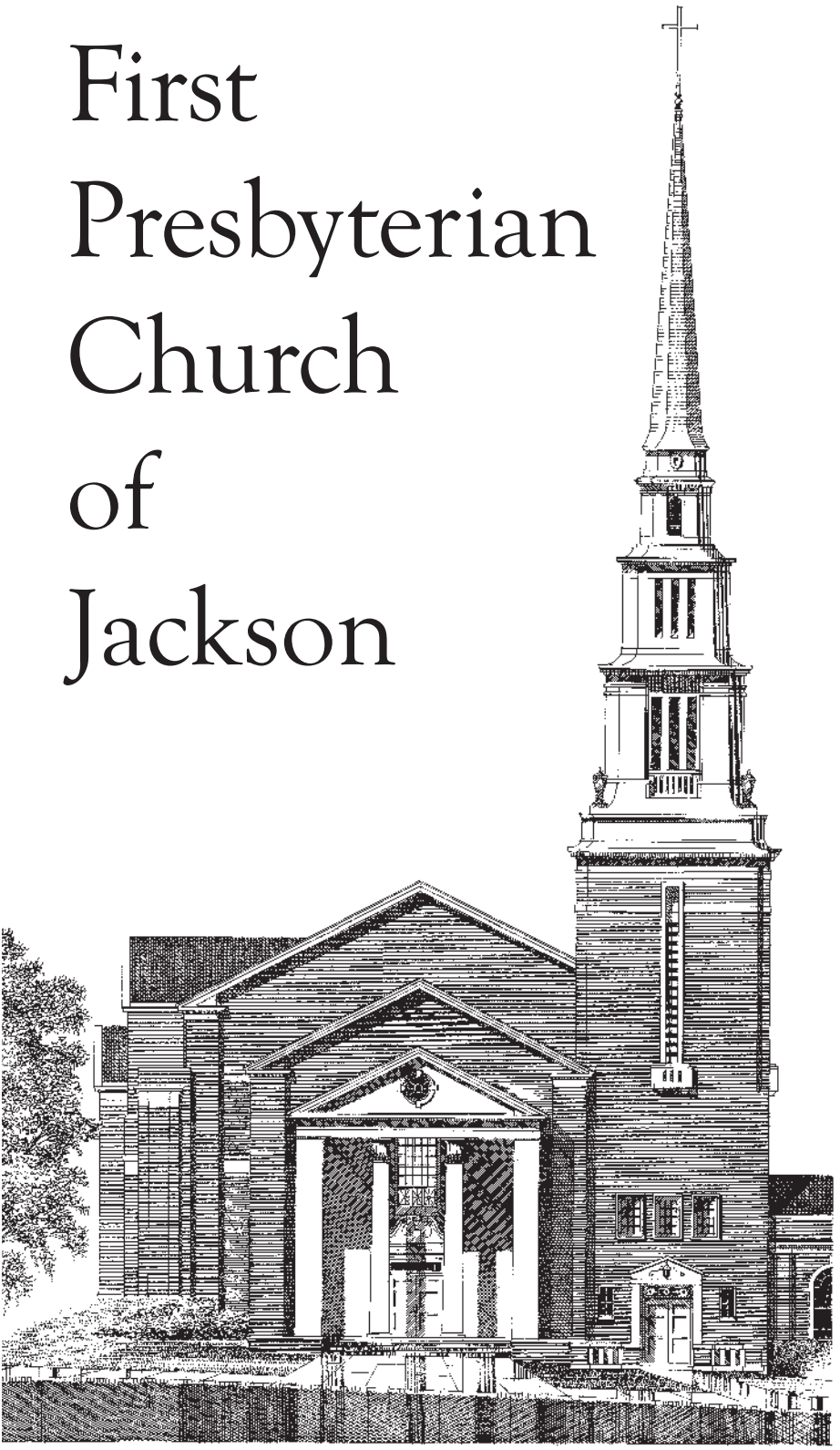
The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon
Minister of Missions

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational and Pastoral Care

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Meditation on *Rejoice, All People Homage Give*"
Mr. Aaron Patterson, organ

The Introit — "Gloria Patri" .....Aaron Patterson
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.

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 73 — "Rejoice, All People, Homage Give" (from Psalm 47)

The Invocation

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.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession.....*The Worship Sourcebook*, page 105
Eternal God, You do not change. You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Word. You call us to worship You in spirit and in truth, but we confess that we often worship not Your true self but who we wish You to be. We too often ask You to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what You bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes You into what we want, instead of shaping us into what You want. Help us to meet You here, that we might bow before Your unspeakable majesty and so live for You now and ever in Christ. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 329 — "Come, O Creator Spirit Blest"

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 2:15-27..... pew Bible page 1021

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "Lord, Thou Hast Told Us" .....Arnold Bax

Lord, Thou hast told us that there be two dwellings which belong to Thee;
And those two—that's the wonder—are far asunder.

