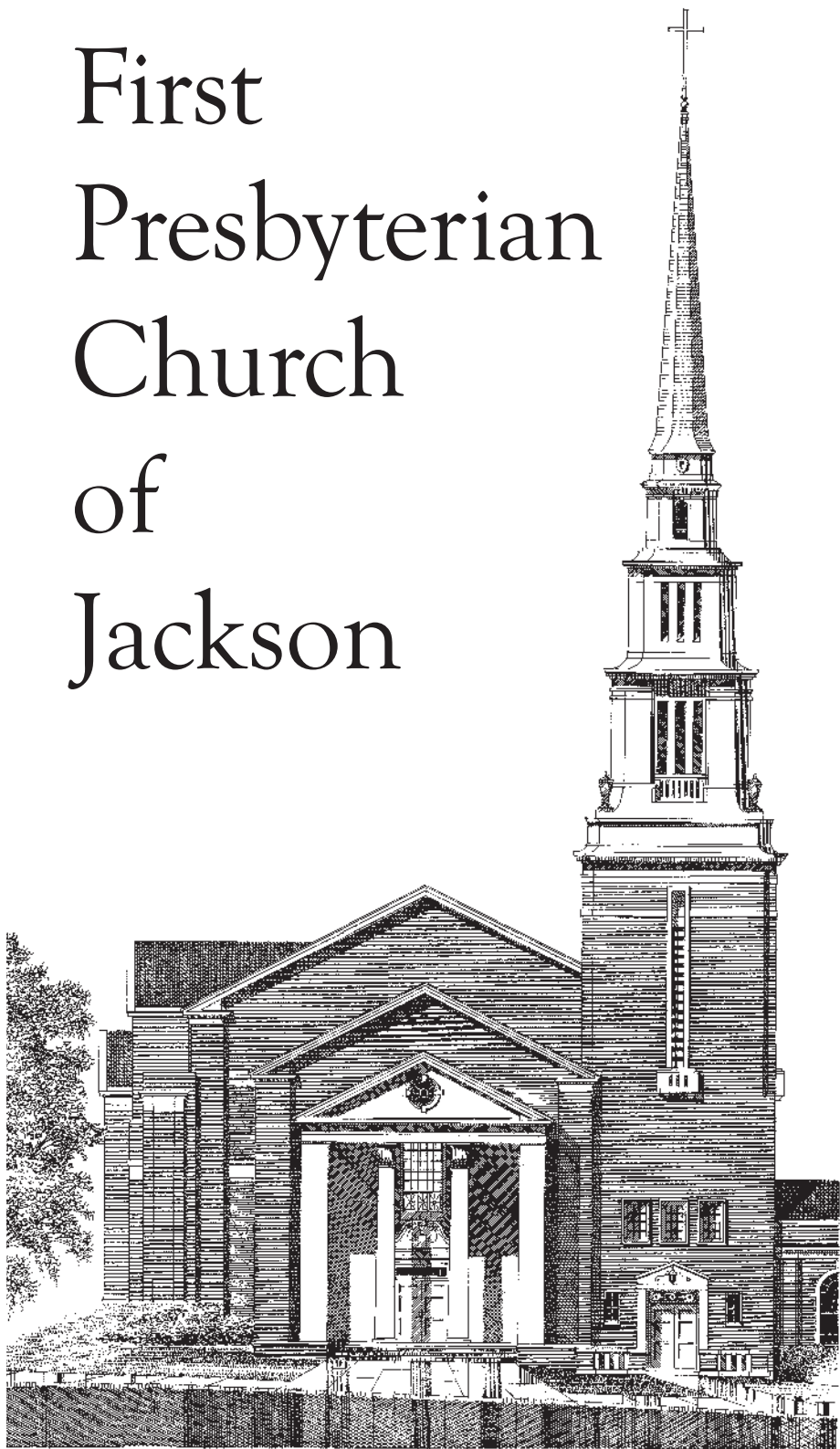


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The First Day of November, Two Thousand Twenty-Six

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Charles M. Wingard — Minister of Shepherding

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Catechism Recitation Recognition Miss Reeve Clark Payne

The Prelude — “Prelude on *Hyfrydol*” Healey Willan

The Introit — “Almighty God of Our Fathers” Will James
Almighty God, God of our fathers immortal, mighty art Thou, the Lord of Lords!

