

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-eighth Day of June, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock
Guest Minister — The Reverend Dr. Guy Prentiss Waters
James M. Baird, Jr. Professor of New Testament,
Reformed Theological Seminary - Jackson, MS
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 (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Adagio”Archangelo Corelli
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Ludwig van Beethoven
Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern, Director

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 19** — “Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **The Doxology** [Old 100 tune]

“All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.”

The Gideon Report — Mr. Gene Pickering

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 140** — “O Word of God Incarnate”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Deep River” Arr. Mack Wilberg
With Genneysa Case, Soloist

“Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into Camp Ground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
that promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Oh, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into Camp Ground.
Amen.”

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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 21:15-25 (Pew Bible pages 907-908)

The Sermon — “When You've Let God Down” Dr. Waters

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 495** — “No, Not Despairingly Come I to Thee”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

“O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within,
But, Jesus draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.”

The Postlude — “Cortege”Gordon Young

*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. Kevin C. Phipps

Director of Media

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:55 p.m.)

The Uganda Mission Trip Report

The Prelude — “It Is Well”Bliss arr. by Nathan Oakley
FPC Brass

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn No. 624** — “Through All the Changing Scenes of Life”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Baptism

The Hymn — “When All Thy Mercies” .. (See Evening Guide) (RUF tune)

The General Assembly Report — Ruling Elder Bill Stone

* **The Greetings**

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Eternal Father” Dykes arr. by Stephen Bulla
FPC Brass

The Young Children’s Devotional

For children currently in 4 year-old through 3rd grade Sunday School

The Song No. 242 (Stz. 1 and 2) — “Not All the Blood of Beasts”

The Children’s Catechism No. 63

Q. “Why did God command these sacrifices?”

A. “To teach them about Christ, the Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice for sin.”

The Scripture —Exodus 12:5; John 1:6-7; 27, 29; I Peter 1:18-19

The Meditation Martin Antoon, Student Ministry Intern

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 449** — “We Rest on Thee”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Chronicles 14:1-15 (Pew Bible pages 368-369)

The Sermon — “Seek Ye First” Mr. Lowry

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!”

The Postlude — “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” ...Bourgeois arr. by J. Hunt
FPC Brass

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

**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.

WHEN ALL THY MERCIES

Words by Joseph Addison; Music by Stephen Barnes

1. When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise
Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From Whom those comforts flowed.

**Chorus: Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise
For oh, eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise!**

2. When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou
With health renewed my face
And when in sins and sorrow sunk
Renewed my soul with grace
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.

(Repeat Chorus)

3. Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

(Repeat Chorus)

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Call to Worship

The world celebrates a faith that does not “take itself too seriously.” The Scriptures, however, teach that for the Christian, all of his or her life is to be an act of worship to the Lord. The Bible’s call to discipleship is one that allows no room for a diluted and compartmentalized spirituality. In Romans 12:1 Paul urges believers to present their bodies as a living sacrifice to God for His glory – this is a mandate involving the entire being. As we have been considering the different elements of our worship service, this week we continue with this task by reflecting on the *Call to Worship*. The wording itself must raise this question in our minds: “If all of life is worship, then why do we have a “call to worship” at the beginning of the service?” We may be tempted to think of it merely as a formal signal which indicates that our worship service is beginning. While it does initiate the start of our service, there is much more to this practice than a mere ceremonial marker.

The purpose of the *Call to Worship* has at least two aspects to it. First, it is different from the personal worship that Romans 12:1 calls all believers to at the moment of conversion. In the worship service, we are not called to a practice less than the personal worship we are to give to the Lord individually but instead have the added privilege and benefit of worshipping as one believing community. As the puritan David Clarkson once said about public worship: “A public acknowledgement of the worth and excellency of any one tends more to his honor than that which is private or secret.” This is why the psalmist in Psalm 96 declares, “Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord *all the earth!*” It is a global summons to all of creation to praise its Creator. Hence, this element of the service might be better stated as a Call to (Public) Worship.

Second, it is appropriately placed at the beginning of our worship service to show us that we are gathered as one body to worship only upon God’s invitation. God is the divine initiator in all His dealings with His creation. He is the one who condescends to us, inviting us collectively to commune with Him. Hence, we are called on by God, through His Word, to corporately give Him the glory that He deserves. This is quite helpful in light of our perpetual tendency to believe the false and baseless claims of our world that purport man to be the measure of all things. In this sense, the call to worship is a call back to reality. It is a call to the people of God to awaken to the realization that God is King, that this is His world, and that we are His people fashioned to give Him praise that is due His name. Dr. Bryan Chapell puts it this way: “With a scriptural Call to Worship, God invites us by his Word to join the worship of the ages and angels. God does not simply invite us to a party of friends, or a lecture on religion, or a concert of sacred music – he invites us into the presence of the King of the Universe before whom all creation will bow and for whom all heaven now sings.” This call is an invitation from God to His people to worship Him, bless His name, and be blessed by Him. So, when the minister reads God’s call to worship, may we with prepared hearts and minds, listen to the invitation of the King, our Great God and Father, with fear and trembling mixed with awe and admiration.

