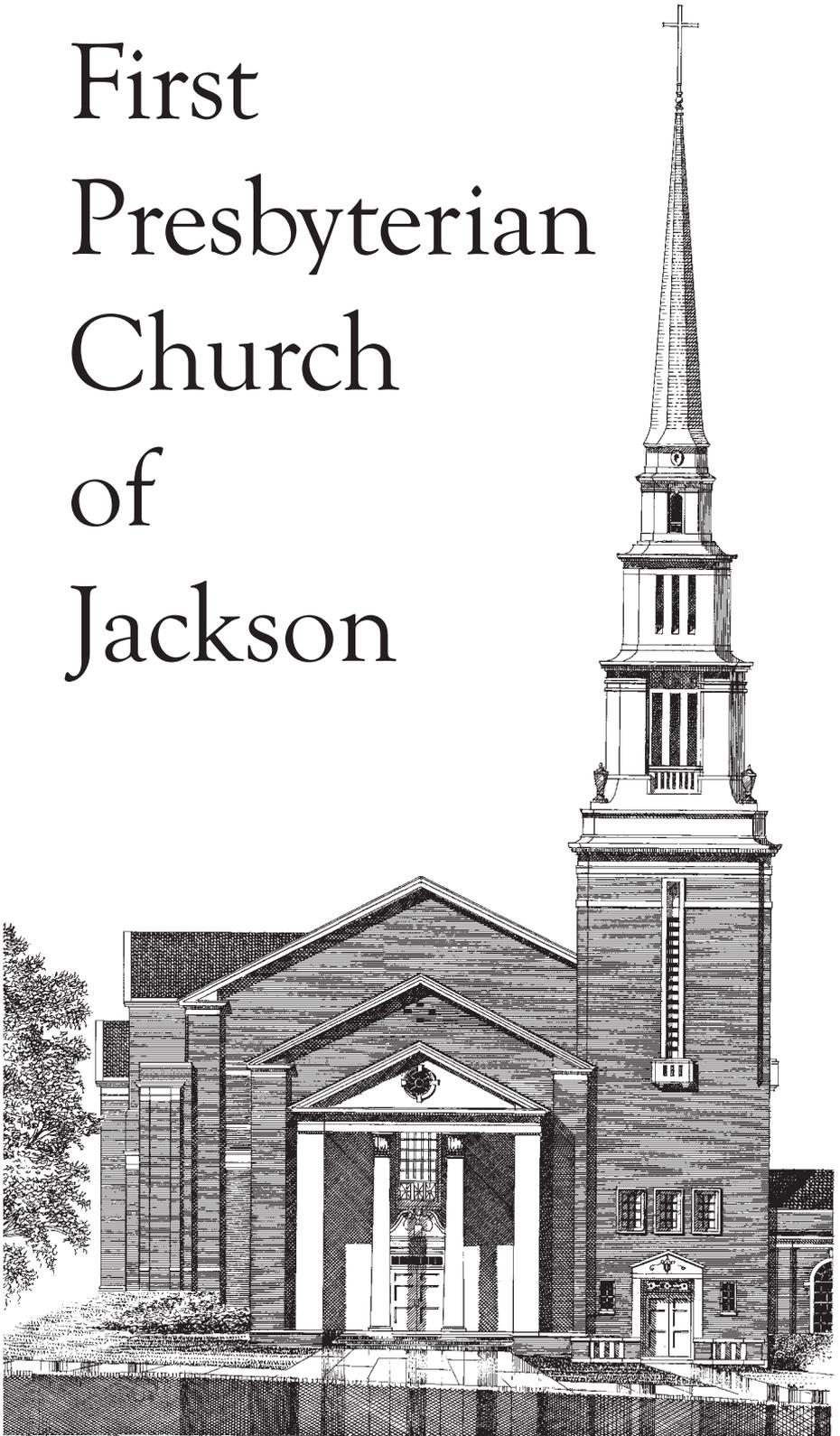


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care
The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Abide with Me" Paul Basler
Madeleine Case, Horn; Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" Walter Pelz

The Call to Worship — Psalm 103:1-4, 22

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Hymn No. 64 — "God, the Lord, a King Remaineth"

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"arr. Mack Wilberg

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find Thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.
Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation, perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise...

The Hymn No. 465 — “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 117 (pew Bible page 511)

The New Testament Reading — John 6:51–71 (pew Bible page 892)

The Sermon — The Bread of Life.....Mr. Dempsey

The Hymn No. 146 — “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living,
just because He lives.

