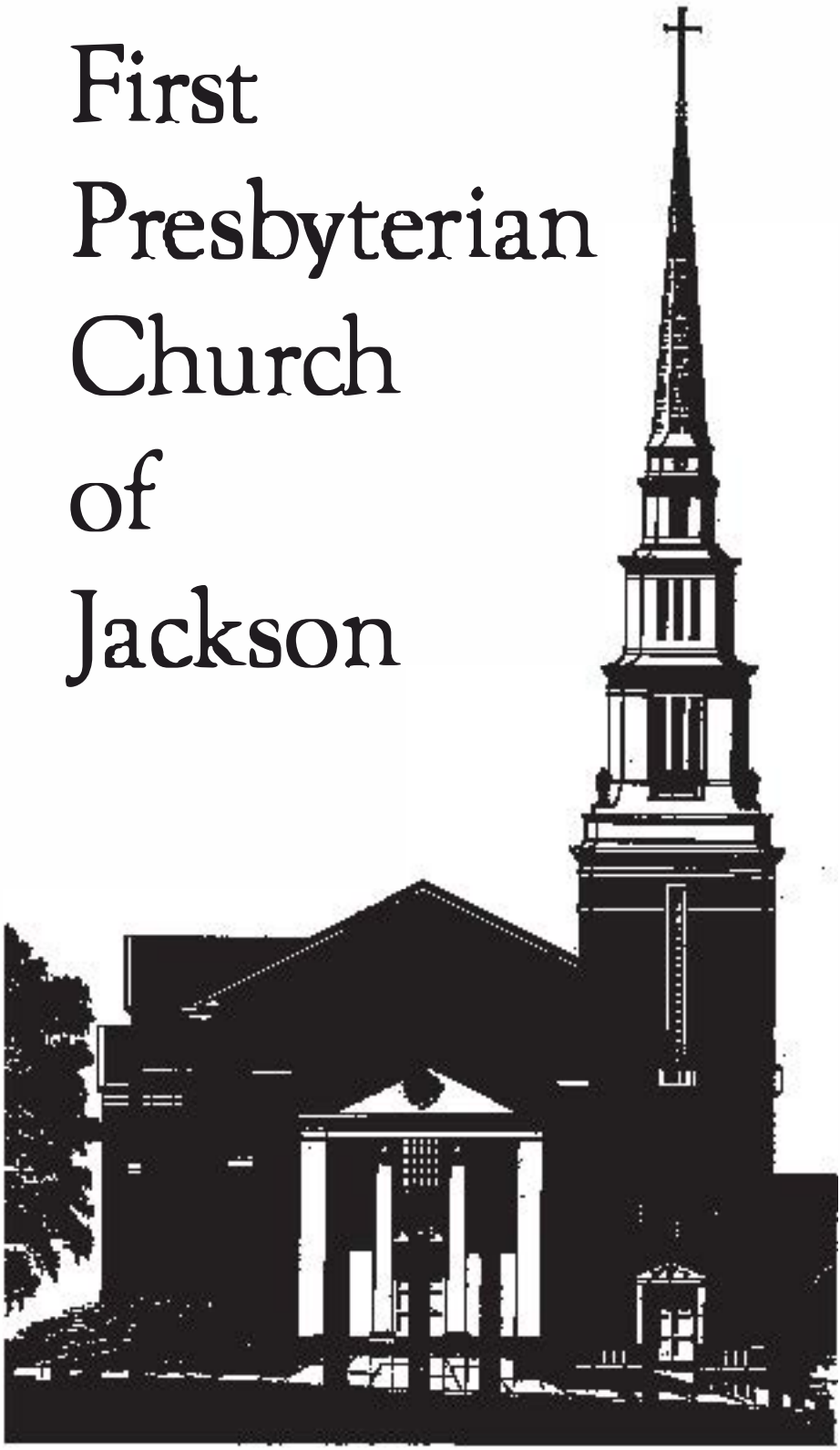
The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Seventh 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 Mr. Stephen A. Biggs
Minister of Students and Families

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Preambule" ..... Louis Vierne
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 — Isaiah 61:10-11

The Hymn No. 4 — "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 108 — "Whate'er My God Ordains is Right"

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 2:7-14.....pew Bible page 1021

The Offering

The Offertory — "We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace" ... Moses Hogan

