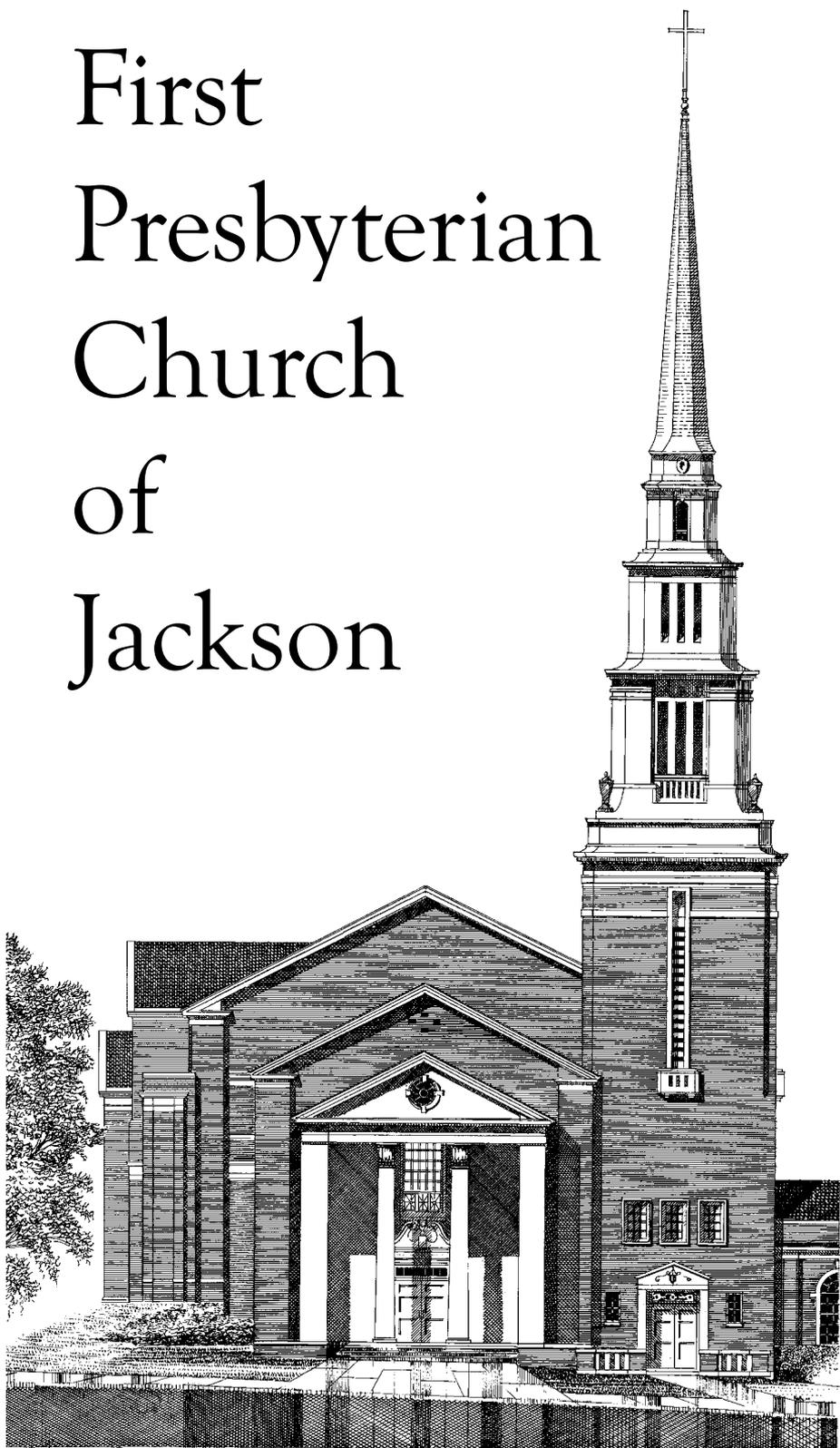


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. James C. Peipon — Assistant Minister of Music & Worship

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Stand up and Bless the Lord” Charles Callahan
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”... R. Vaughan Williams

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 7 — “From All That Dwell below the Skies”

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, You do not change. You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Word. You call us to worship You in spirit and in truth, but we confess that we often worship not Your true self but who we wish You to be. We too often ask You to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what You bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes You into what we want, instead of shaping us into what You want. Help us to meet You here, that we might bow before Your unspeakable majesty and so live for You now and ever in Christ. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

The Anthem — “O Love, How Deep” Eric Thiman

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high.
How passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God,
Should take our mortal form for mortals' sake,
For us He prayed, for us He taught, for us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not Himself, but us,
All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forever more.
Amen.

The Hymn No. 149 — “Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth” (Tune: Hamburg)
Psalm 119:33-40

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 119:33-40..... (pew Bible page 513)

The New Testament Reading — Matthew 6:9-13..... (pew Bible page 811)

The Sermon — Before the Throne: Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done
Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 75 (Stzs. 1 and 2) — “O Father, You Are Sovereign”

The Benediction

The Congregational 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 — “Will You Come and Follow Me”.....Denis Bedard

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

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain

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

The Prelude — “Were You There?” arr. Kurt Kaiser
Shellie Kemp, Violin; William Wymond, Piano

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 175 — “A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord”

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death” (hymn sheet)

The Recognition of the Children’s Catechism Recitation

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer Mr. Mark Baird

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

Q52. What kind of life did Christ live on earth? A: A life of obedience, service and suffering.

