# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson

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"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

## THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-third Day of November, Two Thousand Fourteen MORNING WORSHIP Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker Minister of Young Adults Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley Executive Minister

At the time of the Greetings and Announcements and during the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.

The Greetings and Announcements (8:20 and 10:50 a	.m.)	
The Prelude — "Morning Meditation"	Paul Benoit	
The Introit — "Who Is on the Lord's Side?"	Carradog Roberts	
The Call to Worship		
<b>* The Hymn of Praise No. 343</b> — "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"		
<b>‡</b> The Prayer of Adoration and Confession		
‡* The Doxology		
The Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 8:13-18	(Pew Bible page 404)	
The Morning Prayer		
<b>The Hymn No. 558</b> — "That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God"		
The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings		
The Offertory — "Who at My Door"	Arr. K. Lee Scott	
"Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,		
Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?		
Sweetly the tones are falling: 'Now open the door for Me!		
If thou wilt heed My calling, I will abide with thee.'		
Within the rooms are darken'd, all filled with dust and sin;		
How shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.		
Yet, the tones are falling: 'Now open the door for Me!		
If thou wilt heed My calling, I will abide wit	h thee.'	
Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open	wide.	
Though He rebuke and chasten, He shall with	me abide.	
Sweetly the tones are falling: 'Now open the do	or for Me!'	
Lord God, I hear Thee calling, come now, abide	with me.	
Dear Lord, abide with me!"		
The Prayer of Illumination		

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Genesis 27:1-34 (Pew Bible pages 21-22) The Sermon — "Abounding Grace to the Chief of Twisters" ...... Mr. Felker

- **‡** The Hymn of Response No. 705 "I Know Whom I Have Believed "
- **†** The Benediction

\*The ushers may seat latecomers ‡Congregation standing

# **EVENING WORSHIP**

Six O'Clock Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III Minister of Pastoral Care Assisting — Mr. Gary W. Sinclair Christian Education Intern

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.)
The Missionary Report — Elliott Everitt, Mercer RUF Campus Minister
<b>The Prelude</b> — "Adagio" (Sonata for Violin No. 3 in E)J. S. Bach Heather Dolan, Violin; William Wymond, Organ
The Call to Worship
<b>the Hymn of Praise No. 363</b> — "We Gather Together"
‡ The Invocation
The Evening Hymn No. 188 — "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"
* The Greetings
The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Craig Flowers
The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings
<b>The Offertory</b> — "Jesus Paid It All"John Grape arr. by J. Hunt The First Presbyterian Brass Ensemble
<ul> <li>The Young Children's Devotional <ul> <li>For children currently in 4-year-old – 3rd grade Sunday School</li> <li>The Song No.101 (Stz. 1-3) — "Come Thou Almighty King"</li> <li>The Children's Catechism No. 39 <ul> <li>Q. "What is this change of heart?"</li> <li>A. "Regeneration or being born again."</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Scripture — Isaiah 55:10-11; John 3:5-6; 1 Corinthians 12:3; <ul> <li>Titus 3:1-8; Hebrews 9:27-28; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Meditation</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>The Reading of Holy Scripture</b> — Proverbs 17:22 (Pew Bible page 540)
The Sermon — "Joy Prescribed" Mr. Lowry
‡ The Benediction and Response
<b>The Postlude</b> — "Amazing Grace" Trad. arr. by J. Hunt The First Presbyterian Brass Ensemble

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> To All Our Visitors

We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have, please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We would love to meet you.



Join us for



First Presbyterian Church Jackson, Mississippi Thursday, November 27, 2014 8:30 a.m.



Senior Minister: The Reverend Mr. David T.A. Strain Assisting Minister: The Reverend Wiley P. Lowry III Minister of Pastoral Care

We invite you to begin your Thanksgiving Day with us in worship. Our Senior Minister, David Strain, will lead us in the reading of Scripture and the singing of hymns, followed by a brief Thanksgiving meditation from God's Word.

Additionally, the Session has authorized a special Thanksgiving offering for the World Relief Commission, the official relief agency for the PCA. The Thanksgiving offering is the only money designated for relief of physical suffering overseas. The World Relief Commission is committed to giving aid and, at the same time, overseeing its distribution. Your generous offering will bring encouragement, not only to those who live in desperate need, but also to those who reach out in the name of Christ.



