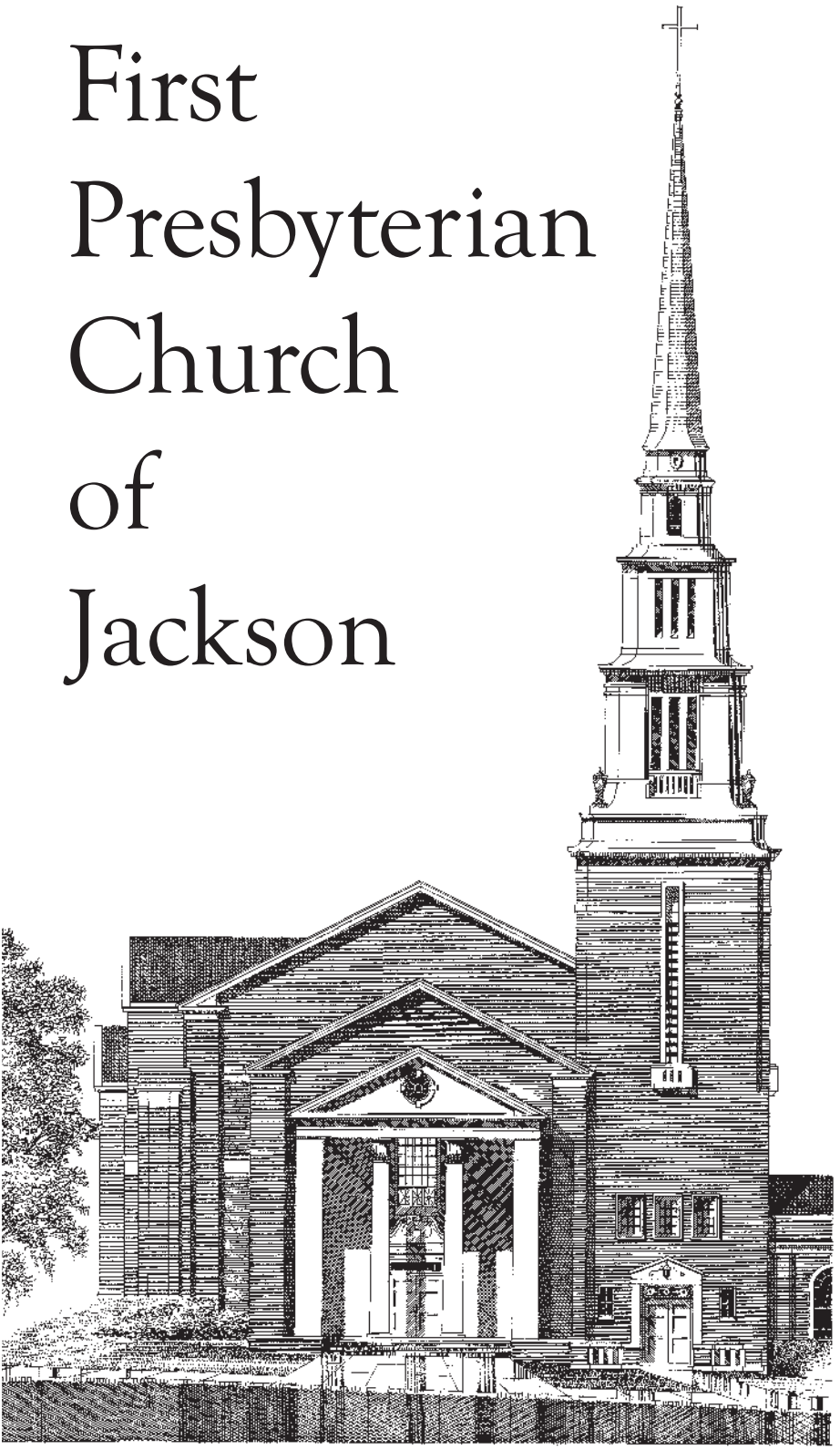
The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Andante" ..... Healey Willan

The Introit — "Let Thy Holy Presence"..... Pasul Chesnokov

Let Thy Holy presence come upon us, we pray.
Thy Holy presence come upon us.

The Call to Worship — Adapted from John 1 and Isaiah 9

All things were made through Him.
Without Him was not anything made that was made.

In Him is life, and that life is the light of men,

The light has shone into the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

We that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon us hath the light shined.

Praise be to God. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts has performed this.

Let us worship God.

The Hymn No. 64 — "God, the Lord, a King Remaineth" (from Psalm 93)

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 Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn No. 169 — "My Heart Does Overflow" (Psalm 45)

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 2:28-3:10..... pew Bible page 1022

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — "Rise Up, My Love" ..... Healey Willan

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear upon the earth.
The time of the singing of birds is come.
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Song of Songs 2:8-17 ..... pew Bible page 561

The Sermon ..... Dr. Strain

Song of Songs: I Am My Beloved's and My Beloved Is Mine

The Hymn (stz. 1-4) — "The Sands of Time Are Sinking" ..... see guide

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Oh! I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine.
I stand upon His merit. I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwellers in Emmanuel's land.