The Gideon Report

Each year we have a “Gideons Sunday” at First Presbyterian Church. We love the ministry of The Gideons and support it faithfully. The Gideons International was founded in 1899 and is the oldest Christian business and professional men’s association in the United States of America. The primary function of The Gideons is placing and distributing Bibles and New Testaments in the human traffic lanes and streams of national life. The Gideons, as laymen, stand shoulder to shoulder as “missionaries” of local churches and their pastors in going to the four corners of the world to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ. Annually, The Gideons International is placing and distributing more than 87,000,000 Scriptures worldwide. To God be the glory! This averages one million copies of the Word of God placed every seven days, or 166 per minute! A non-profit organization, The Gideons International is generously supported by pastors and churches who realize that presenting people with the Holy Scripture is an indispensable element in winning people to Christ. Every dollar contributed by members of this church will be used to make it possible for others to have their very own copy of God’s Word.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JUNE 28, 2015

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133
The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.
 (Library only)
Coffee and Fellowship — 9:30 a.m. in LH
Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Insight — 7:00 p.m. (location to be announced)

Monday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” —
 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
College Gym Night — 7:30 p.m. in gym

Tuesday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” —
 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Presbytery Administrative Committee Meeting — 3:00 p.m.
 in WH204

Wednesday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” —
 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in basement classroom
Junior High Mini-Golf Night — 5:30 p.m. meet in YH
No Wednesday Night Family Supper
Children’s Activities — 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Young Adult Men’s Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” —
 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Presbytery Mission to the Military Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in SC215

Friday

Church Offices Closed

Saturday

No Men’s Prayer Breakfast

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us..." **Becky W.** – serving with Mission to the World in Asia. For more information, please contact the Mission Department. **Seth & Laura Lee Starkey** – serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Belhaven University. Mailing address: 1134 Lyncrest Ave. Jackson, MS 39202 Email: seth.starkey@ruf.org

GUEST MINISTER

Our guest minister this morning is Dr. Guy Waters, the James M. Baird, Jr. Professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. Prior to coming to RTS in 2007, he served as Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Belhaven University (2002-7). Guy is a Teaching Elder in the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA). Guy's wife, Sarah, and their three children, Phoebe, Lydia, and Thomas are members of our congregation.

GIDEON SUNDAY

Today is Gideon Sunday. Gideons International is a nonprofit organization supported by individual Christians, local churches, and pastors who realize that presenting people with the Holy Scriptures is an indispensable element in winning them to Christ. All contributions are used to make it possible for others to have their own copy of God's Word as a free gift. An offering will be taken at the end of both morning worship services, as you exit the Sanctuary. **If you want to receive church contribution credit, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.**

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

All are invited to join us each Sunday morning for coffee in Lowe Hall following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. We hope you'll stop by and fellowship with our whole church before Sunday School.

UGANDA MISSION TRIP REPORT

Just a couple of weeks ago, we sent a team to Uganda in support of our missionaries. Now that they have returned, it is our privilege to hear a report on their labors. Following the evening service tonight, an extended presentation will be made in Hutton Chapel, and all are invited to attend.

SUMMER RUF

College students, join us for Summer RUF! We are going through a series titled, "*The Fruit of the Spirit*." Brian Sorgenfrei will speak on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Pringles (4121 Crane Blvd). If you are interested in helping with food for Summer RUF, contact colleghouse@fpcjackson.org.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY/YEARBOOK

We are updating information for the 2015-16 edition of the WIC Directory. If there have been any changes to your information (address, phone, email, or Circle membership), please contact the Women and Children's Ministry Department at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org **by July 1**. Thank you for helping us make the directory as accurate as possible!

JUNIOR HIGH MINI-GOLF NIGHT

The Student Ministry will take Junior High students to mini-golf on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. We'll meet at the Youth House at 5:30 p.m. and ride together to Mac and Bones. The cost is \$15 and includes dinner. To sign up, please visit www.fpcjackson.org/discipleship/youth/upcoming-trips. For more information, contact Jenny at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

SUMMER SEMINAR: RELATIONSHIPS, MARRIAGE, AND DATING

THURSDAY, JULY 9, AT 6:00 PM

Join us Thursday, July 9, as Dr. John Cox teaches the second of three Summer Seminars on Relationships, Marriage, and Dating. We will meet from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (please arrive at 5:45 p.m.) in Miller Hall, and the cost is \$6 for dinner. **Registration is required.** To sign up, visit www.fpcjackson.org/young-adults. Nursery is available upon request. Contact David Felker (601-850-8650) with questions.

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