### **2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, November 25** No supper or service

November 27-28 Church Offices Closed

**Thursday, November 27** Thanksgiving Service (8:30 a.m.)

**Thursday, December 4** Men of the Covenant Lunch-Speaker: Rev. David Strain (11:45 a.m.)

**Sunday, December 7** New members received at 5:00 p.m. in Patterson Hall

**Sunday, December 7** Ordain/Install Deacons and Elders (Evening Service)

Monday, December 8 Getty Concert 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

> **Sunday, December 14** Children's Christmas Music (6:00 p.m.)

**Tuesday, December 16** WIC Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in MH

Saturday, December 20 Bookstore Open House (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

> **Sunday, December 21** Music of Christmas (5:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 24 No supper (Church Offices Closed)

Wednesday, December 24 Family Carols Service (4:00 p.m.)

> **Thursday, December 25** Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 31 No supper or service

**Thursday, January 1** Church Offices Closed

### FPC THIS WEEK

	SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 23, 2014	
Sunday	<ul> <li>Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary</li> <li>Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</li> <li>The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</li> <li>Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations</li> <li>College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH</li> <li>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary</li> <li>Young Adults Leadership Group — 4:30 p.m. in WH204</li> <li>The Student Choir — 4:40 p.m. in MS</li> <li>The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</li> <li>Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary</li> </ul>	
Monday	<b>Circle Bible Teachers</b> — 9:00 a.m. in WH202 <b>Scouts</b> — 7:00 p.m. in PH/SC210	
Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting</b> — 9:00 a.m. in the MS <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. <b>The Choir</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS	
Wednesday	No Activities	
Thursday	<b>Thanksgiving Service</b> — 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary <b>Church Offices Closed</b>	
Friday	Church Offices Closed	
Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH		
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us...." — John & Kathy Lesondak- Serving as administrators and church planters with Mission to the World in Slovakia. Mailing address: Hurbanova 25, 040 01 Kosice, Slovakia. Email: lesondak@mac.com Leon & Rosalinda Brown- Serving as church planters at Crown and Joy Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. Mailing address: 2836 Rams Crossing, North Chesterfield, VA 23236. Email: leon.m.brown@gmail.com

#### FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cooper Campbell by Sue and Richard Russ.

#### INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, December 7, 2014. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and **turn it in by Wednesday, November 26.** Any forms received after November 26, will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained from Lisa Walters or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Walters at lisaw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9102.

#### GETTY CONCERT

Keith and Kristen Getty will return to First Presbyterian Church to sing their Irish Christmas Concert on Monday evening, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. The sanctuary doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The concert is free. Invite your family, friends and neighbors for this joyous evening of Christmas music.



As we prepare for the 2015 budget year, it is important that each member of the congregation support the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not turned in your stewardship commitment card for 2015, you may place it in the offering plate during this Sunday's worship services. Cards are available in the sanctuary pews and in the tract racks throughout the church. To date, we have received 361 commitment cards for a total of \$3,438,093 and 14 debt retirement cards for a total of \$35,690.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

Through December 14, the children's offering in Sunday School will be given to Palmer Home. Palmer Home serves nearly 100 children from birth through college age. Please encourage your children to earn money at home and bring an offering each week. Also, our new children's bulletin is meant as a practical tool to teach children to worship God. Please take a few minutes and go over it with your child. After the service, we encourage you to take it home and discuss the observations and questions your child had about the service. You may pick these up at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

#### HEARING ASSISTANCE

Several members of our congregation have benefitted from the hearing devices that are available during our worship services. These devices transmit the sound from the pulpit directly into a small and unobtrusive ear piece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office: 601-353-8316.

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THE SESSION

John A. Crawford, Clerk James S. Armstrong J. Mark Baird D. Kyle Ball McNeill Bartling III Bryant R. Boswell John H. Bowen III Max P. Bowman Max P. Bowman Forrest G. Bratley, Jr. Donald G. Breazeale John P. Buchanan Don B. Cannada Stuart H. Clarke C. David Cleland William S. Cook Robert A. Cunningham Arthur P. Davis Stephen M. Edwards James D. Elkin

THE SUNDAY SERVICES.

T. David Elkin George R. Fair Kenneth G. Fairly W. Craig Flowers Marcial D. Forester, Jr. L. H. Fulcher, Jr. Alan F. Futvoye Claude W. Harbarger William K. Harper Samuel D. Hensley Paul Hurst W. Wayne Husband W. Wayne Husband W. Harper Keeler Crane D. Kipp Ralph H. Lord Robert Y. Love, Jr. Wiley P. Lowry, Jr. George W. May, Jr. John H. McVey, Sr.

