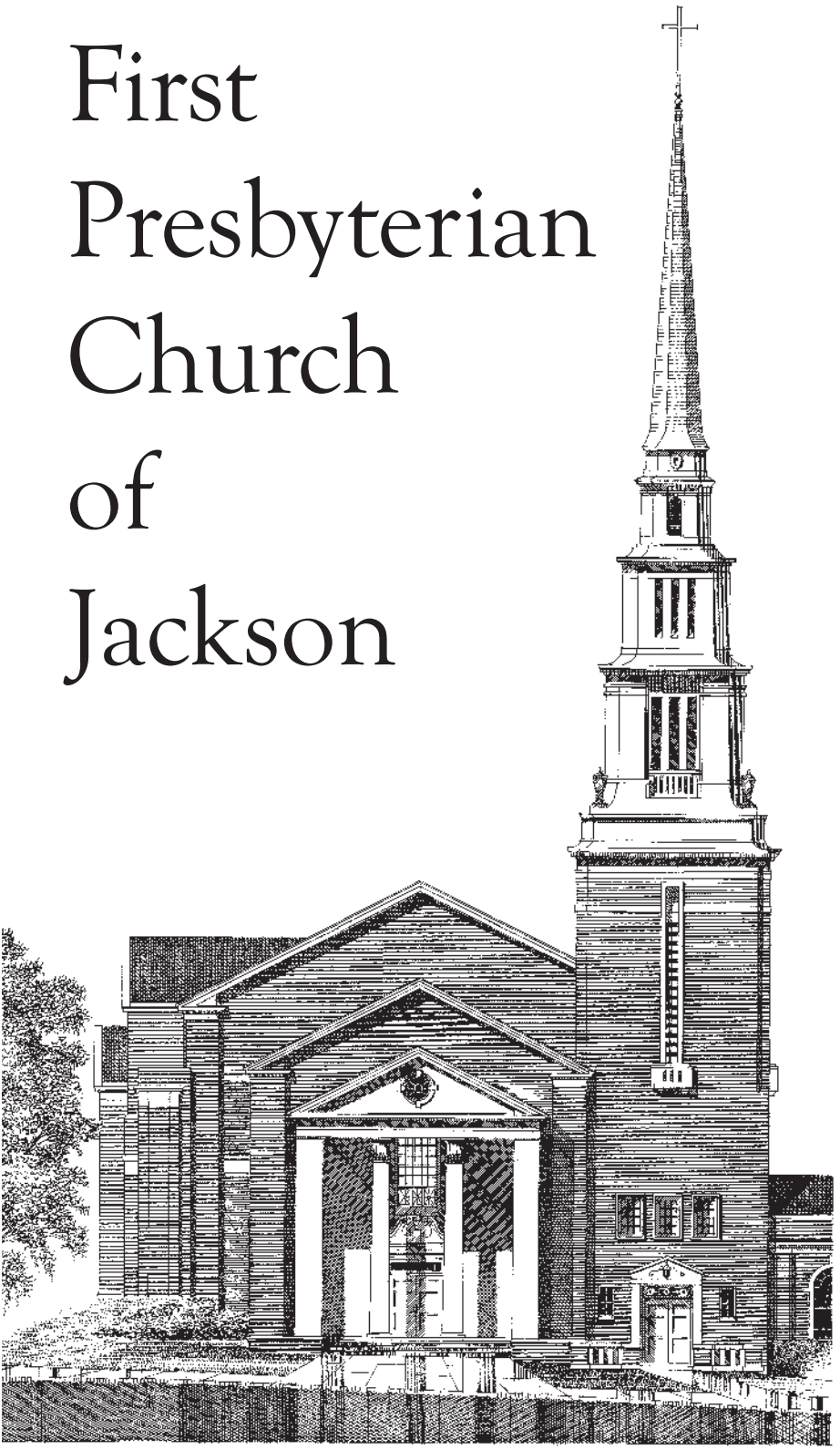
The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

The Reverend Dr. Rupert Hunt Taylor
Minister of Discipleship

ADORING THE COVENANT LORD

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Our Father in Heaven" ..... Max Reger

The Introit — "Sing Praise to God" ..... James Peipon

Sing praise to God! O kingdoms of the earth from all around!
Sing praises to the Lord our God! Raise up a mighty sound!

The Call to Worship — Psalm 145: 8-10, 17-19

The Hymn No. 301 — "Join All the Glorious Names"

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Doxology — "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; (tune: *Old Hundredth*)
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

RECEIVING THE COVENANT SIGN

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and Their Families
The Biblical Promise
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Baptism
The Baptismal Benediction

The Hymn No. 364 — "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

The Offering

The Offertory — "Beautiful Savior" ..... F. M. Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

HEARING THE COVENANT WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Song of Solomon 1:1-4 .....pew Bible page 560

The Sermon — Song of Songs: Love of Every Loves the Best ..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 535 (stz. 1-2) — "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

The Postlude — "Now Thank We All Our God" ..... 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.

