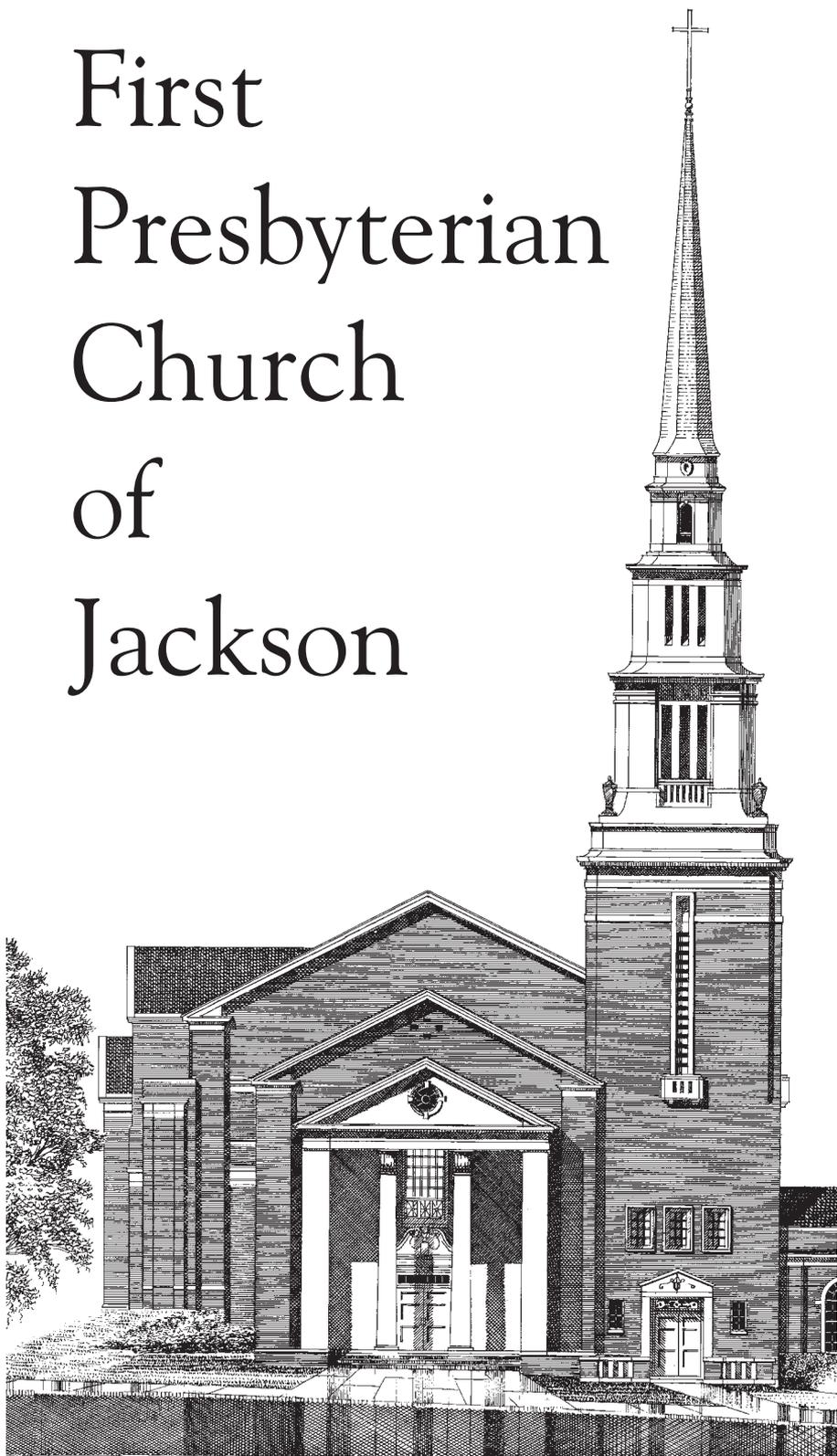


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirteenth Day of September, Two Thousand Twenty  
MORNING WORSHIP  
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III  
Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary  
The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Prelude — “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”.....Johnson/Thompson  
Michael Beasley, Trumpet; William Wymond, Piano

The Greetings and Announcements (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Introit — “The Lord Reigns”..... Dale Wood

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 580 — “Lead On, O King Eternal”

1. Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
thy tents shall be our home:  
through days of preparation  
thy grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing,  
nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy,  
the heav'nly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal,  
we follow, not with fears;  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er thy face appears;  
thy cross is lifted o'er us;  
we journey in its light:  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might.

