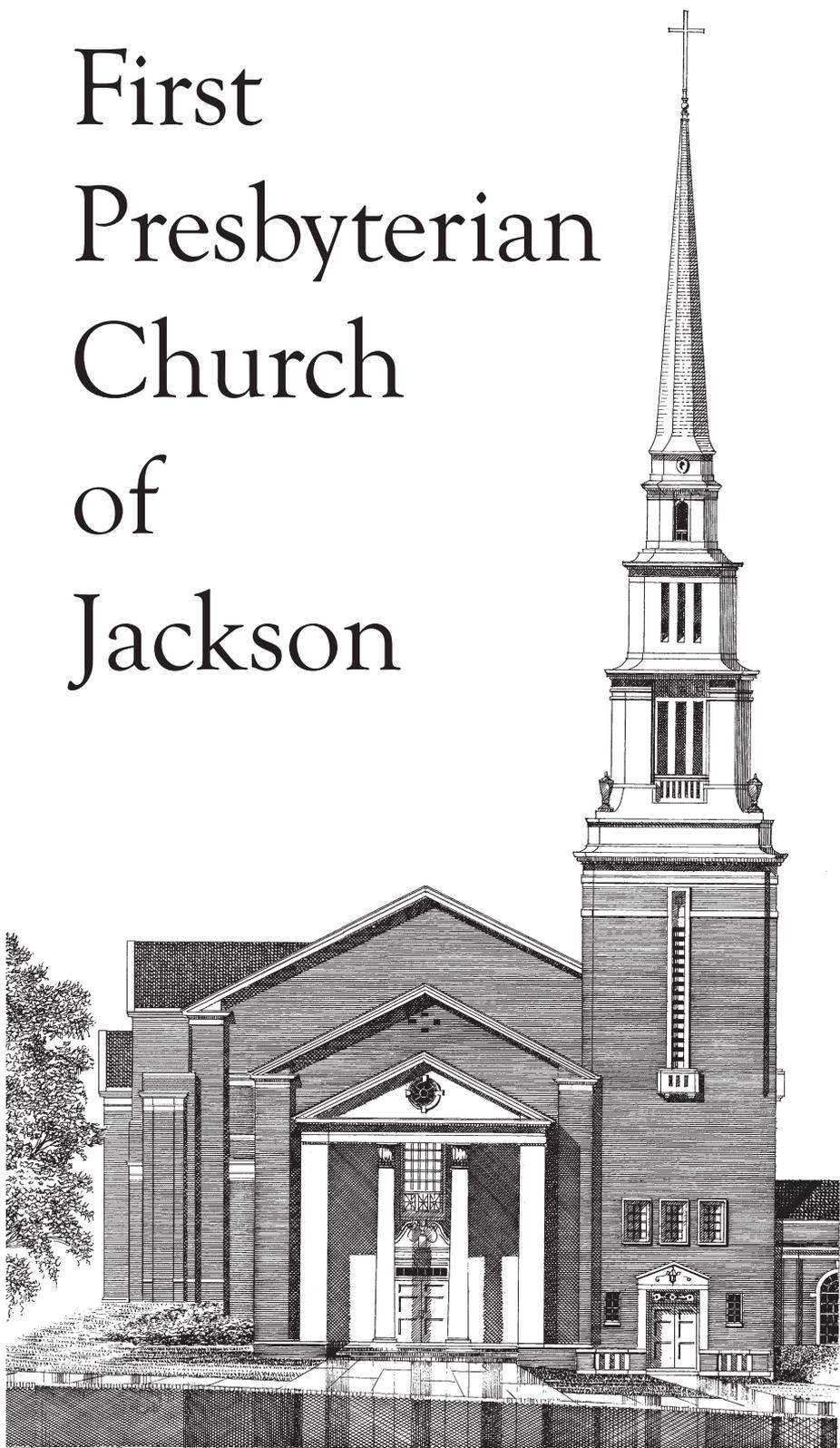


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of July, Two Thousand Twenty-One
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 Pastoral Care

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Jesus Lover of My Soul"..... arr. Paul S. Jones
Bonnie Brown, Violin; Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — "Let Thy Holy Presence"..... Tschesnokoff

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 100 — "Holy, Holy, Holy"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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 Offering

The Anthem — "My Jesus, I Love Thee"..... Paul Sjolund

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, My Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus 'tis now.
I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus 'tis now.
In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The New Testament Reading — 2 Peter 2:10-22 (Pew Bible page 1019)

The Sermon — Grace to Remember: Waterless Springs..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 378 — “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. 1-4) — “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

The Benediction

The Response

Have Thine own way Lord; Have Thine own way.

Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

while I am waiting, yielded and still.

The Postlude — “Jesus Shall Reign”..... Albin C. Whitworth

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 are 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.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care
Mr. Stephen A. Biggs — Director of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God”..... J. S. Bach
The FPC Brass Ensemble, James Peipon, Director

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 172 — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 128 — “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Dr. Kyle Ball

The Offering

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

Q33. What was the sin of our first parents? A: Eating the forbidden fruit.

Q34. Who tempted Adam and Eve to this sin? A: Satan tempted Eve first, and then he used her to tempt Adam.

Q35. How did Adam and Eve change when they sinned? A: Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

The Meditation and Prayer.....Mr. Daniel Tortorici, Young Adults Intern

The Hymn No. 345 (Sts. 1-3) — “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Nehemiah 12:27-43 (Pew Bible page 408)

The Sermon — Rejoicing with Great Joy.....Mr. Dempsey

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

The Postlude — “Diadem”..... Douglas Court

FPC THIS WEEK

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
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	The Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd)

Monday, July 12, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow Sewing Camp	PH
3:00 p.m.	Junior High Summer Snow Cone Challenge.....	Nandy's Candy

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow Sewing Camp	PH
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Wednesday, July 14, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow Sewing Camp	PH
5:00 p.m.	Midweek Dinner.....	MH
5:30 p.m.	Children's Playtime	Playground
5:50 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	MS
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Electives	
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	PH
	Engaged & Newlywed Class.....	SC 210
	Foundations Class.....	WH 204
	Hope Exchange: Mercy Ministry Training.....	Company Rm
	Revisiting the Problem of Anxiety.....	MH
	Teacher Training with Dr. Charlie Wingard	WH 202
6:00 p.m.	Children's Summer Program	Various
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups	YH

Thursday, July 15, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow Sewing Camp	PH
10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study.....	MH

Friday, July 16, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Sew & Sow Sewing Camp	PH
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Saturday, July 17, 2021

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	WH 202
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Sunday, July 18, 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

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.

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.

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

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

Jay & Maureen Kyle – Serving as Vice President of Redeemer City to City-Asia Pacific. Mailing address: 240 Karnes Drive, Franklin, TN 37064.
Email: jay@redeemercitycity.com.

Ben & Marianna Shaw – Serving as a church planter with Christ Community Church in St. Francisville, LA. Email: benshaw12@gmail.com.

Yemen – 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 seven on the list is Yemen. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Cora Jeanne Miller — July 1, 2021
Mrs. Mary Elkin — July 6, 2021

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary, greeting courtyard and foyer are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Fortenberry Hederman by her family.

COMMUNION

Today is Communion Sunday. 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.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Our next date for receiving new members will be Sunday, August 1. New member forms are due Wednesday, July 21. Email ccare@fpcjackson.org for more information.

THE MORNING PRELUDE

The Prelude for this morning's services was recently commissioned by our Organist, Rae Shannon, to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Susan Shannon, who lost her life some years ago in an automobile accident.

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.