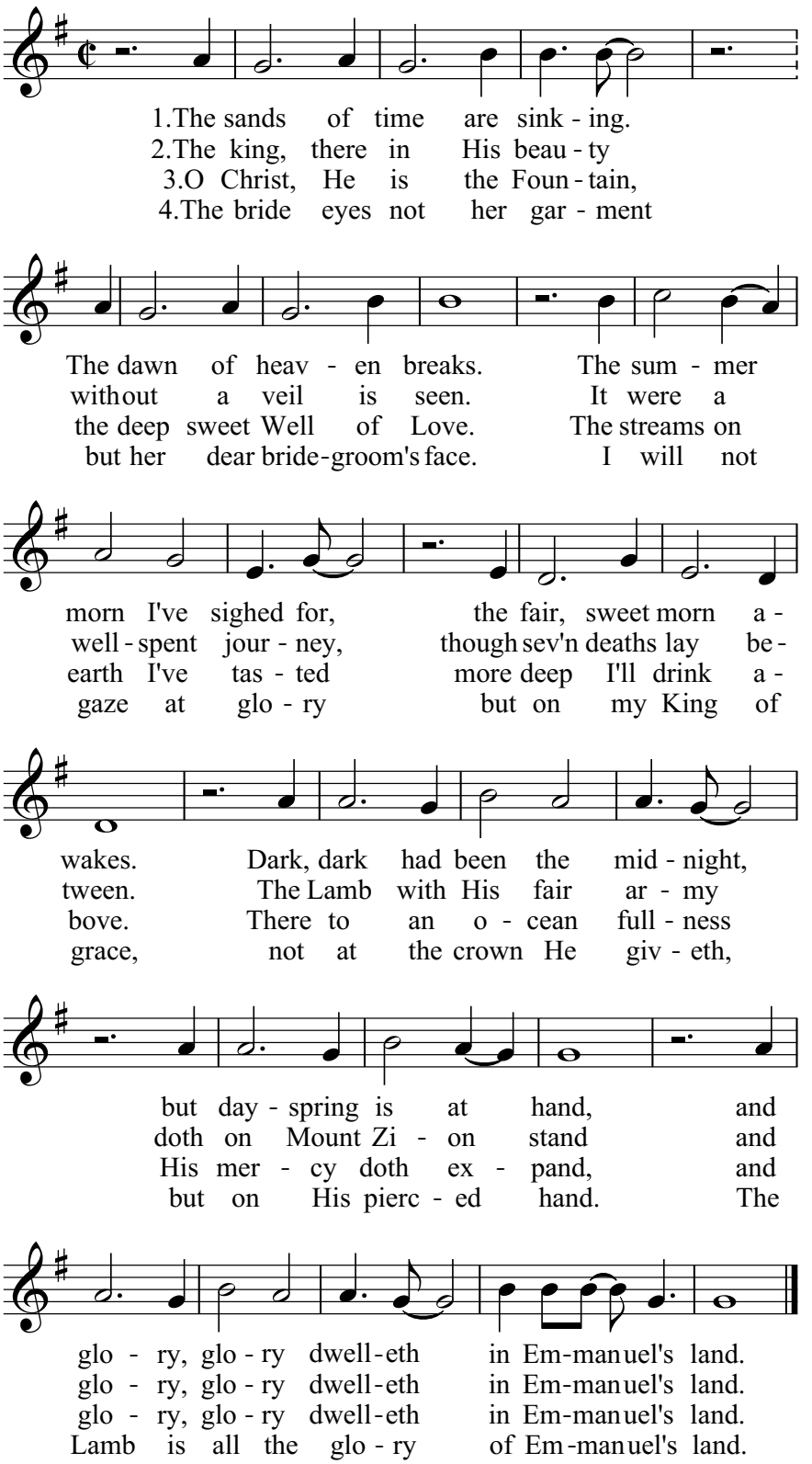
The Postlude — "Fugue and Chorale" ..... Healey Willan

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 SANDS OF TIME ARE SINKING

Cousin and Rutherford — Palmertree



2001 Philip Palmertree Music, CCLI#2891132

EVENING WORSHIP

Five-Thirty in the Evening

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

Mr. Timothy Paul O. Tumutod
IT/AV Intern

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "Now Thank We All Our God" .....The Fours & Fives Choir
Mrs. Megan Stevens, Director; Mrs. Joy Graves, Accompanist

The Call to Worship — Revelation 21:3-5

The Hymn — "I Am Making All Things New"..... hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn — "Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor" ..... hymn sheet

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Mr. Ned Currie, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — "O God Beyond All Praising"...The First & Second Grade Choir
Miss Annabelle Crapuchettes, Director; Mrs. Amanda Hohm, Accompanist

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

Q70. How is Christ your prophet? A. **Christ teaches me the will of God.**

Q71. How is Christ your priest? A. **Christ died for my sins and continues to pray for me.**

Q72. How is Christ your king? A. **Christ rules over me, the world and Satan, and He defends me.**

The Meditation & Prayer ..... Mr. George Herndon, Senior Minister's Intern

The Hymn No. 359 (stz. 1-3) — "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 10:1-12.....pew Bible page 845

The Sermon — Let No Man Put Asunder .....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,
while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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.