The one the highest heaven is, the mansions of eternal bliss;
The other's the contrite and humble sprite.

Though heaven be high, the gate is low, and he that comes in there must bow;
The lofty looks shall ne'er have entrance there.

O God! Since Thou delight'st to rest within the humble, contrite breast,
First make me so to be; then dwell with me.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Joshua 3-4.....pew Bible page 179

The Sermon — A Memorial Forever.....Mr. Peipon

The Hymn No. 644 (stz. 1-4) — "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

The Postlude — "Canzonetta in G" BuxWV 171.....Dieterich Buxtehude

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

Mr. George Herndon
Senior Minister's Intern

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" ... Mr. Cameron Butterfield

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 457 — "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

The Invocation

The Hymn — "The Sands of Time are Sinking" ..... hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer..... Dr. Beau Burrow, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory— "Come to the Water".....The Student Choir
Ms. Reed Hairston, Assistant Director

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

Q66. Before Christ came, how did believers show their faith? A. **By offering the sacrifices God required.**

Q67. What did these sacrifices represent? A. **Christ, the Lamb of God, who would come to die for sinners.**

The Meditation & Prayer ..... Mr. Eliot Jones, Students and Families Intern

The Hymn No. 468 (stz. 1-3) — "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 9:14-29.....pew Bible page 844

The Sermon — Faith and Practice.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save;
for me His precious blood He shed,
for me His life He gave.

I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

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.

CARE TEAMS

SHEPHERDING OUR CHURCH

Care teams are the vehicle by which our church organizes pastoral ministry. In a church of our size, we are at risk to miss opportunities to minister to one another. Therefore, our church leadership uses these teams to address needs, support, encouragement, and prayer. Each team is led by a group of elders and consists of elders, deacons, and Sunday school class leadership. We want you to know the pastor, elders, and deacons assigned to your class and feel comfortable reaching out to them. We also understand that in some circumstances female members of the church may prefer to approach a woman. Our Women's Discipleship Coordinator, Ella Payne, would love to hear from you. You can contact her at ellap@fpcjackson.org. If you are not a member of a Sunday School class and would like to contact an elder or pastor, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

CORNERSTONE

Pastor
Wiley Lowry

Deacons
Will Barbour
Jay Brown
Ty Hardy
Michael Hogue

Deacons
Guy McClain
Doug Morgan
Rob Oates
Weston Russ
Bryan Rutledge
Neil Witherow

Elders
Ken Ball
Sharkey Burke
Matt Graves
Zeb Henson
Nathan Oakley
Malcolm Saxon

COVENANT

Pastor
Billy Dempsey

Deacon
Chris Wyatt

Elders
David Cleland
Marcy Forester
Rob Jones

Elders
John Neill
Richard Ridgway

FIRST LADIES

Pastor
Billy Dempsey

Elder
Reid Cotten

Deacon
John McBride

LAMPLIGHTERS

Pastor
Gary Sinclair

Deacons
William Griffin

Elders
Hall Bailey
Kyle Ball
Max Bowman
Bob Cunningham
Ned Currie
Arthur Davis Sr.

Elders
Stephen Kruger
Bill Stone
Cal Wells
Mark Windham
Marcus Wilson

LIFE LEARNERS

Pastor
Gary Sinclair

Deacons
Walter Brand
Jesse Browning

Deacons
Brooks Buchanan
David Marchetti
Mike Myers
Hugh Trussell
Coles Wilkins

Elders
Mark Baird
Stuart Clarke
Doug McDaniel
Hu Meena

LIGHT HOUSE

Pastor
David Felker

Deacons
Price Davis
William Denney
Gary Dye
Matt Glover
David Luter

Deacons
Willem Lamar
Read Meadows
Sanford Moore
Lee Thorne
Les Triplett
Alan Walters
Chase Wynn

Elders
Charles Barbour
Spence Flatgard
Craig Flowers
Dave Fulcher
Phillip Parker
Ernie Strahan

LOST AND FOUND

Pastor
David Felker

Deacons
Turner Brown
Matthew Burrow
Paul Davis

Deacons
Josh Hollingsworth
Harrison Matheny
Matt Peaster
Bowen Thigpen
Beau Burrow

