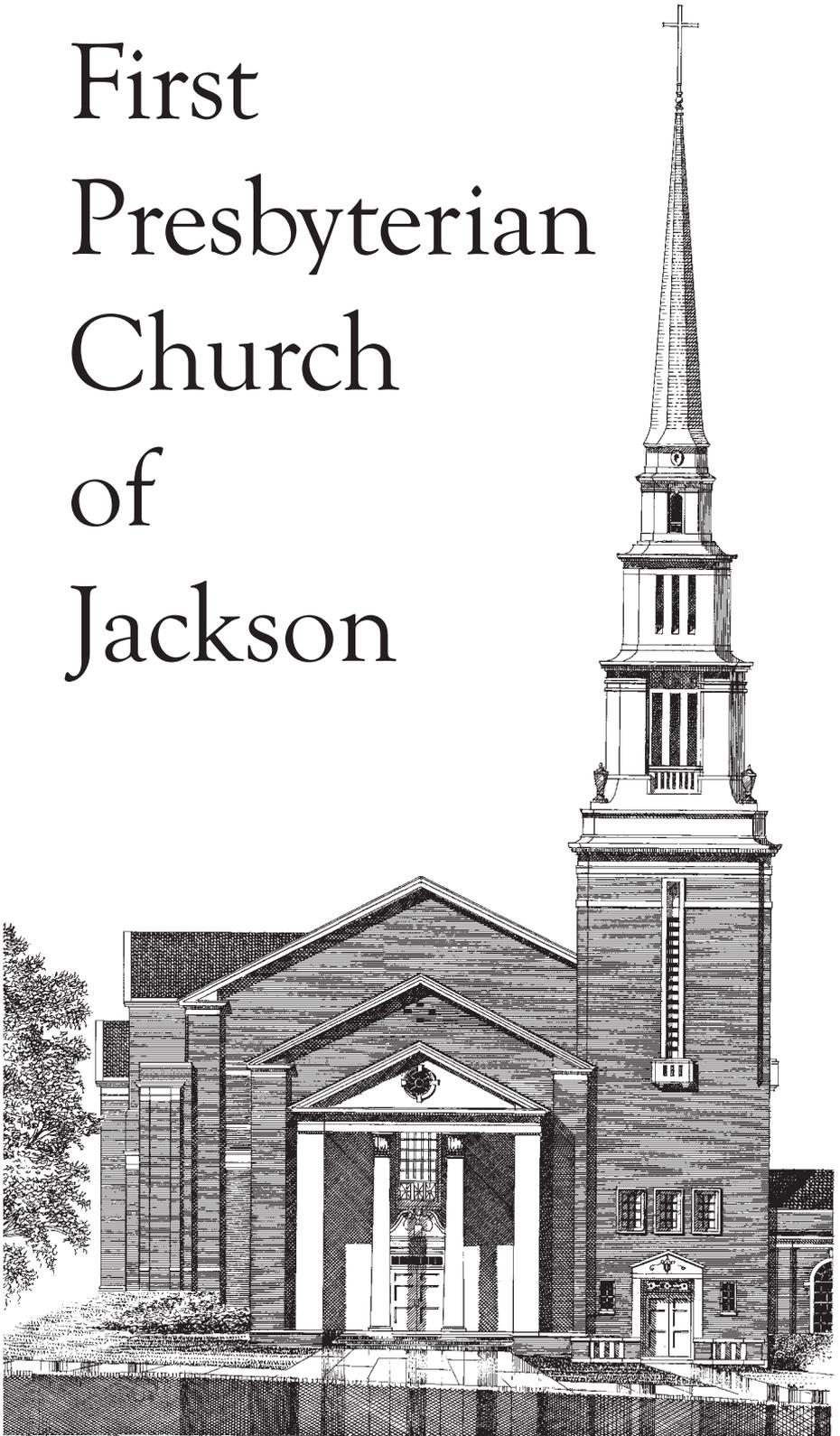


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-One
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College
The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "The Lord's My Shepherd"..... Dale Wood
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "We Come, O Christ, to You"

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 100 — "Holy, Holy, Holy"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology No. 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “My Song in the Night” Paul Christiansen

O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight,
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night.
O why should I wander, an alien from Thee,
Or cry in the desert Thy face to see,
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
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The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — John 21:1-14

The Sermon — Called by Jesus Dr. Brock

The Hymn No. 378 (Stzs. 1, 2, 4) — “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

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. 296 (Stzs. 1, 3, 6) — “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

The Benediction

The Postlude — “Let All Things Their Creator Bless” Alfred V. Fedak

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](text:fpcjwelcome) to 955-77 to learn more about how to get connected to the life of our church.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach

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

The Prelude — “Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul” S. Karg-Elert
Zakary Joyner, Violin; William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 679 — “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “For the Cause”

1. For the cause of Christ the King
We give our lives, an offering
'Til all the earth resounds
With ceaseless praise
To the Son
2. For the cause of Christ we go
With joy to reap, with faith to sow
As many see
And many put their trust in the Son

Chorus:

Christ we proclaim,
The Name above every name:
For all creation,
Ev'ry nation,
God's salvation
Through the Son!