The Call to Worship — Isaiah 55:1-3

The Hymn No. 5 — “God, My King, Thy Might Confessing” (from Psalm 145)

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 — Isaiah 55:6-7

The Creed adapted from the *Belgic Confession*, Article 26

We believe that we have no access to God

except through the one and only Mediator and Intercessor:

Jesus Christ the Righteous.

He therefore was made man,

uniting together the divine and human natures,

so that we human beings might have access to the divine Majesty.

Otherwise we would have no access.

For neither in heaven nor among the creatures on earth

is there anyone who loves us more than Jesus Christ does.

Although He was “in the form of God,”

He nevertheless “emptied Himself,”

taking the form of “a man” and “a servant” for us;

and He made himself “completely like His brothers.”

Suppose we had to find another intercessor.

Who would love us more than He who gave His life for us,

even though “we were His enemies”?

And suppose we had to find one who has prestige and power.

Who has as much of these as He who is seated

“at the right hand of the Father,”

and who has all power

“in heaven and on earth”?

And who will be heard more readily

than God's own dearly beloved Son?

What more do we need?

For Christ Himself declares:

**“I am the way, the truth, and the life;
no one comes to my Father but by me.”**

SEEKING GOD’S FACE

The Hymn — “Speak, O Lord” see guide

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 3:11-24..... pew Bible page 1022

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory — “Saints Bound for Heaven” Mack Wilberg

Mr. Aaron Patterson and Dr. Grace Shumaker, piano

Our bondage it shall end, by and by.
From Egypt's yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee,
And to Canaan we'll return, by and by.
Our deliverer He shall come, by and by.
And our sorrows have an end, with our threescore years and ten,
And vast glory crown the day, by and by.
And when to Jordan's floods, we are come,
Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters He'll divide,
And the ransomed host shall shout, “we are come.”
Then with all the happy throng, we'll rejoice.
Shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring,
And thro' all eternity we'll rejoice!

HEARING GOD’S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Song of Solomon 3:1-5 pew Bible page 561

The Sermon — Song of Songs: I Sought the Lord and Afterward I Knew... Dr. Strain

The Hymn 466 (stz. 1-2) — “I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

**I find, I walk, I love, but, O the whole
of love is but my answer, Lord, to Thee;
for Thou wert long beforehand with my soul,
always Thou lovedst me.**

The Postlude — Improvisation

CATECHISM RECITATION

“Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” –2 Timothy 3:14-15

This morning, Reeve Clark Payne will receive her Bible for recitation of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, which consists of 107 questions and answers.

Catechism memory work begins at First Presbyterian Church with the Children's Catechism in three-year-old Sunday School. That study continues throughout children's Sunday School and the Catechism Class on Sunday Evenings. The Catechism is a summary of what the Bible teaches in systematic question and answer form. Committing it to memory is invaluable in the life of a believer, as it helps to build a solid foundation for a life of faith.

SPEAK, O LORD



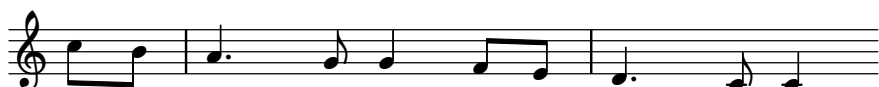
1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence,
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds;



To re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
 Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
 Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time



Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness,
 In the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty.
 That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.



That the light of Christ might be seen to - day
 Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
 And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es,



In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
 Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail
 Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built



All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
 Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

EVENING WORSHIP

Five-Thirty in the Evening

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III

Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care

Mr. Eliot Jones

Students and Families Intern

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven” ... The Third–Fifth Grade Choir
Mrs. Kayla Collins, director; Miss Jennie Statom, accompanist

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “In Christ Alone” hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 88 — “With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring” (from Psalm 138)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer.....Dr. Zeb Henson, Ruling Elder

The Offering

The Offertory — “Rejoice in the Lord” The Third–Fifth Grade Choir

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

Q73. Why do you need Christ as your prophet? A. **Because I am ignorant by nature.**