Q53. What kind of death did Jesus die? A: The painful and shameful death of the cross.

The Meditation and Prayer....Mr. Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

The Hymn — “Sovereign Grace O’er Sin Abounding” (hymn sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ecclesiastes 1:12–2:26 (pew Bible page 553)

The Sermon — It’s All Vanity! Mr. Lowry

The Benediction

The Response

On such love, my soul, still ponder,
Love so great, so rich, so free;
Say, while lost in holy wonder,
“Why, O Lord, such love to me?”
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign eternally!

The Postlude — “From Thy Throne So High” C. W. Gluck

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 12, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for children age 3 and 4.....	MB 135
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)
7:15 p.m.	Insight.....	Location TBD

Monday, September 13, 2021

10:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Location TBD
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, September 14, 2021

10:00 a.m.	Circle 9	WH 204
10:30 a.m.	Circle 11	Home of Frenchie Graham
7:00 p.m.	Internationals (ESL)	PH

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

9:00 a.m.	MOMS Bible Study	MH
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Programs	
	D Groups.....	Contact Discipleship Ministry
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	PH
	Evangelism Training	WH 202
	Families Count	SC 211
	Grandparenting	MH
	Women's Bible Study: Philippians: Joy Inexpressible	WH 204
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs	See Children's Ministry Guide
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship	Playground
6:00 p.m.	Junior High & Senior High D Groups	YH

Thursday, September 16, 2021

9:15 a.m.	Minor Prophets Women's Bible Study	PH
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Saturday, September 18, 2021

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting.....	Zoom meeting
9:00 a.m.	The Equipped Mom Seminar.....	MH

Sunday, September 19, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School.....	See Children's Ministry Guide
11:00 a.m.	Children's Churchtime for children age 3 and 4.....	MB 135
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	Sanctuary (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)

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

INTERNATIONALS

Volunteers are needed for the Internationals Class which will meet in person this year with a simultaneous Zoom option on Tuesday evenings. Through our American partners, our International partners may experience the grace of God and have their lives transformed. As a volunteer, you will enjoy an incredible blessing as you meet the “world” by simply sharing the love of Christ as an American Partner. Last year, over 30 new International Partners from five different countries participated via Zoom along with former class members in town or back in their home countries. Find out more by visiting InternationalsClass.org, texting Kathryn or Steve Edwards at 601-668-7422, or emailing alice5176@aol.com.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY FALL EVENT — OCTOBER 5

Please join us on October 5 for *The Privilege and Priority of Prayer* with speaker Megan Hill. There will be a morning session from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. and an evening session from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. These are two separate sessions which can stand alone or go together beautifully. We will enjoy a meal at each one and welcome Megan Hill who will speak to us on becoming people of prayer. The cost of each session alone is \$8. If you would like to sign up for both, the cost is \$12. You may sign up on the FPC website or app. Payment will be collected at the door. Nursery is available upon request at the time of registration.

CASSEROLES FOR CRUSADERS

To show our love and support for a new school year, FPC’s Women’s Ministry is calling all cooks to make casseroles for FPDS teachers and staff. To sign up to help and for more information, email Anne Toy Gathings at atgathings@gmail.com.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Jim & Mary Alice Patterson – Serving with Mission to the World and Jungle Aviation & Radio Service (JAARS). Email: 20vms10@gmail.com.

Children of Abraham – The Children of Abraham ministry was founded in 1977 by Bassam Chedid to communicate the saving message of Christ to a largely un-evangelized Arabic community in and beyond North America. Email: chedid@cs.com.

Egypt – We have been praying for the countries listed on the World Watch List. Ranked 16th on the list of the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith is Egypt. Download the Pray for the Persecuted app at opendoorsusa.org/prayerapp to learn more about the World Watch List and the specific requests for Egypt.

NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, October 3, 2021. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, September 22. If you have any questions, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCHTIME

Children age 3 and 4 may attend Children's Church during the 11:00 a.m. worship in room M135 (MB). This class is designed to prepare the children for attending worship with their parents. FPC volunteers lead the program which includes a Call to Worship, singing the Doxology, reciting the Lord's Prayer led by an elder, hearing a Bible story, and a closing prayer. The children also have snack time and playtime. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Matthew Turnage at matthewturnage@gmail.com.

COVERING OUR CHILDREN IN PRAYER

Join us as we connect through prayer and abide by action beginning Sunday, September 12. This program connects our adult Sunday School classes with our Nursery, Children, and Youth Sunday School classes through weekly prayer. For more information, contact your Sunday School Class President or Kimberly at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org.

GUEST MINISTER CONRAD MBEWE — SEPTEMBER 19

Join us on Sunday, September 19 to hear guest minister Conrad Mbeve preach during the Evening Worship Service. Dr. Mbeve has served as pastor of Kabwata Baptist Church in Lusaka, Zambia, since 1987. KBC is presently overseeing the establishment of about 20 new Reformed Baptist churches in Zambia and other African countries. Dr. Mbeve also maintains an itinerant preaching ministry in different countries around the world and is the editor of *Reformation Zambia* magazine. He has written about 40 booklets in Africa and four books that have been published internationally, including *Foundations for the Flock* and *Pastoral Preaching: Building a People for God*.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

Circle Bible Studies will meet this week on their usual day and time (September 13 & 14). 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.