We shall walk in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace. For Jesus Himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there. For Jesus Himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no more trials there. For Jesus Himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace. We shall walk in peace.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Song of Solomon 1:5-14 .....pew Bible page 560

The Sermon — Song of Songs #2: I Nothing Lack If I Am His..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 184 (stz. 1-5) — "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
(from Psalm 23)

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

The Postlude — "Recessional"..... Carlos Salzedo

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 Dr. Charles M. Wingard — Minister of Shepherding
Mr. J. Peyton Gunter — College Ministry Intern

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Vocalise" ..... Rachmaninov
Mrs. Nancy Bateman, cello; Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — "Before the Throne of God Above" ..... hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn — "I Asked the Lord"..... hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Dr. Parker Ellison, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — "Pass the Promise"..Forster, Henkel, Peipon, Sumrall, and Webb families

I will pray rejoicing from my heart, pray rejoicing from my heart;
For in Him my victory's lifted high, His salvation is my cry.
He has overcome my enemies; our praises scorn the enemy.
I delight in His deliverance; the Lord is our deliverance.
Pass the promise to our sons and daughters,
God most high, God our Father. We bear witness.
There is no one holy like the Lord; holy, holy is the Lord.
Our rock and refuge is our God; all the earth belongs to God.
Do not speak with pride of noble deeds; for the Lord will weigh our every deed.
See the strong have lost, the weak have gained; and from the dust my life He raised.
He will guard the feet of faithful ones; he will hold His faithful ones.
But the wicked they will not prevail, not by might will man prevail.
He is coming soon to judge the earth; He is coming soon to judge the earth,
For the Lord gives power to His King, all Strength to His Anointed King.

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

Q. 64. How long ago did Christ die? A. **About two thousand years ago**.
Q. 65. How were sinners saved before Christ came? A. **By believing in the promised Messiah.**

** The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. Stephen Christenbury, Young Adults Intern

The Hymn No. 57 (stz. 1-3) — "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"
(Psalm 146)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 113.....pew Bible page 510

The Sermon — Praise the Lord!..... Dr. Wingard

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;
unto Him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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, 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 for 3 and 4 year olds**.....G110
4:30 p.m. **Prayer for Global Missions**..... Parlor
4:30 p.m. **Student Choir Rehearsal**.....MS
5:30 p.m. **Evening Worship Service**.....Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. **Senior High Insight** ..... The Boyd Home (2693 Lake Circle)

Monday, September 28, 2026

9:00 a.m-12 noon ***Serve Week:*** **Mustard Seed**
2:30-4:00 p.m. ***Serve Week:*** **Mission First**

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

6:30 a.m. **Men's Breakfast Series**.....MH
8:15 a.m. **Women's Prayer Meeting**.....Reformed Theological Seminary
8:30-11:00 a.m. ***Serve Week:*** **Harbor Day School**
9:30 a.m. **Quilters**..... Bookstore
9:30 a.m. **Sew and Sow**.....WH 302
12:00 p.m. **Weekday Prayer Meeting**..... PH
3:45 p.m. ***Serve Week:*** **Gateway**
5:45 p.m. ***Serve Week:*** **Internationals Class**..... PH
6:00 p.m. **MOMS at Night Bible Study**..... MS

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

8:30-11:00 a.m. ***Serve Week:*** **Care Center**
9:00 a.m. **MOMS Bible Study**.....MH
9:30 a.m. **GriefShare**.....Parlor
11:15-12:30 p.m. ***Serve Week:*** **Gateway**
5:00-6:00 p.m. **Midweek Dinner**.....MH
5:00-7:00 p.m. **Nursery**.....Nursery
5:30-6:00 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, October 1, 2026

6:30 a.m. **Men's Weekday Prayer**..Lake Cavalier Club House(672 Lake Cavalier Rd.)
9:00-11:00 a.m. ***Serve Week:*** **We Will Go**
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 304B

Friday, October 2, 2026

7:00 a.m. **Weekday Prayer Meeting** .....Northshore Coffee at the District
5:30-7:00 p.m. ***Serve Week:*** **Care Center**

Saturday, October 3, 2026

7:30 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast**..... PH
8:30-11:30 a.m. ***Serve Week:*** **Twin Lakes**