The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain, Senior Minister Robert B. Mims J. Longstreet Minor III James L. Moore William McNeill Moore Joel G. Payne, Jr. William D. Payne, Sr. William M. Penn Thomas I. Rice III Richard L. Ridgway Stephen W. Rosenblatt Richard W. Russ A. Jerry Sheldon Jerrald L. Shivers Mark A. Sorgenfrei Paul H. Stephenson III Marvin E. Stockett William O. Stone, Jr. Daniel B. Story II

Orrin H. Swayze, Jr. Orrin H. SWayze, Jr. Tian C. Teh Timothy M. Threadgill Jim B. Tohill Noel K. Toler, Jr. R. Barry Vickery Alan H. Walters T. Calvin Wells A. Terrel Williams Marcue M. Willer Marcus M. Wilson Mark J. Windham

Elders Emeriti: Thomas H. Bowen, Jr.; Robert F. Cooper, Jr.; William H. Cox, Jr.; T. Doug Dale, Sr.; Owen C. Elder, Jr.; Frank H. Hagaman; W. Jefferson Hamm, Sr.; Homer Lee Howie, Sr.; Leland Hume, Jr.; H. Richard Johnson, Jr.; William A. Long, Jr.; A. William May; C. Eugene McRoberts, Jr.; J. Lee Owen, Jr.; Sidney A. Robinson, Jr.; Joel E. Varner

#### THE DIACONATE

John L. Cox Paul L. Cox John A. Crawford, Jr. J. Holt Crews William L. Crim, Jr. Edward J. Currie, Jr. Hu Meena, Jr. Chairman Carey A. Johnston J. Dallis Ketchum Bryan B. Rutledge Malcolm Saxon III Terry R. Levy Michael M. Manning R. David Marchetti G. Bailey Adams Kenneth C. Seawright Kirkpatrick Anderson F. Hall Bailey Jeff W. Skelton John Lowe Smith William F. Sneed Stewart C. Swayze L. Ford Terry David M. Baird Douglas M. McDaniel Kenneth C. Ball Charles F. F. Barbour William H. Barbour III Thomas D. Dale, Jr. Guy H. Davant III Robert A. Miller James L. Moore, Jr. J. Walter Newman IV Robert L. Thomas Michael T. Tramel J. Wilbourn Vise John Daniel Davis David B. Day Robert G. Dye, Sr. Robert G. Feild David H. Fulcher W. Douglas Garland III James M. Bateman Lewis W. Bell J.T. Noblin J. Lee Owen III Arthur C. Wadsworth H. Coles Wilkins, Jr. Joseph T. Wilkins III Neil T. Witherow Walter R. Wofford, Jr. John H. Young III Victor E. Blaylock David L. Bowling Walter J. Brand Leroy H. Paris II R. Phillip Parker Charles R. Porter III Willard Benton Gregg P. Sharkey Burke, Jr. Benjamin W. Roberson S. Craig Robinson Cy Rosenblatt Zeb King Henson L. Lawrence Houchins, Jr. Beau Burrow C. Glen Bush, Jr. V. Reid Cotten James R. House III R. Weston Russ

Deacons Emeriti: John H. Allgood III; T. Oscar Burris, Jr.; R. Barry Cannada; Larry W. Edwards; Charles R. Gardner; Billy C. Greenlee; Gary J. Herring; J.O. Manning, Jr.; Joe P. Uithoven; Richard B. Wilson, Jr.; Wirt A. Yerger, Jr.; Donn E. Young

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

#### THE CHURCH PROGRAM

<ul> <li>* Sunday School</li> <li>9:40 A.M.</li> <li>* Morning Worship.</li> <li>* Evening Worship.</li> <li>* Evening Worship.</li> <li>* Evening Worship.</li> <li>* 6:00 P.M.</li> <li>Senior High Insight</li> <li>2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October</li> <li>Baptism.</li> <li>* 3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November</li> <li>New Members Received 1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and</li> <li>December at 5:15 p.m. in PH</li> </ul>	
*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING:Wednesday, 6:30 P.M. Family Night Dinner	
*THE CHOIR REHEARSALWednesday, 5:50 P.M.	
THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH: *Administrative Council	
THE MEN OF THE COVENANTFirst Thursday, 11:45 A.M.	
THE SESSION MEETING	
THE DIACONATE MEETINGSecond Monday, 5:30 P.M.	
* A nursery for infente and pro-acheel children is maintained by the Church	

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