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “My God Is So High”.....Moses Hogan  
With Rene Young, Soloist

My God is so high you can't get over Him,  
He's so low you can't get under Him,  
He's so wide you can't get 'round Him,  
You must come in, by and through the Lamb.  
One day as I was a-walkin' along the heavenly road,  
My Savior spoke unto me  
And he filled my heart with his love.  
My God is so high. . .  
I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow,  
And if my Savior helps me I'll blow wherever I'll go.  
My God is so high . . .

## The Hymn No. 44 — “How Great Thou Art”

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

## The Pastoral Prayer

### HEARING GOD’S VOICE

#### The New Testament Reading — 1 John 1

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

#### The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

- <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

- <sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.
- <sup>8</sup> Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- <sup>9</sup> when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- <sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,  
and they have not known my ways."
- <sup>11</sup> Therefore I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter my rest."

**The Sermon** — O Come, Let Us Worship! ..... Dr. Duncan

**The Hymn No. 53 (Stzs. 1, 2, 4, 5)** — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?
4. Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief  
hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

**The Benediction**

**The Postlude** — "Sketch in D Flat" ..... Robert Schumann

## WELCOME

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God's Word.

## VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. You can text **fpcjwelcome** to 955-77 to learn more about how to get connected to the life of our church.

# Fall 2020

Safely resuming programs for Adults, Children, and Youth

## Midweek

Beginning September 23

### For Adults

Midweek Prayer Meeting  
Women's Bible Study  
Evangelism Group  
D Groups

### For Children

Nursery  
Children's Choirs  
Sixth Grade Fellowship

### For Youth

Junior High Large Group

## Sunday School

Beginning October 4

### For Adults

Sunday School Electives (3)  
Taught by  
David Elkin, Al Chestnut, and Cory Brock

### For Children

Nursery  
Children's Sunday School

### For Youth

Junior High teaching  
Senior High teaching

## Young Adults

Small Group Bible Studies  
Every other Tuesday

Tuesday Night Fellowship  
Every other Tuesday

## Youth

Senior High Insight  
Sundays at 7:15 p.m.

## Women's Ministry

**Jonah: It's Not About the Fish**  
MOMS Bible Study  
(virtual format)

**Ephesians: Really Good News**  
Thursday Morning Bible Study  
(in-person or virtual option)

**James: Mercy Triumphs**  
Monthly Circle Bible Studies  
(in-person format)

**A Shelter in the Time of Storm**  
Midweek Bible Study  
(in-person format)

**Come to the Table**  
Women's Ministry Fall Event  
October 20 - 12:00 p.m.

**Live, Laugh, Love**  
Fellowship Supper Groups  
November 17 - 6:00 p.m.

## Men's Ministry

**Saturday Morning Men's Prayer**  
(virtual format)

**Huddle Groups**  
Men's small groups

More information and registration details available through  
the church website, app, and email.

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Discipleship

Mr. Jamie Peipon — Music Ministry Assistant

The Prelude — “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” .....Kathryn Carpenter  
Zachary Horne, cello; Rae Shannon, piano

The Greetings and Announcements (5:55 p.m.)

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

1. A debtor to mercy alone,  
Of covenant mercy I sing;  
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,  
My person and offering to bring.  
The terrors of law and of God  
With me can have nothing to do;  
My Savior's obedience and blood  
Hide all my transgressions from view
2. The work which His goodness began,  
The arm of His strength will complete;  
His promise is yea and amen,  
And never was forfeited yet.  
Things future, nor things that are now,  
Not all things below nor above  
Can make Him His purpose forego,  
Or sever my soul from His love.
3. My name from the palms of His hands  
Eternity will not erase;  
Impressed on His heart it remains  
In marks of indelible grace.  
Yes, I to the end shall endure,  
As sure as the earnest is given  
More happy, but not more secure,  
The glorified spirits in heaven.

