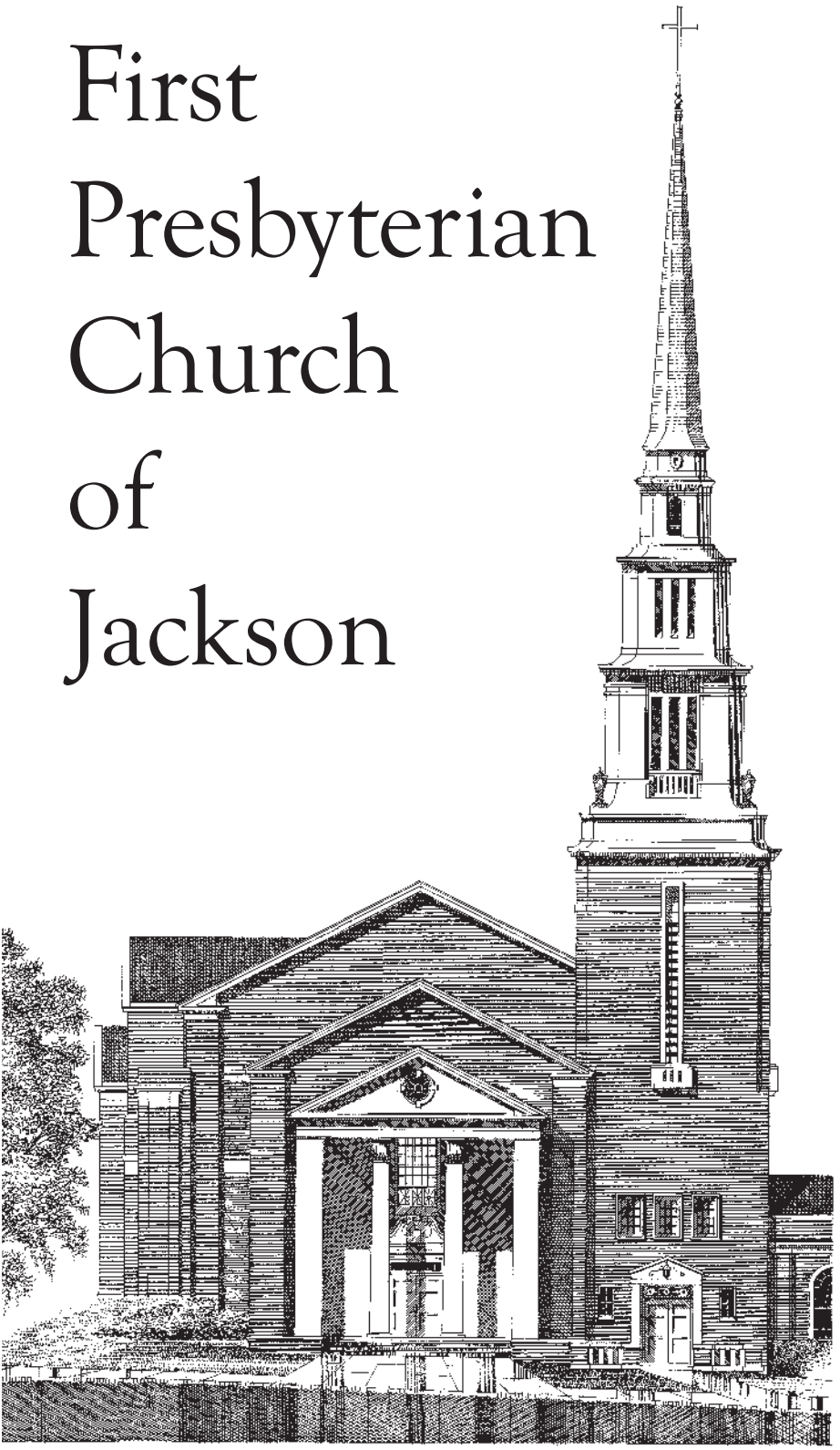
The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

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

ADORING THE COVENANT LORD

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "How Great Thou Art" ..... Duane Funderburk
Miss Bonnie Brown, violin — Ms. Emily Williams, violin
Mr. Thorburn McGee, viola — Mrs. Nancy Bateman, cello

The Introit — "I Was Glad" ..... Charles Hubert Parry
I was glad, glad when they said unto me,
We will go into the house of the Lord.

