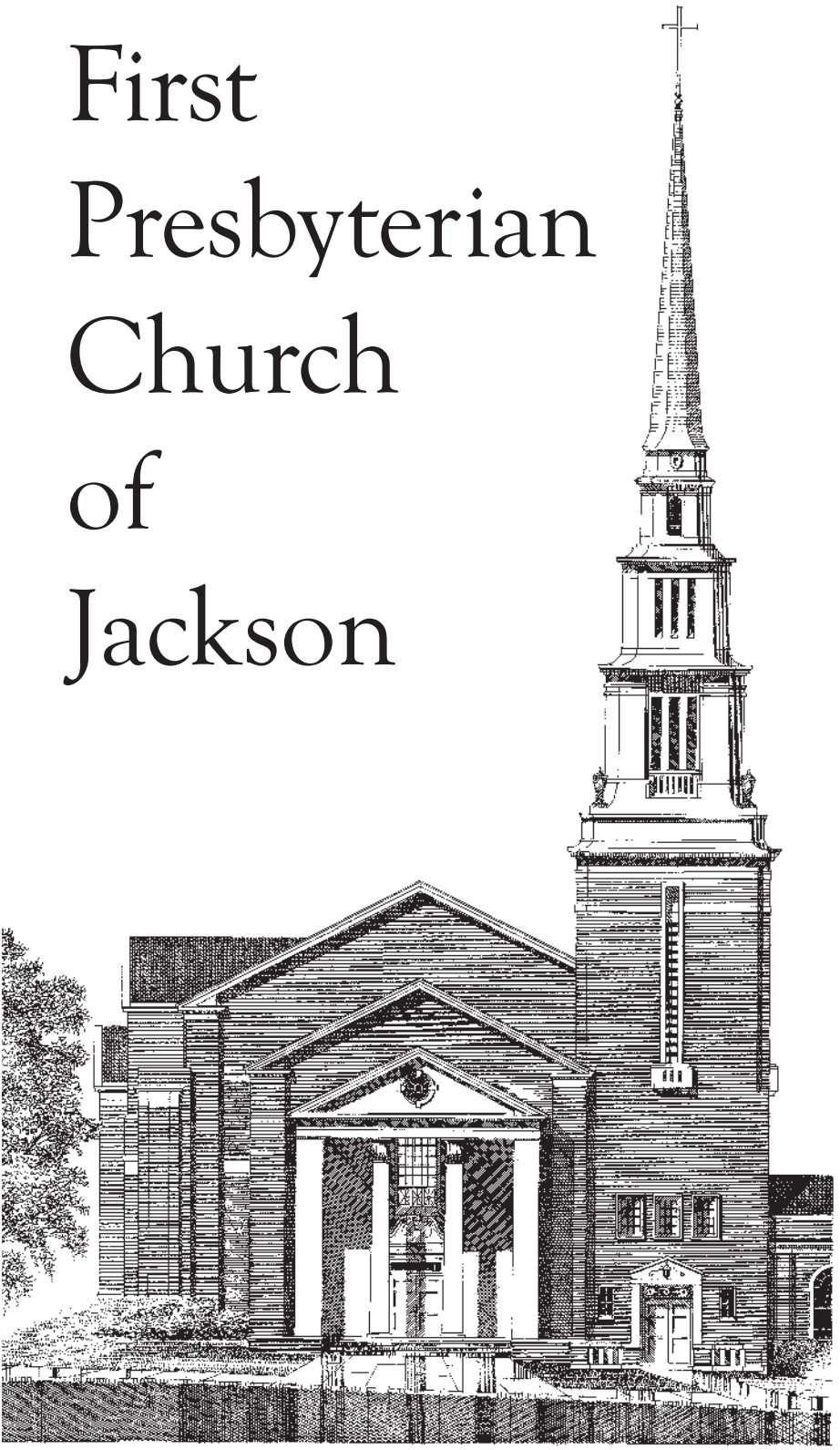
The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth 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. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational and Pastoral Care

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "It Is Well with My Soul" ..... Jay Rouse
Ms. Rebekah Lipscombe, piano

The Introit — "Praise Ye the Name of the Lord" ..... Gordon Young
Praise ye the name of the Lord of Hosts.
Praise Him, all ye people.
Let all the nations praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord!

The Call to Worship — Revelation 19:6-8

The Hymn No. 198 — "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!" (based on Psalm 24)

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

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Hymn — "My Song Is Love Unknown" ..... see guide

The Stewardship Message....Mr. Robert Leard, Stewardship Committee Member

The Offering

The Offertory — "God, Thou Art Love" ..... Craig Courtney
If I forget, yet God remembers. If these hands of mine cease from their clinging,
Yet the hands divine hold me so firmly I cannot fall.
And if sometimes I am too tired to call for Him to help me,
Then He reads the prayer unspoken in my heart and lifts my care.

