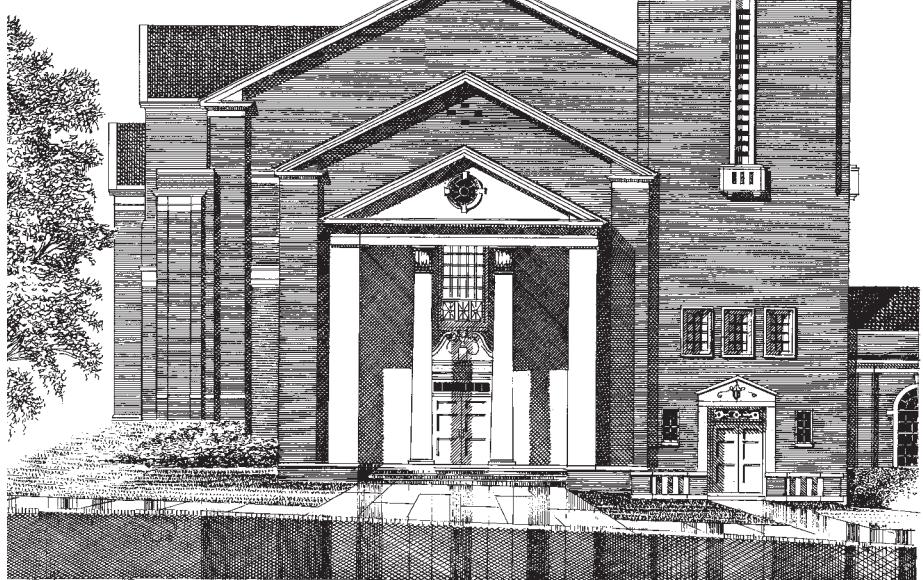
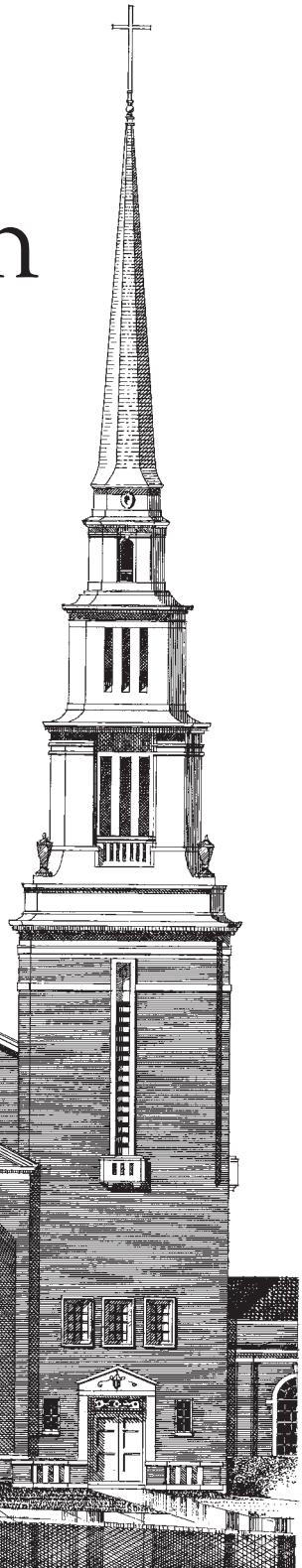


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Day of July, 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 Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Discipleship

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “La Grace”..... Georg Philipp Telemann
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Let Thy Holy Presence”..... Tschesnokoff

The Call to Worship — Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, He is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; Bless His name.
For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
And His faithfulness to all generations.

The Hymn No. 710 — “God of Our Fathers”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

All lands to God in joyful sounds
aloft your voices raise;
Sing forth the honor of His name,
and glorious make His praise.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession — Psalm 51:1–4, 6, 9–11

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against You, You only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in Your sight,
so that You may be justified in your words
and blameless in Your judgment.
Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,
and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
Hide Your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “From Sea to Shining Sea” Maurice Whitney

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.
O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

The Hymn No. 707 (Stzs. 1-4) — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 116 (Pew Bible page 510)

The New Testament Reading — James 3:1–14 (Pew Bible page 1012)

The Sermon — The Power of Speech Dr. Brock

The Hymn No. 585 (Stzs. 1-3) — “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

The Benediction

The Postlude — “Prelude in Classic Style” Gordon Young

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

WHY DO WE HAVE A PRAYER OF CONFESSION?