The Call to Worship — Hebrews 4:14-16

The Hymn No. 1 — "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (Psalm 100)

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. 413 — "Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer"

The Offering

The Offertory — "As the Bridegroom to His Chosen" ..... John Rutter
Kim Porter, soprano
As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm,
As the keeper to the castle, as the pilot to the helm,
As the captain to his soldiers, as the shepherd to his lambs
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark,
As the treasure in the coffer, as the manna in the ark,
As the firelight in the winter, as the sunlight in the spring,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal,
As refreshment to the fainting, as the wine-cup at the meal,
As the singing on the feast-day, as the amen to the prayer,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the ruby in the setting, as the honey in the comb,
As the light within the lantern, as the father in the home,
As the eagle in the mountains, as the sparrow in the nest,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass,
As the fruit unto the fig-tree, as the dew unto the grass,
As the rainbow on the hilltop, as the river in the plain
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

HEARING THE COVENANT WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Song of Songs 4:1-7.....pew Bible page 561

The Sermon — Song of Songs: Faultless to Stand Before the Throne...Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 521 (stz. 1-3) — "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

When He shall come with trumpet sound, o may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

The Postlude — "Improvisation"

Mr. Aaron Patterson, organ

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

Lee Felder Abraham
son of John and Caroline Abraham

Lewis Lantrip Burrow
son of Hollis and Abigail Burrow

Lucy Jennings Leis
daughter of Robert and Melissa Leis

Molly Margaret Leis
daughter of Robert and Melissa Leis

Robert Gunn Leis
son of Robert and Melissa Leis

Ann Lamar Matheny
daughter of Harrison and Lauren Matheny

James Robert Presnall
son of Aren and Wesley Presnall*

Elizabeth Barrett Rogers
daughter of Austin and Barrett Rogers

*James Presnall will be baptized in the evening worship service.

The next baptism date is January 17.
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
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The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain
Senior Minister

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" ...Mrs. Nancy Bateman, cello

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — "A Debtor to Mercy Alone" ..... hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Sacrament of Baptism
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The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
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The Hymn — "My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone" ..... hymn sheet
(Based on Psalm 62)

The Greetings

The Offering

The Offertory— "Goodness of God" ..... Mrs. Genneysa Case

*__The Young Children's Devotional__ — *The Children's Catechism*
Q76. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?
A. Ten Commandments.
Q77. Why should we obey the Ten Commandments?
A. Because God is our Creator, Savior, and King.

The Meditation & Prayer .....Mr. Jennings Duncan, Discipleship Intern

The Hymn No. 164 (stz. 1-5) — "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Mark 10:46-52 .....pew Bible page 847

The Sermon — Vision and Mission, Part Two.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response
Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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 15, 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
6:30 p.m.	**Reception for Kimberly Wilkins**	MH

Monday, November 16, 2026

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	**Senior Adults Serve Day**	PEARSON

Tuesday, November 17, 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, November 18, 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 19, 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
6:30-8:00 p.m.	**Young Adults Thanksgiving**	The Bean (Fondren)

Friday, November 20, 2026

7:00 a.m.	**Weekday Prayer Meeting**	The Bean (Fondren)

Saturday, November 21, 2026

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

Sunday, November 22, 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 Guidry Home (4665 Katherine Blvd.)

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

RECEPTION HONORING KIMBERLY WILKINS

After eleven and a half years of faithful service as the Children's Ministry Director, Kimberly Wilkins is retiring. Please join us tonight following the evening worship service for a reception in Miller Hall to honor and express our gratitude to Kimberly for her unwavering commitment and ministry to our Covenant children at First Presbyterian. Over more than a decade, Kimberly has played a vital role in nurturing the faith of our youngest members, leaving a lasting legacy of love and discipleship. Her gentle spirit, creative leadership, and deep love for the gospel have shaped an entire generation of our church family!

ALL THINGS NEW TOY & BIBLE DRIVE

Share the love of Christ this Christmas season by providing a gift for the child of an inmate at the Rankin County Jail. We are once again partnering with All Things New, which seeks restoration for individuals and families through meeting their spiritual, physical, emotional and financial needs. Our First Presbyterian Church Jail Ministry and Visitation Team works through All Things New to gain access to the inmates of the Rankin County Jail, guiding them to hope through a transformation from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Bible and Toy Drive

As you are out Christmas shopping, pick up an extra toy to give through this ministry. Ideas: new toys for ages newborn-12, Stocking stuffers for ages newborn-12, new Bibles for teens (available in the FPC Bookstore), toiletry items for teens, Walmart $50 gift cards for teens. Gifts may be left at the donation bin located near the FPC Bookstore entrance. The deadline to donate is December 10.