Q74. Why do you need Christ as your priest? A. **Because I am guilty of breaking God’s law.**

Q75. Why do you need Christ as your king? A. **Because I am weak and helpless.**

The Meditation & Prayer Mr. Timothy Paul O. Tumutod, IT/AV Intern

The Hymn (stz. 1-5) — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” hymn sheet

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 10:13-31.....pew Bible page 846

The Sermon — Turn the Whole Thing Upside Down Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer,
Heav’n’s eternal days before thee,
God’s own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall cease thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days.
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 1, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime	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 Dale Home (1582 US-51)

Tuesday, November 3, 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
12:00 p.m.	Weekday Prayer Meeting	PH
5:45 p.m.	Internationals Class	PH

Wednesday, November 4, 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, November 5, 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, November 6, 2026

7:00 a.m.	Weekday Prayer Meeting	Northshore Coffee (The District)
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Saturday, November 7, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast	PH
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Sunday, November 8, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime	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 McClain Home (4418 Hickory Ridge Rd.)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORT GROUPS

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, weekly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, biblical reflection, and prayer. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636.

Also, each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism meet for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

SENIOR ADULTS SERVE DAY — NOVEMBER 16

Senior Adults, join us Monday, November 16, anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., to help decorate the PEARSON Foundation (206 Old Whitfield Rd., in Pearl) for their Holiday Open House. To participate, contact Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org or 769-572-3535.

COVERING OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER

Through the “Covering Our Children in Prayer” initiative, each Adult Sunday School class is paired with a Children’s or Youth Sunday School class to pray regularly for those children throughout the year. We want FPC children to know that their church prays for them by name and we hope parents are encouraged by the support of our church family. Ask your Sunday School president for your class’s prayer list and join us in praying for God’s protection, provision, and purpose in the lives of our children.

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 662-346-1488 or lpridgway@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Neil & Jillian Longwe and David & Ashton Trimble – Neil & David serve as church planters at Merchant City Church in Glasgow, Scotland.

Email: Neil@merchantcitychurch.co.uk; David@merchantcitychurch.co.uk

Franky & Alaina Garcia – Franky serves with MNA in Gatineau, Quebec, Canada as a church planter. Email: frank@gracegatineau.ca

Harbor Day School – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Harbor Day School is a tuition-free Developmental Center that has been making a difference in the lives of children with special needs for over three decades.

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret and Bill Cook by their daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth Cook.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGING IN EVENING WORSHIP TONIGHT

The Third-Fifth Grade Choir will sing in the evening worship service tonight. Parents, please have your child in the sanctuary at 4:45 dressed in Sunday morning clothes. With questions contact Kimberly Sumrall at 601-937-4111 or KSumrall86@gmail.com.

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 COMMUNION — NEXT WEEK

Communion will be observed in the evening worship service next week. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements will be available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard. There will be no Catechism Crew or Covenant Kids on November 8 during the evening worship service. We will take a break to allow our leaders to attend the evening worship and participate in the Lord's Supper with our congregation. This is also a great opportunity to allow your child to attend the service and observe this means of grace!

CALL FOR PHOTOS OF VETERANS

In honor of our veterans, we will display a slideshow of our past and present veterans in the Welcome Center November 11-15. If you have a picture that you would like to be included, please email it to ccare@fpcjackson.org with the name of the veteran pictured by November 6.

MEN'S NIGHT AT THE CREEKMORES' CABIN — NOVEMBER 12

Men, invite a friend and join us Thursday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m. for barbecue and casual fellowship together at the Creekmore Cabin (143 McHarris Rd., in Madison).

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.

HOLIDAY POTPOURRI VOLUNTEER SNACKS

Ladies, help us provide breakfast treats, appetizers, snacks, desserts, and drinks for the Holiday Potpourri volunteers and FPDS teachers. This is a wonderful opportunity to bless and encourage our Day School community during one of its busiest days of the year. Food donations may be dropped off in the Welcome Center on November 12 from 8 a.m. to noon or November 13 from 8 to 10 a.m. Please sign up at fpcj.ms/HP-refreshments. For more information or to arrange an alternate drop-off time, please contact Lauren Felker.