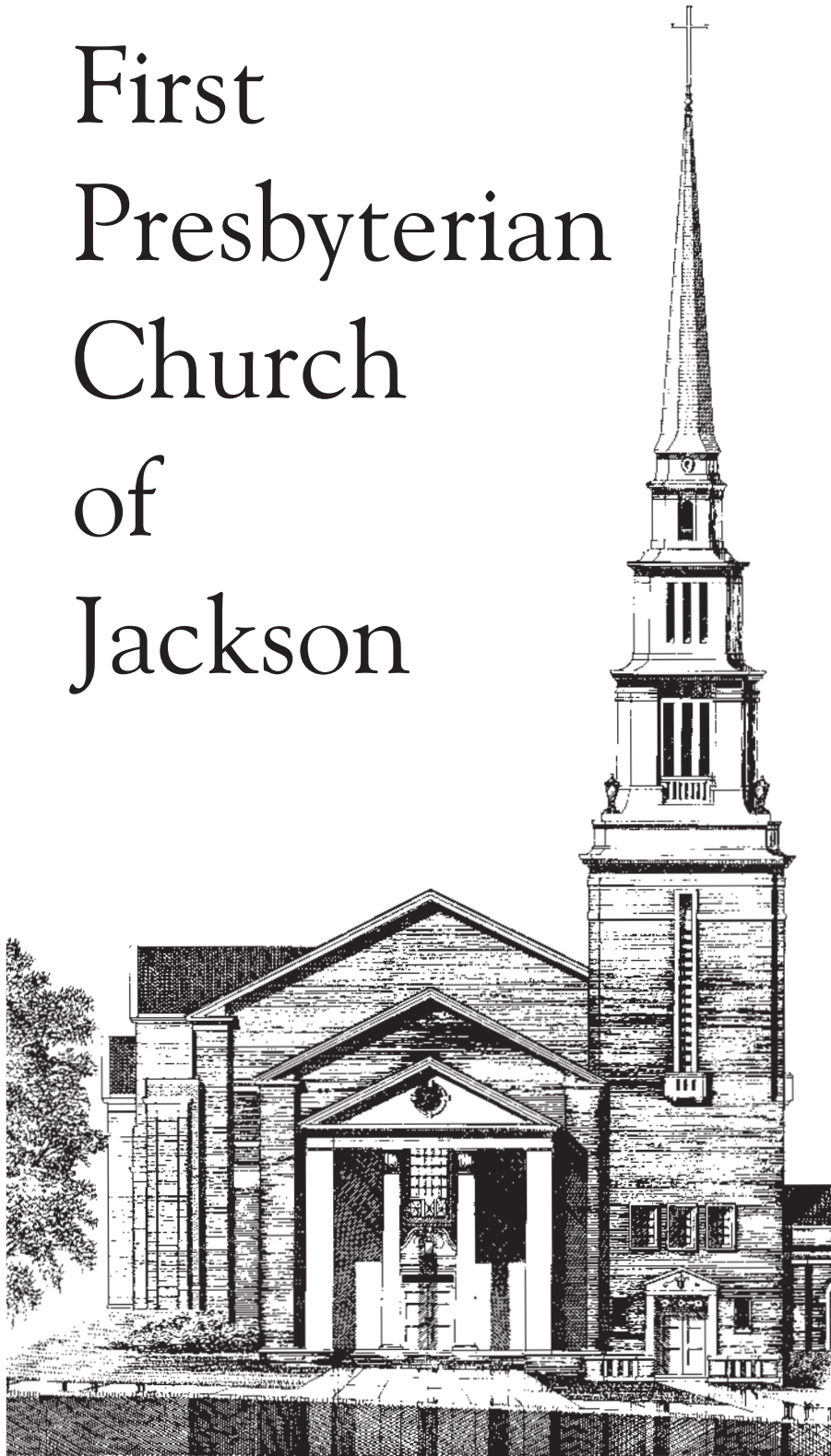


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

The Greetings and Announcements

The Call to Worship

The Hymn of Praise No. 235 — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Paul Forster, Song Leader