THE VOWS OF BAPTISM

In order for the congregation to participate in the sacrament of baptism and to refresh our own commitment to these vows, they are included below:

TO THE PARENTS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?

3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as a congregation, undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO

Whittington Salisbury Burrow
son of Matthew and Ann Clardy Burrow

Maggie Kate Ellison
daughter of Lee and Bonney Ellison

Miriam Honea Jones
daughter of Eliot and Eli Jones

Cleopatra Amanda Nelms
daughter of Joey and Casey Nelms

Ann Fritz Oellerich
daughter of Matthew and Betsy Oellerich

The next baptism date is November 15.
Spaces are available for both services.
Please email emilye@fpcjackson.org to reserve a place.

EVENING WORSHIP

Five-Thirty in the Evening
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care
The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon — Minister of Missions

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "The Love of God" ..... The Men's Octet

The Call to Worship — 2 Peter 1:16, 17

The Hymn No. 53 — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

The Invocation

The Hymn — "Jesus, I Come" ..... hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Mr. Steve Edwards, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory— "How Can I Keep from Singing?" ..... The Men's Octet

My life goes on in endless song above earth's lamentation,
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth how can I keep from singing?

*__The Young Children's Devotional__ — *The Children's Catechism*

Q61. What must you do to be saved? A. **To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.**

Q62. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power? A. **No. I cannot repent and believe unless the Holy Spirit changes my heart.**

Q63. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit? A. **God has told us to pray for the Holy Spirit's help.**

The Meditation & Prayer ..... Rev. Charlie Wingard, Minister of Shepherding

The Hymn No. 610 (stz. 1-4) — "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 9:2-13.....pew Bible page 844

The Sermon — Eyewitnesses of His Majesty.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Take up your cross, and follow on,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only He who bears the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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**.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Apply online at **fpcj.ms/employment**. With questions, contact Rebekah Dawson at rebekahd@fpcjackson.org.

Sound Technician (Part Time)

First Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time Sound Technician to run live sound for our Sunday morning and evening worship services. This role involves operating the soundboard, working closely with our Director of Music, worship team, and a team of volunteer sound operators. Requirements: sound experience (or a strong willingness to learn) and a heart to serve our congregation behind the scenes.

Administrative Assistant to the Executive Minister

We seek a faithful, experienced, and detail-oriented Administrative Assistant to the Executive Minister and Discipleship Ministry. This role provides high-level administrative and organizational support to the Executive Minister, requiring professionalism, discretion, and a servant-hearted spirit in managing communication, scheduling, and coordination across church life.

Director of Local Outreach (Part Time)

We also seek a Part-Time Director of Local Outreach to lead our local missions, evangelism, and mercy ministry efforts. This relational, community-facing role involves mobilizing the congregation for gospel-centered service, building partnerships with local ministries, and expanding the church's outreach presence.

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.

Mary Baldwin – Mary serves in Athens, Greece with the Greek Bible College and Nea Zoi. Email: marybaldwin0@gmail.com

Robert & Kirsten Hasler – Robert is serving as a church planter in Abilene, TX. Email: haslerrobert1@gmail.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.

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Campbell Grady Dale by his parents, Jill and David Dale, and his sisters, Avery and Stella Grace.

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**.

CARE CENTER MINISTRIES WOMEN'S DINNER — SEPTEMBER 24

Care Center Ministries is a gospel-centered ministry near downtown Jackson that offers hope and restoration to those affected by addiction, homelessness, and incarceration through a one-year residential discipleship program. Each month, women from FPC provide a meal and an evening of fellowship for the 20+ women in the Care Center home, including a brief devotional, singing a hymn, dinner, and a fun game. The next dinner will be Thursday, September 24, at 5 p.m. To participate or learn more about future opportunities, please contact Lou Ann Flatgard at 601-940-3012.

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**.

THE LOVE OF GOD: SANCTIFYING LOVE

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Our Women's Fall Luncheon will be held Tuesday, October 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Anne Duncan speaking to us on God's **Sanctifying Love**. We will consider how God's unchanging covenant love not only saves His children but also faithfully sanctifies, transforms, sustains, and keeps His people to the very end. The cost of lunch is $10, payable at the door. Please register online at **fpcj.ms/events** to help us plan.

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**.

FPC THIS WEEK

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 Oakley Home (2006 Douglass Dr.)

Monday, September 21, 2026

All Day	**Day of Prayer and Fasting**	Highlands Pres.
12:00 p.m.	**Day of Prayer and Fasting Worship Service**	Highlands Pres.
6:00 p.m.	**Day of Prayer and Fasting Worship Service**	Highlands Pres.

Tuesday, September 22, 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
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

Wednesday, September 23, 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 202
	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 24, 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
5:00 p.m.	**Care Center Ministries**	Care Center
5:30 p.m.	**Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal**	WH 304 B

Friday, September 25, 2026

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

Saturday, September 26, 2026

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

Sunday, September 27, 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 Boyd Home (2693 Lake Circle)

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