The Postlude — “Fanfare”C.S. Lang

GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Model for Christian Prayer

In Matthew chapter 6, Jesus gives us a model for what prayer should look like for a Christian. It is prayer that is both “vertical” (centering on “Our Father, who art in Heaven”) and “horizontal” (addressing tangible, earthly needs and concerns). The very structure of the prayer teaches us a lesson of vital importance: that our most pressing need is for our Father in heaven. Since “from Him and through Him and to Him are all things,” He necessarily deserves “all glory forever” (Rom. 11:36). Therefore, all prayer should be rooted in the Fatherhood of God with an aim toward His glory. However, Jesus also taught us to pray for the physical, felt needs of this life. Something so basic as bread, Jesus commends as a worthwhile and necessary component of God-honoring prayer. This reminds us that we are incapable of providing for the most basic needs of our lives, but are instead, dependent on the provision of our heavenly Father. By reciting this prayer together, we are collectively reminding ourselves that God is our Father, His glory is our goal, and He is ultimately the One who takes care of all our needs. May this be an encouragement to our hearts this morning, that our Father is not aloof and unconcerned with the tangible needs of earthly life, but is the one who kindly cares for us by bestowing them.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach
Mr. Josh J. Shideler — Discipleship Intern

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

The Prelude — “Christ, O Lamb of God”S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn — “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” (hymn sheet)

The Invocation

The General Assembly Report Mr. Bill Stone

The Greetings

The Offering

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

Q41. What is this change of heart called? A: The new birth, or regeneration.

Q42. Who can change a sinner's heart? A: The Holy Spirit alone.

The Meditation and Prayer Mr. Gary Sinclair, FPDS Chaplain

The Hymn (Stzs. 1-3) — “Facing a Task Unfinished” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Nehemiah 13:4–31 (pew Bible page 409)

The Sermon — The God Who Remembers.....Dr. Hartman

The Benediction

The Response

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them, To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us, From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us, To labour for Thy sake!
We go to all the world, With kingdom hope unfurled,
No other name has power to save, But Jesus Christ The Lord.

The Postlude — “Finale” (from *Album Gregorien*)..... Eugene Gigout

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 25, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	Various
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight....	The Ohnstad Home (128 Chippewa Cir., Jackson)

Monday, July 26, 2021

3:00 p.m.	Junior High Summer Snow Cones	Nandy's Candy
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Wednesday, July 28, 2021

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 29, 2021

8:30 a.m.	FPCYM Geyser Falls Trip.....	Depart from YH
10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study.....	MH

Saturday, July 31, 2021

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	WH 202
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Sunday, August 1, 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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up to help with the upcoming year of Children's Sunday School. The new term will begin on September 5, and we need volunteers for age three to sixth grade. The only requirement is a love for children. There are many areas of service from taking roll, helping with crafts, singing to being a "Table Buddy" who listens to children recite their scripture and catechism memorization. To volunteer contact Kimberly Wilkins kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105.

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.

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...”*

Coby & Pamela McGinty – Working with Mission to the World at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. Email: cobymcginty@gmail.com.

Latasha Allston – Serving as campus staff with RUF at Jackson State University. Email: Latasha.allston@ruf.org.

Nigeria – We have been praying for the countries listed on the World Watch List. Nigeria is ranked ninth on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Nigeria.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Bill Brown — July 9, 2021

Mrs. Sudie Manning — July 19, 2021

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Robert C. Cannada, a ruling elder of First Presbyterian Church, who was instrumental in the founding of the PCA and Reformed Theological Seminary.

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — TODAY

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, will be held in the sanctuary of the church at 10:30 a.m. today 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.

Parents, please pick up children in three-year-old through fifth grade Sunday School before attending the congregational meeting.

MIDWEEK SEMINAR WITH DAVID STRAIN — AUGUST 4

*How do We Love the PCA, What are the Issues Before Her,
and How to Pray for Her Future?*

Join us as we hear from our Senior Minister, David Strain, about our church's denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America. David will give a report about our annual denominational meeting, General Assembly, which was held in St. Louis from June 28–July 2.

VISION NIGHT — AUGUST 11

Join us at Midweek on August 11 for Vision Night 2021! We will hear from Senior Minister, David Strain, about our church's 2021–2022 teaching theme and get an idea of what is in store for our ministries in the year ahead.