The Invocation

The Doxology

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Law of God

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

The Hymn No. 87 — “The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 83

The Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Peter 5:12-14

The Sermon — *Elect Exiles*: “Peace to All of You” Dr. Strain

The Hymn of Response No. 644 — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

The Benediction

The Postlude — “Chorale” S. Karg-Elert

MORNING HYMNS

Hymn No. 235 — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

1. All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King.
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!
2. The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present;
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
3. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Hymn No. 87 — “The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want:
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make within the paths
Of righteousness e'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill, for Thou art with me;
And Thy rod and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Hymn No. 644 — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

1. May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.
3. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.
5. May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Fifth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

The Announcements and Words of Preparation

The Prelude — “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”..... W. J. Kirkpatrick

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 598 — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
John Sinclair, Song Leader

The Invocation

The Hymn No. 679 — “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

The Greetings

The Pastoral Prayer

The Young Children’s Devotional Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 642 (Stzs. 1-4) — “Be Thou My Vision”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 119:41-48

The Sermon — “Good Questions, Bible Answers”..... Dr. Strain

The Benediction

The Response

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Postlude

EVENING HYMNS

Hymn No. 598 — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliver, strong Deliv’rer, strong Deliv’rer, I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to Thee.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s Destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Hymn No. 679 — “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

1. ‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!
2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!
3. Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!
4. I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Hymn No. 642 — “Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower;
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, no man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.



5. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heavens Sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my vision. O Ruler of all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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CANCELATIONS

REMINDER: All church-sponsored ministry events on and off site have been canceled through April 30. Our leadership will continue to update you. In the meanwhile, here are a few updates about ongoing ministry at First Presbyterian Church:

OUR WORSHIP

Our Morning and Evening Worship Services will be streamed online every Sunday morning and evening. We would love it if you would share a picture of you and your family participating. Send pictures to discipleship@fpcjackson.org, and we will post it on the FPC Jackson Instagram stories.

NEEDS

Our deacons, Women in the Church, and pastoral staff are coordinating ministry efforts to both our church and our community. Please email needs@fpcjackson.org or call the church office at 601-353-8316 if you are able to make deliveries, if you or your neighbors have tangible needs (for example groceries or prescriptions), or if you have specific spiritual needs and would like to request prayer.

EASTER WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Good Friday — Please join us for a livestreamed Good Friday service at 6 p.m., April 10.

Season of Prayer and Fasting — The PCA and several sister denominations have set aside April 10, as a day of fasting and prayer to focus our attention on God and on the spiritual opportunities and dangers that we face during the coronavirus outbreak. If you are able, our hope is that you will begin your fast beginning at midnight, April 9, through 1 p.m., April 10, where you will break your fast with a late lunch. Consider praying throughout the morning, but give special time to praying in a focused manner between 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. When we fast, we express humility and repentance before God. When we give up our own need for food, we demonstrate the urgency of seeking God's will above our own needs. And when we feel the urge of hunger, we are prompted to turn to God in prayer and praise.

Prayer Guide — A prayer guide for this season of fasting is available on our app and at fpcj/ms/easter.

Easter Sunday — Services will be streamed online at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

KEY QUESTIONS TONIGHT IN THE EVENING SERVICE

What questions have you been wrestling with lately? Do you ever get stuck in particular passages or even entire books of the Bible because they seem to make little sense? Tonight David Strain will attempt to address some of our most common hang-ups related to the Bible, theology, and the Christian life.

THE CHURCH BELLS OF MISSISSIPPI AND A STATE-WIDE CALL TO PRAYER

The Lieutenant Governor has asked all churches to ring their bells for one minute at 6 p.m. each day from April 6 until April 20. We are excited to do this as a reminder and call to prayer. Each day, we will all pray, wherever we are, for the sick, for our healthcare workers, and for the soul-sick during this crisis. Also, the Lt. Governor has asked everyone to go out into their yards at this time each day to show our support, to ring our own bells, and to take time to pray. We hope everyone who can will join in as we plead to God for the life of our state.