HOLIDAY POTPOURRI

The Day School's Annual Fundraiser, Holiday Potpourri, is a beloved FPDS tradition spanning over five decades. This annual holiday home tour includes musical performances from FPDS students, Bountiful Bakery bake sale, Silent Auction, shopping at our Gift Gallery, and samplings from local restaurants. Holiday Potpourri will be held Friday, November 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the home of current FPC Members and FPDS Grandparents, Paula and Jimmy Hood, 2400 Culleywood Road, Jackson. Tickets may be purchased from any FPDS student starting at the end of October. Tickets are also available at the door, and, new this year, will be available online beginning Friday, November 6. Every ticket is a chance to win $1,000 that will be drawn at the conclusion of the event. The winner does not need to be present to win. For more information, visit **holidaypotpourri.org**.

NOW HIRING — CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

First Presbyterian Church is seeking a full-time Children's Ministry Director to lead our ministry to children from K3 through 6th grade and to equip our families to grow in the knowledge of God. We're looking for someone with a heart for children, a love for Reformed teaching, and gifts for leading staff and volunteers. To learn more or apply, visit **fpcjackson.org/employment**.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

We are currently seeking qualified applicants to join our team. Find out more and apply online at **fpcj.ms/employment**. With questions, contact Rebekah Dawson at rebekahd@fpcjackson.org.

- Sound Technician (Part Time) – running live sound for our Sunday morning and evening worship services
- Administrative Assistant to the Executive Minister – providing high-level administrative and organizational support to the Executive Minister
- Director of Local Outreach (Part Time) – 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.

Clarke & Khrystya Norton – Clarke is serving in Norway with MTW as a church planter. Email: hecnorton@gmail.com

Kaylee & Bobby Epps – Kaylee serves as RUF Campus Staff at Mississippi Christian University. Bobby is the Youth Director at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. Email: Kaylee.epps@ruf.org

Gateway Rescue Mission – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Gateway offers life-changing hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to homeless men, women and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling, and discipleship. Email: mlott@gatewaymission.org or 601-353-5864, ext. 207

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Marcia Woodward Penn by Dr. Bill Penn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Polk.

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.

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.

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP — OCTOBER 20

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet Tuesday, October 20, in Westminster Hall 202 from 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. The purpose of our Caregivers' Ministry is to gather similarly situated caregivers who desire to learn, share stories, and grieve as we walk together through the valley of a loved one's suffering with dementia and dementia-related illness. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Fairly at 601-941-5004.

JOHN REED MILLER LECTURE SERIES AT FPC — OCTOBER 21

Wednesday, October 21, FPC is honored to host the annual John Reed Miller Lecture series in partnership with our friends at RTS. We will pause our normal Midweek Electives and D Groups for adults to hear from Dr. Stuart Olyott on Acts 8:26-40: How Conversions Take Place. Join us this Wednesday, at 6 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

COMMUNICANT MEET AND GREET — OCTOBER 25

The Communicant Fall Meet and Greet will be held Sunday, October 25 at 9:45 in Lowe Hall. This informational meeting is for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and their parents who would like to learn more about becoming a Communing Member of our church. Please contact kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 769-230-3626 to register. For more info about the whole process, visit **fpcjackson.org/communicant**.

REFORMATION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE — OCTOBER 25

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.

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.

VBS 2027

Be part of VBS 2027! We're looking for adults who love spending time with children and building relationships with fellow volunteers. Join us for Vacation Bible School June 7–11, 2027, from 9–11:30 a.m. To learn more, contact Lauren Ridgway at 662-346-488 or lpridgway@gmail.com.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 18, 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 Venue (4580 Old Canton Rd.)

Monday, October 19, 2026

12:00 p.m.	**Women's Ministry Circle 14**	MH
6:00 p.m.	**Gospel Legacy Dinner**	MH

Tuesday, October 20, 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
10:30 a.m.	**Caregivers' Support Groups**	WH 202 B
12:00 p.m.	**Weekday Prayer Meeting**	PH
5:30 p.m.	**Diaconate Meeting**	MH
5:45 p.m.	**Internationals Class**	PH

Wednesday, October 21, 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.	**John Reed Miller Lecture Series**	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	**Children's Choirs**	Playground
6:00 p.m.	**Student Ministry D Groups**	YH & Baird Center Gym

Thursday, October 22, 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 23, 2026

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

Saturday, October 24, 2026

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

Sunday, October 25, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	**Morning Worship Services**	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	**Sunday School**	Various Locations
9:45 a.m.	**Communicant Meet & Greet**	LH
11:00 a.m.	**Children's Churchtime**	G110
4:30 p.m.	**Prayer for Global Missions**	Parlor
5:30 p.m.	**Reformation Day 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