Sunday, October 4, 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 for 3 and 4 year olds**.....M135
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 Wofford Home (1331 St. Mary Street)

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

SERVE Week

SEPTEMBER 28 — OCTOBER 3

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

MONDAY

9 AM - 12 PM
Mustard Seed
- *Devotional & singing*
- *Landscape & cleaning grounds*

2:30 - 4 PM
Mission First
- *Help with homework*

TUESDAY

8:30 - 11 AM
Harbor Day School
- *Morning circle, snack, & recess*

3:45, 5 - 6 PM
Gateway
- *Serve dinner*
- *Chapel service with David Strain*

5:45 - 8PM
Internationals
- *Chat in English*

WEDNESDAY

8:30 - 11 AM
Care Center
- *Prepare food donations*
- *Distribute & pray with visitors*

11:15 AM-12:30 PM
Gateway
- *Serve lunch to program men & homeless*

THURSDAY

9 - 11 AM
We Will Go
- *Distribute groceries*
- *Pray with neighbors*

FRIDAY

5:30 - 7 PM
Care Center
- *Gospel message and sweet treats with program men/women*

SATURDAY

8:30 - 11:30 AM
Twin Lakes
- *Campground Projects*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Jackson, Mississippi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN OUR TEAM!

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

Sound Technician (Part Time)

FPC 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 to manage communication, scheduling, and coordination across church life.

Director of Local Outreach (Part Time)

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

ENCOUNTER RETREAT 2026 — NOVEMBER 13-15

Presbytery-Wide Junior High Retreat

Seventh and eighth grade students, join us at the Encounter Retreat at Twin Lakes Camp in Florence, MS. 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.

GOSPEL LEGACY DINNER

FPC is excited to host a planned giving dinner and seminar in partnership with the PCA Foundation on October 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. Join us for dinner and for conversations with selected church staff, officers, and representatives from the PCA Foundation on intentional estate planning for gospel impact. Come with your questions and for help getting started with your long-term financial planning. At this workshop, staff from PCA Foundation and FPC will provide brief introductions to gift-planning concepts and tools and explain how to maximize your Kingdom impact by employing tax efficient giving strategies.

There is no charge for the dinner, and no financial commitment will be requested at this seminar. RSVP online at fpcj.ms/events. With questions, contact Chase Wynn at 662-397-0579 or chasew@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.

Graham & Emily Guo – Graham serves with MTW as the Campus Minister at the National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan. Email: graham.guo@mtw.org

Allen & Lindsay Stanton – Allen serves as a church planter at Steen's Creek Presbyterian Church in Florence, MS. Email: allenstanton12@gmail.com

Pioneer Ministries – is a ministry whose purpose is to prepare boys and girls spiritually, educationally and emotionally to serve Christ in their communities as contributing citizens. We further envision helping married couples to acquire relationship skills that will produce stable homes in a fast-changing world.
Email: pminis3659@aol.com

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Woodson by his family.

MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES — BEGINS THIS WEEK

Every Christian man is called to serve God in a variety of stations: as a son, friend, husband, father, elder, and more. The Bible's teaching on these callings has much more to show us than simply how to fulfill particular roles. In each, we catch a glimpse of our great God and Savior. Join us this fall at Men's Breakfast as we explore how God has called men to serve His Church, His kingdom, His world, and His Christ. Join us on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. beginning September 29. Invite a friend!

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 the Administrative Assistant for Congregational Care 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) and is payable to First Presbyterian Church.

FPDS ACORN FUND

Consider making a gift to the FPDS Acorn Fund, which supports teacher recruitment and retention, academic excellence, and competitive tuition. Most importantly, a gift to the Acorn Fund is your opportunity to partner with FPDS as we grow our children from acorns of faith into "oaks of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:3). A gift to the Acorn Fund can be made at fpds.org/give, through the church app by selecting "Acorn Fund," or by mailing a check made payable to First Presbyterian Day School–Acorn Fund to 1390 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

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

THE LOVE OF GOD: SANCTIFYING LOVE — WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Tuesday October 6 | 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Anne Duncan, Speaker

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 the lunch is $10 to be taken at the door. Please register online at fpcj.ms/events.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Our next Membership Class will begin October 7 and will meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Westminster Hall 204. 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. Contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org to register or to ask for more information