MIDWEEK

As we are being thoughtful about how to best comply with the governor's mandate in response to the coronavirus pandemic, we have decided to move this Midweek ministry to audio format. Join David Felker and Dr. John Fesko on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for a time of prayer and a continuation of our series *The Christian and Technology*. Download the prerecorded audio Wednesdays at 6:30 at fpcj.ms/midweek-resources.

LIFE TOWARD GOD: DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEO SERIES

Check out our daily devotional video series led by David Strain on our app, Facebook, Instagram, or at fpcj.ms/ltg. Join us each day for encouragement, challenge, and re-focus on a *Life toward God*. Parents, we have a special *Life toward God Kid's Edition* for children!

STORIES OF FAITHFULNESS: A WEEKLY PODCAST OF HOPE

New episodes of our weekly, devotional podcast featuring testimonies from God's people, men and women from First Presbyterian Church, are available Thursdays on our app and at fpcj.ms/stories.

THE FIRST EPISTLE

The First Epistle, the church-wide newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, will be mailed weekly during this time. To join the mailing list, email Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org. **Note: If you were already receiving the monthly *First Epistle* by mail, you will automatically receive the weekly version.** We also send a weekly *FPC This Week* email, to subscribe please visit fpcj.ms/subscribe.

MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

Men, the Monday Morning Quarterback is a weekly devotional email designed specifically for you. To subscribe, email discipleship@fpcjackson.org or visit fpcj.ms/subscribe.

SEW & SOW SPECIAL PROJECT — SEWING MEDICAL MASKS

Masks are now being made from donated halyard H600 medical supply fabric which is used to wrap sterilized surgical instruments and is very effective at filtering water, bacteria, and viruses. Here's how to participate: Kits to make these masks are available at two front porch locations: the home of Anne Cunningham (4520 Eastwood Road in Jackson - off Northside Drive) and the home of Debbie Dempsey (69 Napa Valley Circle in Madison). Please feel free to come by and pick up a kit and return finished masks to the same location. If you know of a need for masks from a hospital or clinic or if you know of a source for the medical fabric, new or used (halyard H600), please email rebeccar@fpcjackson.org.

LOVING WITH LETTERS

Send love to congregation members by writing notes of encouragement! Use the ShelbyNext App or your Women's Ministry directory to find addresses. You can buy stamps online at www.usps.com. Out of an abundance of caution, please send postcards or envelopes sealed with tape or adhesive. (If you are unable to find an address using ShelbyNext or your directory, email lisao@fpcjackson.org.)

MISSION PLEDGE UPDATE

Please consider making a mission pledge toward reaching our goal of \$1,000,000 in order to expand our mission and church planting investment across the world. Thus far, we've received 193 pledge cards totaling \$639,246.00 toward our 2020-2021 mission pledges. Our desire is to not only maintain the current number of supported missionaries, but to add new missionaries and church plants in strategic areas among unreached, unengaged people groups. Please prayerfully consider a pledge that will challenge your faith, all to the great glory of our Lord Jesus Christ!

To Pledge:

- To pledge online: fpcjackson.org/about/giving-and-stewardship/ and click "make a mission pledge."
- Download our app on IOS and Android (FPC Jackson) and click "giving" (choose "mission pledge").
- Send your pledge card through the mail to the church office (1390 N. State St., Jackson, MS 39202).

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Our pastoral staff is continuing to provide biblical counsel and guidance, even as we all adjust to the current guidelines to "shelter-in-place." Our pastors are always available as usual, but additionally, we have set aside certain hours of each day to meet with members and friends of our congregation by video conference or phone call. If you would like to schedule a time to talk through and to pray about whatever concerns or struggles you are facing, please call the church office at (601) 353-8316 or email Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org. All names and information will be handled compassionately and confidentially.