The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson

“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”
THE LORD’S DAY

The Ninth Day of September, Two Thousand Eighteen
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

The Greetings and Announcements (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)
The Prelude — “God’s Time Is Best” — J.S. Bach
    Rae Shannon, Organist
The Introit — “Worthy Is the Lamb” (Messiah) — G. F. Handel
The Call to Worship

* The Psalm of Praise No. 76 — “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”
  (from Psalm 103)

† The Invocation
† The Doxology — “Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
  Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory.
  Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
  Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.”

The Prayer of Confession
The Assurance of Pardon
The Scripture Reading — Psalm 37:23-40
The Pastoral Prayer
† The Hymn No. 434 — “Lord, Thou Lov’st the Cheerful Giver”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings
The Offertory — “Be Still My Soul” — Arr. Mack Wilberg

“My soul: the Lord is on my side. With patience bear thy cross of grief or pain.
  Leave to thy God to order and provide; in ev’ry change He faithful will remain.
  Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav’nly Friend
  through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
  Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future as He has the past.
  Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
  Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
  His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
  Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord.
  When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
  sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
  Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
  all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.”

The Prayer of Illumination
The Reading of Holy Scripture — Colossians 1:12-14
The Sermon — Rooted: “Qualified, Delivered, Redeemed” — Dr. Strain
† The Hymn of Response No. 164 (Stzs. 1-4) — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
† 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 — “Come, People of the Risen King” — Getty/Townsend

*The ushers may seat latecomers
†Congregation standing
EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock
The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Discipleship
The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:55 p.m.)
The Prelude — “Largo” ....................................................... G. F. Handel
The FPC Strings

The Call to Worship
‡* The Hymn No. 455 — “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”
‡ The Invocation
* The Hymn — “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (See Guide)

The Greetings
The Prayer — Ruling Elder William Harper

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings
The Offertory — “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners” ..................... Prichard
The Student Choir; Rachael Story, Accompanist

The Young Children’s Devotional
For children currently in 4-year-old through 3rd grade Sunday School
The Children’s Catechism
Q22: In what condition did God make Adam and Eve? A: He made them holy
and happy.
** The Meditation and Prayer ......................... Jamie Peipon, Music Ministry Assistant

‡* The Hymn No. 467 (Stzs. 1, 2) — “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

The Prayer of Illumination
The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Samuel 17:1-17 (Pew Bible page 259)
The Sermon — How People Change: “Clinging to Promises” .......... Mr. Felker
‡ The Benediction
‡ The Response — “Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power, making Him God’s dear child.
Purchasing peace and heaven, for all eternity;
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea,
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all sufficient grace for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise His name!”
The Postlude

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‡Congregation standing
**Children dismissed after the prayer

Our Vision
First Presbyterian Church of Jackson exists to glorify God
by making disciples on the North State Street corridor, in
the greater Jackson area, and around the world.
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Words by Isaac Watts
American Folk Melody

RESIGNATION 8.6.8.6
From Southern Harmony

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- Psalm 23:1

1. My Shepherd will supply my need; Je-hovah is His Name; In pastures fresh He makes me feed

2. When I walk thru the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; A word of Thy support ing breath Drives all my days; O may Thy house be mine abode, And

3. The sure provisions of my God Attend me side the living stream. He brings my wand’ring spirit it all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my all my work be praise! There would I find a settled

back When I for sake His ways, And leads me, foes, Doth still my table spread; My cup with rest While others go and come, No more a

for His mercy’s sake, In paths of truth and grace. blessings over-flows; Thine oil anoints my head. stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.
A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

“Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.”

(from Edward VI’s Book of Common Prayer 1552).

The Prayer of Confession is a response to our singing of the doxology in this morning’s worship service. It is only by reflecting upon the true nature of God and adoring His faithfulness to us, that we are able to truly contemplate upon the depth, extent, and magnitude of our sin. The Prayer of Confession is made so that we confess our sin and experience true repentance by reflecting upon God’s goodness even in our times of straying. Thus, it is through this time of corporate prayer, patterned after the New Testament church, that we are ready to continue in our corporate worship of God.

Why do we have corporate prayer? In preaching on the pilgrimage of the Christian in this life, the eighteenth century pastor-theologian from New England, Jonathan Edwards said, “To go to heaven fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here.” The time of corporate worship and particularly prayer is its closest semblance on earth since we gather with the saints of God to worship and delight ourselves in God.