Elders
Paul Hurst
Parker Ellison
Danny Story
Mike Tramel
Frank York

PILGRIMS

Pastor
Jamie Peipon

Elders
Tian Teh

Deacons
Rob Lake
Ken Seawright

PROVIDENCE

Pastor
Charlie Wingard

Deacons
Jamey Elkin
Bailey Fair
Harrison Hood

Deacons
Alston Ludwig
Jeff Sumrall
Arthur Wadsworth
Lee J. Webb
Walt Wofford

Elders
Paul Forster
Jimmy Moore
Matthew Turnage
Alan Walters

SALT AND LIGHT

Pastor
Wiley Lowry

Deacons
Auston Edwards

Deacons
Anthony Hall
Virgil Payne
Taylor F. Smith
Jason McNeel

Elders
Dallis Ketchum
George May
John McVey

SPECIAL FRIENDS

Pastor
Rupert Hunt Taylor

Elders
Stuart Clarke
Craig Flowers

Deacon
Jim Prince

STEWARDS

Pastor
Rupert Hunt Taylor

Elders
Jack Crawford
Holt Crews
Harper Keeler

Elders
Ben Roberson
Tim Threadgill

Deacons
Allen Holiman
T. Dale
Dave Dear

Deacons
Bo Gregg
Robert Leard
Trey Porter
Jeff Skelton
Stewart Swayze
Will Vise

YOUNG ADULTS

Pastor
Scott Miller

Elders
Beau Burrow
Reid Cotten
Phillip Parker

Deacons
Matt Peaster
Bowen Thigpen

YOUNG SEEKERS

Pastor
Billy Dempsey

Deacons
Glen Bush
Ford Terry

Elders
Bud Bratley
Bill Crim
Steve Edwards
George Fair
Claude Harbarger

Elders
Bill Harper
Wayne Husband
Bill Payne
Steve Rosenblatt
John Lowe Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL LEGACY DINNER — OCTOBER 19

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. 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.

REFORMATION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE — OCTOBER 25

Why does the Reformation still matter? On Reformation Day, we remember God's faithfulness in preserving His church and recovering the truth of His Word. Join us for our Reformation Day Service on Sunday, October 25, at 5:30 p.m. as we worship together and give thanks. We're excited to welcome our sister churches and neighbors in the community to this evening of reflection and praise.

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.

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.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAM ATTEMPTS

Unfortunately, bad actors sometimes digitally target church communities by impersonating pastors, officers, staff members, or fellow church members through email or text, requesting money, gift cards, or personal financial information. At FPC, all financial assistance is handled through our Benevolence and Mercy Funds. No pastor, officer, or staff member will ever ask you privately for gift cards, money, or personal financial assistance. If you ever receive a suspicious message of this type, do not respond, do not open any attachment, and please contact the church office right away.

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.

Krystian & Ewa Otremba – Krystian serves as Senior Pastor of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian in Poland. Email: krystian.otremba@gmail.com

Chandler & Leah Rowlen – Chandler serves as the RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi College. Email: chandler.rowlen@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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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Grace Ann Davis and Tim Tumutod and in loving memory of the grandfather of the bride, William Hull Davis, the grandfathers of the groom, Cawasa Noga Tumutod and Felixberto Corbo Ortalla, the grandmother of the groom, Peraya Bandal Tumutod, and in loving honor of the grandmother of the groom, Herminia Mata Ortalla.

COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services next week. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available to pick up on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

MEN'S TUESDAY BREAKFAST SERIES — TUESDAYS AT 6:30 A.M.

Men, join us on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. Register online and pay for breakfast at **fpcj.ms/men**. Invite a friend and pay for his breakfast online! Our series this fall is Callings of a Christian Man, led by Stephen Biggs and friends. 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.

THE LOVE OF GOD: SANCTIFYING LOVE — OCTOBER 6

"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.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS — BEGINNING OCTOBER 7

Our next opportunity to attend the 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. During the class, we will learn what we share in common with all Bible-believing Christians, as well as about the distinctive beliefs of Presbyterianism. We will hear from ministry leaders about what's taking place at First Pres, while providing a great opportunity to meet others who have recently found a home here at FPC. Contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org to register or to ask for more information.

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**.

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 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).

FPC THIS WEEK

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**	G110
4:30 p.m.	**New Members Received**	MH
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)

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

6:30 a.m.	**Men's Breakfast Series**	Miller Hall
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
11:30 a.m.	**Women's Luncheon | The Love of God: Sanctifying Love**	MH
12:00 p.m.	**Weekday Prayer Meeting**	PH
5:45 p.m.	**Internationals Class**	PH

Wednesday, October 7, 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
	Membership Class	WH 204
	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 8, 2026

6:30 a.m.	**Men's Weekday Prayer**	Lake Cavalier Club House
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, October 9, 2026

7:00 a.m.	**Weekday Prayer Meeting**	Northshore Coffee (The District)
7:00 a.m.	**Senior Adults Day Trip**	Pinehurst Parking Lot

Saturday, October 10, 2026

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

Sunday, October 11, 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 Ball Home (418 Hampton Court)

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