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Isaiah 43”

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
And the waves will not overcome you. Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you, I have called you by name,  
You are Mine.

Chorus:

- For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God  
I am The Holy One of Israel your Savior  
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God I am  
The Holy One of Israel your Savior  
I am the Lord (do not fear)
2. When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not consume you. Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you, I have called you by name,  
You are Mine.

Chorus

The Greetings

The Prayer ..... Bob Cunningham

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

**Q36. Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of life?**

A: No. He represented the whole human race.

**Q37. What effect did the sin of Adam have on you and all people?**

A: We are all born guilty and sinful.

**Q38. How sinful are you by nature?** A: I am corrupt in every part of my being.

**Q39. What is the sinful nature we inherit from Adam called?** A: Original sin.

**Q40. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?** A: No. Our hearts must be changed before we can believe in Jesus and go to heaven.

\*\* The Meditation and Prayer.....Sebastian Bjernegård, Pastoral Care Intern

The Hymn No. 654 — “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
3. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 4:14-5:10

<sup>4:14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

<sup>5:1</sup> For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup> Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

The Sermon — *Hebrews*: Jesus the Great High Priest ..... Mr. Felker

The Benediction

The Postlude — “Will You Come and Follow Me?” ..... John L. Bell

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## II THESSALONIANS 3:1 — *“Finally, brethren, pray for us...”*

**Apam & Pamleiphy** – Serving with Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship in India training national pastors. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

**The PEARSON Foundation** – Supported through Mission to Jackson and provides mentorship and discipleship to students through in-school mentoring, faith-based community mentoring in cooperation with the city of Pearl Youth Court, after-school tutoring and mentoring at three locations in Pearl.

## STEWARDSHIP NEEDS

Offering plates are located at the exits of the sanctuary to receive gifts. We also offer alternative ways for members and regular givers to send offerings:

- Give online: [fpcj.ms/give](http://fpcj.ms/give).
- Download our app on IOS and Android (FPC Jackson) and click “giving.”
- Send your offering through the mail to the church office.
- Give by text: Text “fpcjackson” to 779-77.

## NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Our next date for receiving new members will be Sunday, October 4. New member forms are due Wednesday, September 23. Email [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org) for more information.

## CANOE TRIP

Men and women, married and single, are invited to join us for the first ever FPC Current River Float Trip, September 25-27, 2020. The cost is \$75 a person (includes lodging and canoe rental). Register on the FPC website or app, or contact Billy or Debbie Dempsey for more info at [bdempsey@fpcjackson.org](mailto:bdempsey@fpcjackson.org) or [dsdempsey313@gmail.com](mailto:dsdempsey313@gmail.com).

## MASKED EVANGELISM 101

How do you share the gospel in an environment of social distancing with masks and “no entry” or “limited seating” signage? Learn to share Christ for the first time or renew your zeal for evangelism during this eight-week training on Wednesday nights. More information to follow.

## WOMEN’S MINISTRY CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

Circles will study the book of James and will meet this week on their usual day and time (September 14 & 15) in the locations listed below. If you are already a member of a Circle, there is no need to register. To join a circle, please email Lisa Oswalt at [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org).

Circle 2:	Monday at 10:00 a.m.	Patterson Hall
Circle 3:	Monday at 10:00 a.m.	WH 204
Circle 4:	Monday at 10:00 a.m.	WH 202
Circle 6:	Monday at 6:30 p.m.	Home of Beth Archer
Circle 9:	Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.	WH 204
Circle 10:	Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.	Patterson Hall
Circle 11:	Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.	Home of Frenchie Graham
Circle 14:	Monday at 12:00 p.m.	Miller Hall

## NURSERY

The nursery is now available for children three-years old and younger during the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Registration is required for all children who will be in the nursery. Visit the church website at [fpcj.ms/nursery](http://fpcj.ms/nursery) or app (Ministries/Children/Highlights) to read safety guidelines and register your child. The deadline to register is each Friday by 5:00 p.m.