3. For the King once lifted high
To cries of rage, of 'crucify!
Endured the cross
As every sin was laid
On the Son
4. To the King who conquered death
To free the poor and the oppressed
For lasting peace
For life and liberty
In the Son

Chorus

5. Let it be my life's refrain:
To live is Christ, to die is gain;
Deny myself, take up my cross
And follow the Son

Chorus

The Greetings

The Prayer Dr. Craig Flowers

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

- Q1. Who made you?** A: God
- Q2. What else did God make?** A: God made all things.
- Q3. Why did God make you and all things?** A: For His own glory.

** The Meditation and Prayer..... Stephen Biggs, Director of Students & Families

The Hymn — “Jesus, I Come”

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Nehemiah 1:1–11

The Sermon — A Place for His Name to Dwell.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

The Postlude — “All Glory, Laud and Honor”..... Paul Kickstat

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FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 11, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship.....	Sanctuary

Monday, April 12, 2021

10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Home of Holly Buchanan
10:00 a.m.	Circle 3	WH 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 4	Parlor
12:00 p.m.	Circle 14	MH
6:30 p.m.	Circle 6	Home of Beth Archer

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

10:00 a.m.	Circle 9	WH 204
10:00 a.m.	Circle 10	PH
10:30 a.m.	Circle 11	Home of Frenchie Graham
6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Small Groups.....	Off Site Locations

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

5:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Electives	
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.....	PH
	Evangelism Group: <i>Sharing Christ in a Pandemic II</i>	WH 202
	Women's Bible Study: <i>Seeking Him</i>	WH 204
	D Groups.....	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship.....	SC 215
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups	YH

Thursday, April 15, 2021

9:45 a.m.	Women's Bible Study: <i>Seeking Him</i>	Various Locations
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Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship.....	Sanctuary

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

College Class.....	SC 215
Young Adults Class	PH
Special Friends Class.....	M120
Brotherhood Class	Day School Library
Cornerstone Class	MH 203
Covenant Class	WH 202
Ladies Bible Class.....	Parlor
Lamplighters Class.....	Company Room
Life Learners Class	SC 210
Light House Class.....	SC 313
Pilgrims Class	MH 205A
Providence Class	SC 314
Salt & Light Class	SC 321
Stewards Class	SC 310
Singles & Doubles/Fellowship Class	WH 204
Young Seekers Class.....	MH 205B

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. St. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

THE LORD'S TABLE

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Z & S Kirkas – Serving with Pioneers International in a new church planting work in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Lifeline – Lifeline is a Christian agency that serves women in crisis pregnancy, serves families through adoption, assists families in crisis through partnering with local churches for hosting and support of vulnerable children. Lifeline is supported through Mission to Jackson.

COMMUNION

Today is Communion Sunday. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Elders will distribute individually-packaged communion elements to those planning to take communion at the entrances to the sanctuary prior to this morning's services. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements are available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

THE EVENING OF LIFE

A Weekend Exploring a Practical Theology of Death and Dying

How do we make sense of the human condition of frailty and mortality while living in light of eternity? What does it mean to enter the evening of life faithfully and to die well? How can we help our loved ones who are now in their own evening of life? Join us April 23–24 as we explore these questions and learn from Dr. Sumner Abraham and other experts on the ethics of end of life care.

MEN'S MINISTRY CANOE TRIP — APRIL 30 - MAY 2

Men, come canoe the upper section of Arkansas' beautiful Buffalo River! We'll canoe by day and camp each night under the stars! Father/son combinations are welcome, but this section of the Buffalo is not recommended for small children. The cost is \$175/person. For more information and to register, visit the church website or app.

BACKYARD BIBLE SCHOOL 2021 — WEEK OF JUNE 7

Registration for Backyard Bible School 2021 is now open for children and teen helpers at fpcj.ms/vbs. Register your child by May 10 to ensure a free t-shirt.

Bible School Drop-in Workdays

Come and fellowship with us as we prepare crafts and organize materials for this year's Backyard Bible School. Refreshments and fun will be provided. April 19 and 20 in PH from 9:00–2:30, April 21 in MH 203 from 9:00–2:30, and April 22 and 23 in WH 202 from 9:00–2:30.

If you would like to volunteer at Bible School on June 7, 8, and 9 contact BYBS Director Cassie Graves at cgraves7@gmail.com or 601-624-1987. **Craft donations** may be left at the donation box next to the Info Desk. Items needed: boxes of gallon-size zip/press-and-seal plastic bags, small glue sticks, and eight-count packs of crayons.

VISIT ISRAEL AND JORDAN WITH DAVID STRAIN

Visit Israel and Jordan and the sites of Old and New Testament events with David Strain and Billy Dempsey October 18–28, 2021. Cost: \$4,950 per person with airfare from Jackson. For more information, contact Billy Dempsey at bdempsey@fpcjackson.org. Organized by Denise Wilson of Let's Travel & Co.