The Christian is one who has been given truth to confess. The heart of our confession is the good news that God has come in the flesh to redeem helpless sinners from our natural state of sin and misery. But it is the bad news of our natural sin and misery that makes the good news intelligible. This is why it is necessary and truly beneficial that we, as God's people, corporately confess our sins in worship. Corporate confession is one way that we reorient ourselves to the shocking reality of the kindness, mercy, and inestimable love of God—"for even while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Our confession of sin also reminds us that we are ever dependent on His grace, because, in this life, we are ever struggling with the darkness of our own sinful hearts. The Bible is crystal clear that even though we've been justified by the blood of Christ, as long as we are on this earthly pilgrimage, we will always be at war with our sin (Col. 3:5). When we confess our sins together, we stop hiding, and we allow the light of God's grace to expose our deeds. And it is in this act of confession that His mercy renews us, fixes our eyes once again upon Christ, and cleanses our consciences to serve the Lord with gladness, joy, and hope—hope that even we can be made clean by the precious blood of Christ!

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care
Mr. Richard A. Doggett — Senior Minister's Intern

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

The Prelude — “Nocturne in E”.....Felix Mendelssohn
Nancy Bateman, Cello; William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 699 — “Like a River Glorious”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Who Are These like Stars Appearing”.....(Hymn sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening PrayerDr. Bill Penn

The Offering

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

Q32. What does every sin deserve? A: The wrath and curse of God.

**The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. William Stabler, College Intern

The Hymn (Stzs. 1-3) — “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”.....(Hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Nehemiah 11:1–12:26 (Pew Bible page 406)

The Sermon — God's People in God's Place.....Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Response

Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet.
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The Postlude — “Postlude and Fugue”.....Jan Zach

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 4, 2021

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

Monday, July 5, 2021

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

No Midweek Dinner or activities except
5:50 p.m. Choir Rehearsal MS

Thursday, July 8, 2021

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study MH

Saturday, July 10, 2021

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting..... WH 202

Sunday, July 11, 2021

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

LH—Lowe Hall MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite PH—Patterson Hall
SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Join us for a summer book club on July 20 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. We will enjoy a meal together, and Shirley Windham will lead our discussion of *A Place To Belong: Loving the People God Loves*, by Megan Hill. Copies are available for purchase in the FPC bookstore. You may register on the FPC website, app, or email lisao@fpcjackson.org.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a need for adult volunteers to serve in Children's Sunday School beginning September 5 from 9:45–10:40 for ages three years to rising sixth graders. The only requirement is a love for children. There are many areas of service from taking roll, helping with crafts, singing, or being a "Table Buddy" who helps children learn their scripture and catechism memorization. To volunteer contact Kimberly Wilkins kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105.

BROADCAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer with the FPC Broadcast Ministry. Anyone over the age of 16 is qualified for this work and no experience is necessary. We will provide you with all the training you need. If you can play a video game or take a photo with a smartphone, you can volunteer for this ministry. Email Trey Porter at tvroom@fpcjackson.org to volunteer.

SUPPORT GROUP

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, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, twice 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.

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 complete the Visitor Information & Prayer Request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or in one of the baskets provided at the sanctuary exits. You can also text fpcjwelcome to 955-77 to learn more about how to get connected to the life of our church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Johnny & Becky Long – Serving as Cross-Cultural Renewal & Leadership Development Specialists for Serge (formerly known as World Harvest Mission), a non-denominational foreign mission agency. Email: jlong@serge.com.

Mark & Raylene Casson – Mark serves as the director of Metanoia Prison Ministries, a part of Mission to North America. Email: mcasson@pcanet.org.

Eritrea – The World Watch List is an annual report on the global persecution of Christians ranking the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Number six on the list is Eritrea. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and placed in loving memory and thankfulness for the life of Gene McRoberts, by his family.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Barbara Hederman — June 24, 2021

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — JULY 25

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, is to be held in the sanctuary of the church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2021, for the purpose of considering and acting on the recommendation of the Session that the congregation elect additional elders. If the way be clear, we will proceed to the election of such elders on December 5, 2021.

NO MIDWEEK — JULY 7

There will be no Midweek dinner or activities this week, except adult choir rehearsal. We look forward to continuing our summer programming July 14, 2021. For more information visit fpcjackson.org/midweek.

COMMUNION SUNDAY — JULY 11, 2021

Communion will be observed in the morning worship services next Sunday, July 11. 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.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, we hope you'll join us for MOMS in person this fall! MOMS is a weekly Bible study for expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the sixth grade or below. This semester, church member Jane Wiggins will lead us in a study of the book of Ephesians. A nursery is available, but space is limited. Registration begins August 1. Please contact moms@fpcjackson.org.