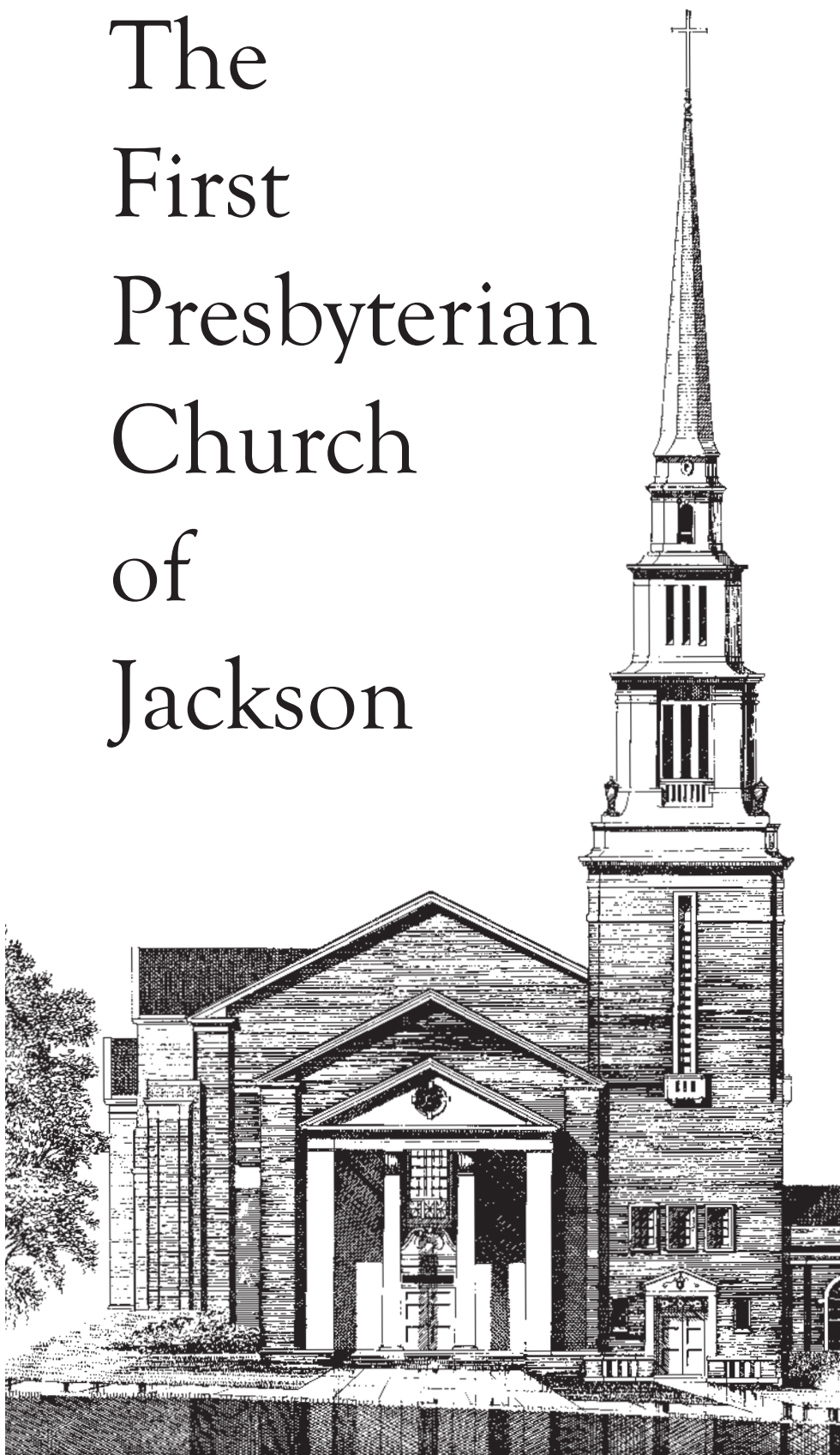


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

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The Sixteenth Day of April, Two Thousand Seventeen — Easter Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain — Senior 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” (*Organ Symphony VI*) Charles Marie Widor
Grant Wareham, Guest Organist

The Introit — “Easter Fanfare” Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 286** — “Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Apostles' Creed**

(See Guide)

‡* **The Doxology**

“Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.”

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 283** — “Alleluia! Alleluia!”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today” .. Arranged by Diane Bish

“Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Sons of men and angels say; Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
What language shall I borrow to thank Thee dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end.
O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be?
Lord, let me never outlive my love to Thee.
Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Timothy 3:14-16 (Pew Bible page 992)

The Sermon — “Easter Faith” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 267** — “The Day of Resurrection!”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Four-Fold Amen” William Wymond

The Postlude — “Finale” (*Organ Symphony VI*) Charles Marie Widor

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — Minister of Discipleship

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — “Hallelujah! What a Savior”Arr. Dan Forest
Dr. David Snyder, Pianist

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 276** — “Up from the Grave He Arose”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Evening Hymn** — “See What a Morning” (See Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Ken Fairly

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Let the Words of My Mouth” (Psalm 19).....by F. Ortega
Martin Antoon and Laura Rutledge

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q23: What covenant did God make with Adam? A: The covenant of life.

Q24: What is a covenant? A: A relationship that God establishes with us and
guarantees by His word.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**Kelly Jackson, College Coordinator

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 264 (Stzs. 1-3)** — “Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 5:7-11 (Pew Bible page 1013)

The Sermon — “The Hardest Thing to Do” Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,

Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;

Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.”