What is a Prayer of Confession? The minister leads us in a Prayer of Confession to remove any human barrier that might come in the way of our blessing from God. We remind ourselves of who we are both in ourselves and in God. We remind ourselves that though we are His sheep, we are like lost sheep. During this time, the minister leads us in confessing the times we have desired the things of this world that are in opposition to the things of God. May we, in joining the minister with heartfelt agreement, confess and repent of the times we have left undone those things we ought to have done, and have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Let us join our hearts in prayer in order that the Spirit of Christ may bring conviction for impenitent hearts, encouragement to weary souls, knit us together in a bond of fellowship and praise, and bring us into an intimate communion with our Savior. Let us pray with the goal to enjoy ourselves in bringing honor and glory due His name.
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**Locations:**
- **BC** - Basement Classroom
- **CH** - College House
- **LH** - Lowe Hall
- **M** - Main Floor
- **MCR** - Ministers Conference Room
- **MH** - Miller Hall
- **MS** - Music Suite
- **PH** - Patterson Hall
- **YH** - Youth House
- **SC** - Study Center
- **WH** - Westminster Hall
- **HC** - Hutton Chapel
- **LRC** - Learning Resource Center
- **SR** - Session Room
II THESALONIANS 3:1 — “Finally, brethren, pray for us....”

Hermes & Alleen Tomás – Serving in administration and church planting with Peru Mission USA in Trujillo, Peru.

Jegar Chinnavan & Jemima Jegar – Serving as church planters of First Asian Indian Presbyterian Church in Fairfax County, VA.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Anna Kate Terry and Daniel Hartman, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Leslie Carl Foster and Mr. Denny Austin Terry, grandfathers of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. George Michael Hartman, grandparents of the groom, and in special loving memory of Amy Barton Hogan Hartman.

FALL FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The fall Foundations Class begins today at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through October 28. This class is for members and visitors who want to know more about our church and its ministries, our denomination, Presbyterian doctrine and beliefs, church history, and church government. To sign up, please email ccare@fpcjackson.org.

COLLEGE LUNCH TODAY

College students, you’re invited to a free home cooked lunch following the 11:00 a.m. service at the home of Kevin and Mary Lowry Vollena (1122 Lyncrest Ave.). Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and rest with fellow college students.

FIRST PRES FORUM ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays we come together in Patterson Hall to be nurtured by Scripture and prayer in order to know the God who is and go forth in love and service. Our first quarter topic, “Believing Scripture in a Modern World,” will be taught by Cory Brock and will discuss the authority and power of Scripture, its power to pierce, to convict, to call and to reveal salvation. Come to both learn and discuss the truth that is the Word of God, and what it means when we say, “the Bible is the Word of God.”

INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, October 7, 2018. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Sunday, September 23. Any forms received after September 23 will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained at the information desk in the Greeting Courtyard after the worship services or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard). If you have any questions, please contact Lilly Foerter at ccare@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR HIGH INSIGHT THIS FALL

This fall at Insight, we will be diving into a series called Rooted, in which we will explore the essentials of what it looks like to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. Insight takes place after the evening service on Sunday nights in the homes of various church members. It typically lasts from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and includes catered dinner (free of charge), music, and a lesson. We happily offer rides from the evening service to the host home each week.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH

The FPCYM staff is looking forward to settling into the school year with our regular Wednesday Night programming schedule for junior high and senior high students. The first Wednesday evening of each month we rotate between going to JH dinner out, and Mission First for a service project for both JH and SH. The focus of the junior high large group for the fall will be “Shadows of Christ” from the Old Testament and how every word of scripture points to our need of and God’s provision of Jesus.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share in 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 meets 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.
**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHILDREN’S MEMORY WORK**

Children are an important part of our church family and because of the importance of hiding God’s word in our hearts, our Children’s Ministry has an approved list of catechism and scripture that is appropriate for each age and studied during Sunday School.

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*Those who recite the entire Children’s Catechism or Westminster Shorter Catechism in one sitting receive a Bible and are recognized at a worship service. Those who recite the Shorter Catechism also have their name added to the Catechism Recitation plaque at FPC.*

**SEPTEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**CIRCLE 2**  Marian Kennedy  
10:00 a.m. – home of Holly Buchanan  
110 Meadowbrook North - Meadowbrook Highlands, Jackson

**CIRCLE 3**  Sam Simkins  
10:00 a.m. – Patterson Hall

**CIRCLE 4**  Bess Corbitt & Rebecca Redman  
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

**CIRCLE 6**  Rhonda Baird  
6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer  
2257 East Northside Drive, Jackson

**CIRCLE 8**  Janie Purvis & Jan Wade  
9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

**CIRCLE 14**  Susan Turner & Georgia Miller  
12:00 noon – WH 202

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**CIRCLE 9**  Karen Crawford & Grace Toler  
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

**CIRCLE 10**  Diana Howie  
10:00 a.m. – home of Diana Howie  
1551 Douglass Drive, Jackson

**CIRCLE 11**  Frenchie Graham & Ruth Tant  
10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham  
4005 Cabell Lane, Jackson

**CIRCLE 12**  Nina Johnston & Janet Quayle  
10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine’s, Marian Hall, 1st Floor Sunroom