JUNIOR HIGH HOUSE HOP — DECEMBER 3

Junior High students, break out your tackiest Christmas attire and meet us at Pondside Drive cul-de-sac for appetizers, dinner, dessert, and fun for all. There is no cost, but please register online at **fpcj.ms/events** so we can plan accordingly. Parents, your help is needed with food! We will have a white elephant gift exchange game, so please bring a wrapped gift costing no more than $10. For more information or with questions, contact youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAM ATTEMPTS

Unfortunately, bad actors sometimes digitally target church communities. One common tactic is to impersonate a pastor, officer, staff member, or fellow congregant through email or text, asking for "private" or "confidential" financial help. These messages often look legitimate, and could even appear to come from official church email addresses.

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, cash cards, or personal financial favors. If you receive a message from an FPC minister or staff member asking for money, gift cards, or personal financial information to be given to him or her directly, know that it is illegitimate. Trust your instincts. If something feels off, it probably is.

If you ever receive a suspicious message of this type, 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.

Deddy & Desta S – Serving in Asia as a church planter.

Austin & Meredith Lenox – Austin serves as a church planter in Memphis, TN. Email: Austin@RedeemerMemphis.org

Mission First – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Mission First is an inner-city mission organization that seeks to meet the tangible needs of individuals as an avenue to engage their paramount spiritual needs. Email: lthigpen@missionfirst.org

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David George Wasson, Sr. by his wife, sons, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter.

THANKING GOD FOR OUR VETERANS

We thank God for the men and women who have served our country. We are grateful for their courage, their sacrifice, and their example of selfless love. Stop by the Welcome Center today to view our Veterans Day slideshow.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS THANKSGIVING — NOVEMBER 19

Gather with friends for our Young Adults Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 19 6:30–8 p.m., at The Bean in Fondren. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening with friends. Sign up to bring food at **fpcj.ms/ya**.

THANKSGIVING GATHERING

Don't have plans on Thanksgiving? We would love for you to join us for Thanksgiving dinner! Our deacons are hosting a Thanksgiving gathering for anyone who is able to come! Join us for an informal service at 11 a.m. in Miller Hall, followed by dinner at 11:45 a.m. The church will provide the meat, and those who attend may bring sides and desserts. Bring a dish that serves at least eight people to ensure that there is enough for everyone. Please call Emily Eastman at 769-572-3535 to sign up and let us know what you'd like to bring. Feel free to invite friends or neighbors to come along. They'll be more than welcome!

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT 2027 — JANUARY 15-18

9th-12th graders are invited to join us again for a weekend at Alpine Camp as we fellowship together and dive deeply into God's Word, January 15-18. Grant Carter will be our speaker as he shares on God's Unchanging Love that Changes Us. Register at **fpcj.ms/winter-retreat** by the early bird deadline (December 1) for a discounted price of $190.

JAPAN MISSION TRIP — MAY 28 – JUNE 6, 2027

The people of Japan have a special love for American music, especially spirituals and other choral music. Our supported church planter O-chan Odate came specifically to RTS-Jackson because he wanted the exposure to that music while pursuing his theological education. Participants will prepare a choral performance to present around the Chiba area and draw in members of the community. We are hopeful to take a team of 18, led by Levi Henkel and Jamie Peipon. The cost will be $1,500 plus airfare. The deadline to register is December 31. Sign up at **fpcj.ms/go**.

SEND A HOLIDAY CARD FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving and Christmas events provide a winsome opportunity to welcome friends and neighbors to interact with our church family and hear (and even sing!) the good news of Jesus with us. Holiday Cards with FPC Christmas events printed on the back are available in the Welcome Center for you to send a handwritten invitation as a neighborly outreach. Please be praying about whom you may invite to join you at one of our gatherings!

LOVE OF GOD RECOMMENDED READING

Take a deep dive into our churchwide teaching theme, The Love of God, by reading works by our selected authors. Our pastors have put together the Recommended Reading List to provide insight into this attribute of God's character. The books on the list range from easy reads, to more in-depth theological studies and are a great place to continue learning about The Love of God! Find the list at **fpcj.ms/love-of-god**.