The Postlude — “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth”G. F. Handel
William Wymond, Organist

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‡ Congregation standing

** Children dismissed

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.

See What A Morning

Words and Music:
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. See, what a morn-ing, glo - rious-ly bright,
2. See Mar - y weep-ing, "Where is He laid?"
3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days,



With the dawn-ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
As in sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb;
Through the Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



Fold - ed the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
Hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name;
Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise



As the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is ris - en!"
It's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life a - gain!
To the King crown'd with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty!



See God's sal - va - tion plan, Wrought in love,
The voice that spans the years, Speak - ing life,
And we are raised with Him, Death is dead,



borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice,
stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us,
love has won, Christ has con - quered;



Ful - filled in Christ, the Man,
Will sound till He ap - pears,
And we shall reign with Him,



For He lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
For He lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
For He lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles' Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its author, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is "Apostolic" in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: "Ghost" is employed where we would use "Spirit," the word "quick" where we would use "living," and "catholic" where we would use "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

Sunday

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)
Foundations Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133 (across from the bookstore)
Children's Church for 3 - and 4-year-olds — during 11:00 a.m. worship service in M135
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
No Senior High Insight

Monday

No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC 211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202A
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Church & Member Relations Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
Parents' Prayer Lunch — 12:00 noon in YH Office
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A
Peru Mission Trip Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH202
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground
Junior High D Groups — 5:45 p.m. in YH
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Per and Beth Almquist – Serving as church planters with Mission to North America in Lewiston, ME. Email: per.almquist@freegrace.us

Bill and Pam Schweitzer – Serving with Mission to the World as a church planter and a theological educator in Gateshead, England. Email: w.m.schweitzer@gmail.com

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 21. Space is available for both services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 5-9

“The Lord Is My Rock!” This year, we will be rocking at VBS as we learn about Moses, Joshua, and Elijah. Their stories point us to Jesus, our perfect Savior, who rolled away the rock that sealed His tomb and defeated death. Online registration for VBS is now open at www.fpcj.ms/vbs-2017. Register by May 14 to guarantee a T-shirt. We are also recruiting member volunteers to help with VBS. If you are willing to help, please contact VBS Director, Laura Barbour, at 601-594-4380 or email laurabarbour@comcast.net.

RYM

RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries) is a youth conference that brings together students from across the country for gospel teaching, friendship building, and just a lot of fun! The Students & Families Ministry will take two groups to RYM in Florida this summer, and we would love for your student to join us. Junior High RYM is June 26-30, and the cost is \$350. Senior High RYM is July 10-15, and the cost is \$415. The Early Bird Deadline (SAVE \$100) for both trips is May 1. To sign up, please visit the Upcoming Trips page at www.fpcjackson.org/youth. For more information or with questions, you may contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

NEW COMMUNICATION TOOL

We are excited to let you know of our new texting communication tool that is now available for all who are interested. Our purpose in using this tool is to let all of you know about important church news and alerts that are going on in the life of our church. You can opt-in right now by scanning the QR code below, or texting the number 95577. It is not a standard 10-digit number, it is only 5 digits. In the body of the message, as if you were texting to a friend, type in the keyword FPCJ and then tap send on your device. It is very important, when prompted, to reply with your first and last name. When you are completely registered, you should receive a message that says thank you.



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 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.

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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

At FPC, we believe that family worship is important. Recognizing the time challenges of a busy week with work and school, we want to make it as easy as possible for you. So we hope you find this Family Worship Guide helpful and use it in your homes this week. Each week addresses a question from the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, with a daily scripture reference, key thought, and questions for family discussion. You can use this abbreviated version by simply taking this bulletin home with you today, or get the complete version emailed to you weekly by subscribing at fpcj.ms/fam-devo. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 48: What are we specifically taught in the first commandment by the words "before me?"

Answer: The words "before me" in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees everything, notices and is very offended by the sin of having any other God.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Hebrews 4:12-13; Psalm 53:1-6

Key Thought: God sees all things.

Questions:

- Can you hide your actions from other people?
- Can you hide your actions from God?
- Is there anything you do that is not done "before God?"

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Acts 5:1-10; Daniel 2:20-22; Psalm 44:20-21

Key Thought: God takes notice of idolatry in the heart.

Questions:

- What did Ananias and Sapphira decide to do? Why?
- How did Peter find out about this?
- What god did Ananias and Sapphira serve?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Deuteronomy 29:24-28; Jeremiah 2:26-29

Key Thought: God is much displeased with the sin of idolatry.

Questions:

- For what sin did God say He would expel Israel from their land?
- Why is God's anger so great against this particular sin?
- How is this sin described in Jeremiah 2:27?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read 1 Chronicles 28:1-9

Key Thought: This knowledge should deter us from every sin.

Questions:

- If Jesus stood by your side every moment of every day, would your behavior and habits change? Why?
- Is there ever a moment in the day that we are not in the presence of God?
- Why should this knowledge deter us from every sin?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read 1 Peter 1:13-21

Key Thought: This knowledge should animate us to every duty.

Questions:

- Should we be motivated to obey God only because of fear of punishment? What else should motivate us?
- If you really love, honor, and admire someone, how do you act when you are in their presence?
- What is it about the nature and works of God that should make us want to walk before Him in a way that pleases Him?

Prayer