I dare not fear since certainly I know that I am in God's keeping,
Shielded so, from all that else would harm,
And in the hour of stern temptation, strengthened by His power.

I tread no path in life to Him unknown, I lift no burden, bear no pain alone;
My soul a calm, sure hiding place has found: the everlasting Arms my life surround.

God, Thou art love! I build my faith on that.
I know Thee who has kept my path, and made light for me in the darkness,
Tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy.

It were too strange that I should doubt Thy Love.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading — Song of Songs 3:6-11.....pew Bible page 561

The Sermon — Song of Songs: From Heaven He Came and Sought Her... Dr. Strain

The Hymn 347 (stz. 1-5) — "The Church's One Foundation"

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

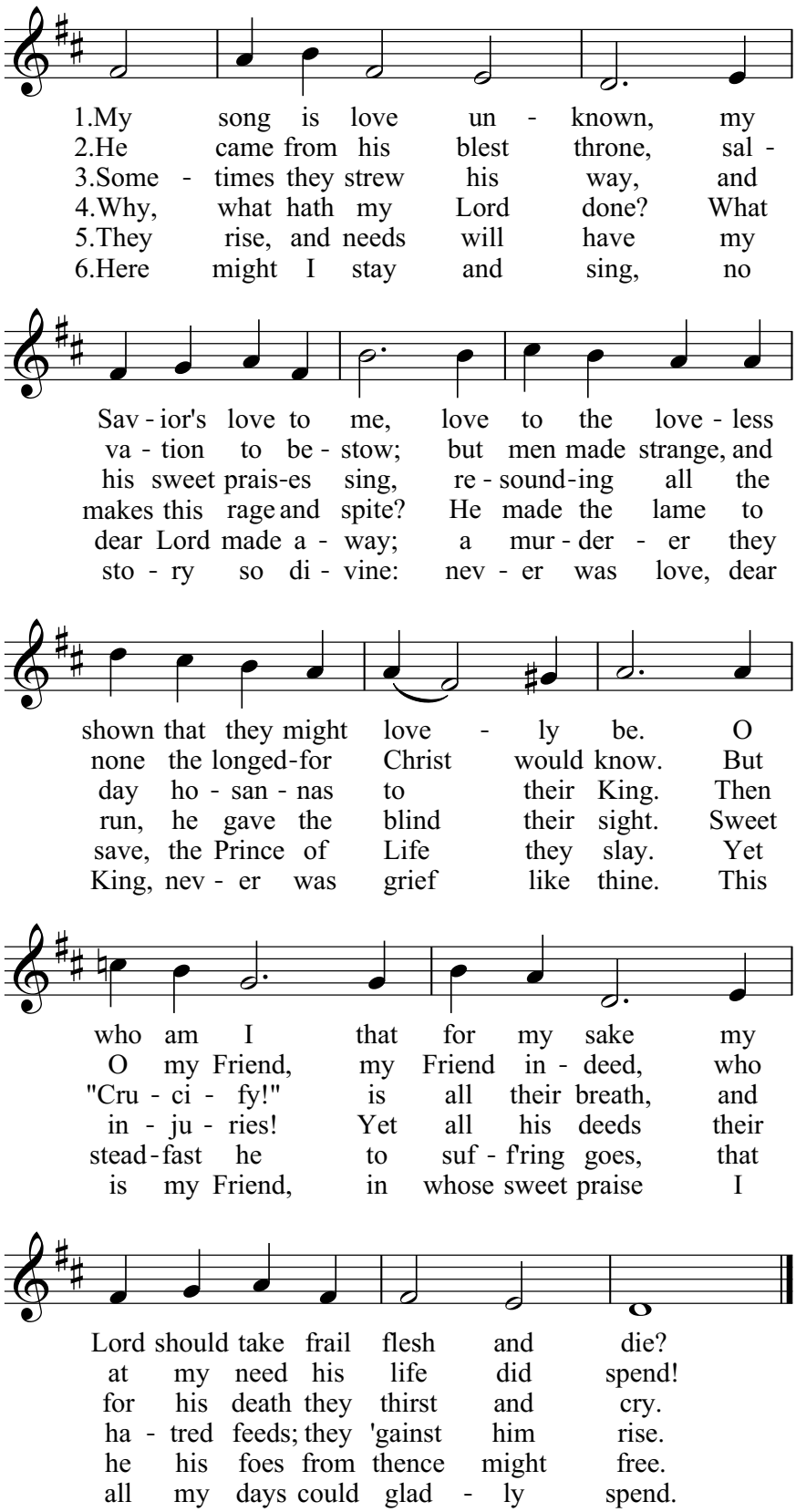
The Postlude — Improvisation

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.

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

Samuel Crossman — John Ireland



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EVENING WORSHIP

Five-Thirty in the Evening

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

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Executive Minister

The Greetings and Announcements

The Prelude — "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" ..... Mr. Tim Sanduleac
Mr. Paul Forster

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — "The Power of the Cross" ..... hymn sheet

The Invocation

The Greetings

The Offering

The Offertory — "The Word Was God" ..... The Student Choir

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made that have been made. Nothing was made, He has not made.
All things were made by Him.

The Prayer of Illumination

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

The Sermon — Not to Be Served but to Serve ..... Mr. Lowry

The Hymn No. 427 — "Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands"

The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution
The Invitation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Hymn No. 253 (stz. 1-4) — "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Dear dying Lamb, Your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

The Postlude

FPC THIS WEEK

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.)

Monday, November 9, 2026

Various	**Women's Ministry Circles**	See Announcements
5:30 p.m.	**Diaconate Meeting**	PH
6:30 p.m.	**Session Meeting**	MS

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

6:30 a.m.	**Men's Breakfast Series**	Miller Hall
8:15 a.m.	**Women's Weekday Prayer**	Reformed Theological Seminary
Various	**Women's Ministry Circles**	See Announcements
10:30 a.m.	**Caregivers Support Group**	WH 202B
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
6:00 p.m.	**MOMS at Night Bible Study**	MS

Wednesday, November 11, 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 12, 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
5:30-7:30 p.m.	**Men's Night**	Creekmore Cabin (143 McHarris Rd., in Madison)

Friday, November 13, 2026

7:00 a.m.	**Weekday Prayer Meeting**	Northshore Coffee (The District)
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	**Holiday Potpourri**	The Hood Home (2400 Culleywood Rd.)
4:30 p.m.	**Junior High Encounter Retreat**	Youth House

Saturday, November 14, 2026

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

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

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

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.

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!

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 to have you join us for Thanksgiving Dinner! Our deacons are hosting a Thanksgiving Gathering for anyone who is able to come! Join us for an informal Thanksgiving service at 11 a.m. in Miller Hall, followed by Thanksgiving 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!

FPC DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Did you know that FPC has a digital membership directory? This handy tool puts the contact information of our fellow church members right at our fingertips! All FPC members can access the FPC Digital Directory. If you have never logged in to the directory before, email Emily Eastman at emilye@fpcjackson.org to request a username and password. There are two ways to access the FPC Digital Directory. Online at **fpcjackson.shelbynextchms.com** or through the smartphone app. For more information visit **fpcj.ms/membership-directory**.

THANK YOU MARK PHILLIPS

Help us thank Mark Phillips for 17 years of service to our church! Mark has faithfully served as our sanctuary audio technician, working behind the scenes in our worship services each week. We are grateful for his dedication and the time he has given to serving our congregation.

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.

Sashko & Ania Nezamutdinov – Sashko serves as a church planter in Krakow, Poland. Email: nezamutdinov@yahoo.pl

Samuel & Sara Tyson Husband – Samuel serves as the Chaplain at the Schools of Perea and the Director of New City Memphis. Email: shusband@gmail.com

Hope Exchange – Supported through Mission to Jackson under the guidance of the Benevolence Committee, Hope Exchange pursues socioeconomic renewal and justice in the Jackson area, fostering an environment where church and community members can know God personally, thrive in God's design for work and finances, and engage in healing relationships across cultural and socioeconomic lines. Email: levijgill@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Katherine Tomb, by her nieces, Catherine and Elizabeth Cook.

EVENING COMMUNION — TONIGHT

Communion will be observed in the evening worship service tonight. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements are available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

Parents, there will be no children's program tonight to allow those serving in children's ministry to participate fully in this means of grace and to give our children the opportunity to be present and observe this meaningful act of worship.

CIRCLES MEET THIS WEEK

Joining a Circle is a wonderful way to get involved in the life of the church and make a big church feel like family. Circles are groups of women who meet monthly (September–May) for Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and to learn of opportunities for service and missions within our church. To register, contact Lisa Oswalt at 769-333-5802

Monday, November 9

Circle 3	9:30	Westminster Hall 204
Circle 8	9:30	The Orchard
Circle 2	10:00	Gina O'Connell's Home
Circle 4	10:00	Parlor
Circle 5	10:00	Stella Gray Sykes's Home
Circle 14	12:00	Miller Hall
Circle 6	6:30	Rhonda Baird's Home

Tuesday, November 10

Circle 7	10:00	Sidney Crews's Home
Circle 9	10:00	Parlor
Circle 12	10:30	St. Catherine's

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 November 11-15 to view our Veterans Day slideshow.

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 — NOVEMBER 13

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 FPC members and FPDS Grandparents, Paula and Jimmy Hood, 2400 Culleywood Road, Jackson. Tickets may be purchased from any FPDS student, are available at the door, and, new this year, will be available online. 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.