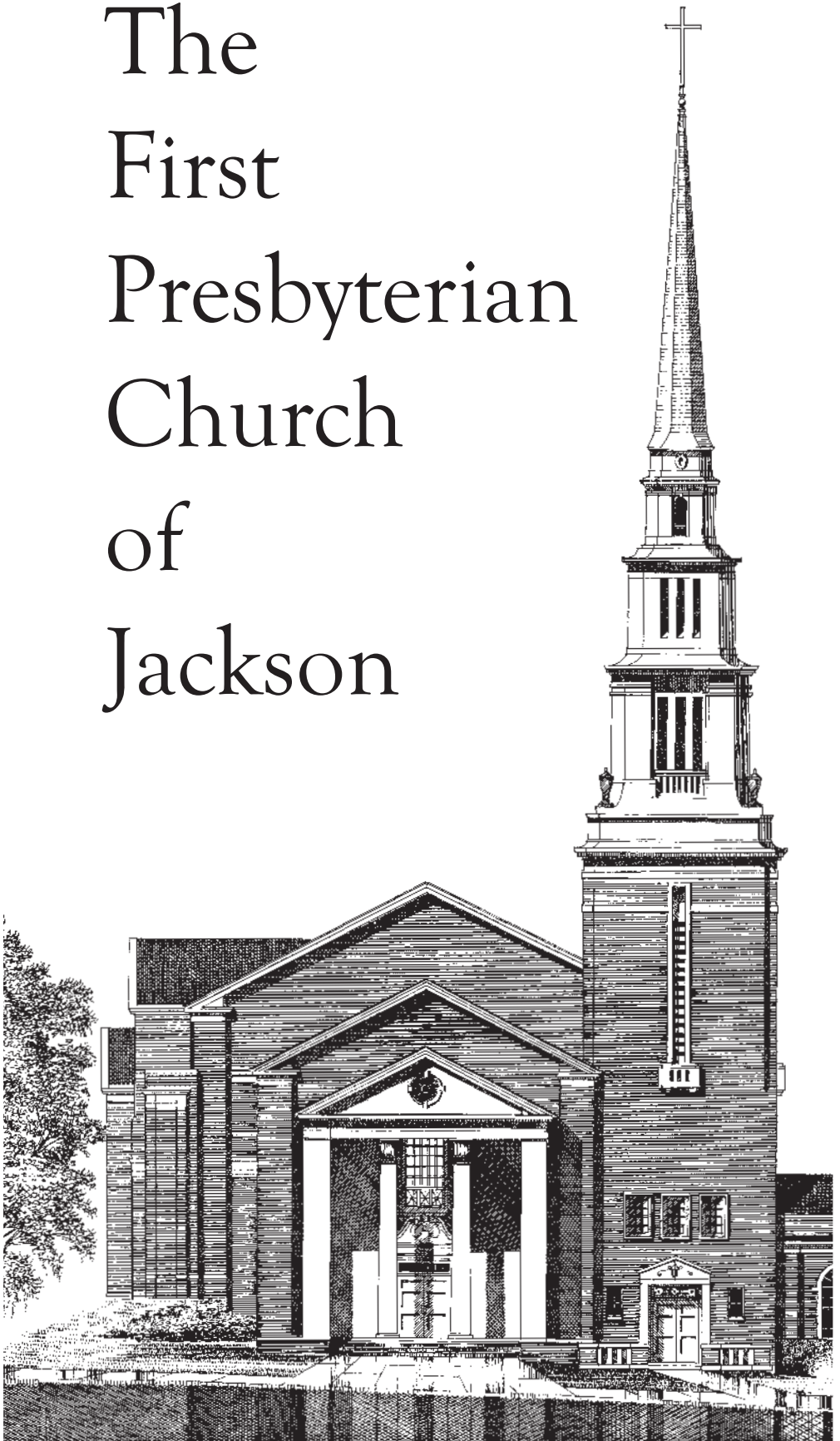


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-fourth Day of April, Two Thousand Sixteen

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey

Minister of Congregational Care

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 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Adagio in C” W. A. Mozart
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — “Almighty God of Our Fathers” Will James
Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern, Director

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 115** — “All Creatures of Our God and King”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Affirmation of Faith**

“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,

All other ground is sinking sand.”

The Scripture Reading — Mark 4:1-20 (Pew Bible page 839)

The Pastoral Prayer

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

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “And Can It Be?” Dan Forrest
Kathryn Edwards, Piano

“And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior’s blood?

Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His father’s throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;

Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race;

‘Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. And can it be?

Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!

Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 20:1-17 (Pew Bible page 61)

The Sermon — *God Reigns*: Mr. Strain
“Godliness with Contentment Is Great Gain”

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 647** — “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “God Be with You” William Tomer

The Postlude — “Imperial March” Edward Elgar

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer
Minister of Discipleship

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

The Prelude — “Andante in D Major”Giovanni Allegrini
FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 693** — “Blessed Assurance”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn** — “O Great God” (See Evening Guide)

The Recognition of Recitation of the Children’s Catechism

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Kyle Ball

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye My People” Howard Helvey
The Student Choir, Maleesa Brenchley, Accompanist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q72. How is Christ your king? A: Christ rules over me, the world and Satan,
and he defends me.

Q75. Why do you need Christ as your king? A: Because I am weak and helpless.

** **The Meditation and Prayer** David Felker, Minister of Young Adults/College

‡ **The Hymn No. 95 (Stz. 1–3)** — “Though Troubles Assail Us”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 2:12-17 (Pew Bible page 1029)

The Sermon — *Behold, A Throne: “The Culture of Compromise”* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
Yet, since we have known of the Saviour’s great name,
In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, ‘The Lord will provide.’”

The Postlude — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”John Hughes

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**Children dismissed after the prayer

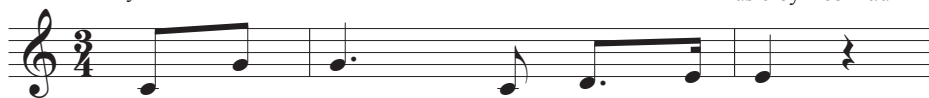
**To All Our
Visitors**

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.

O Great God

Words by Bob Kauflin

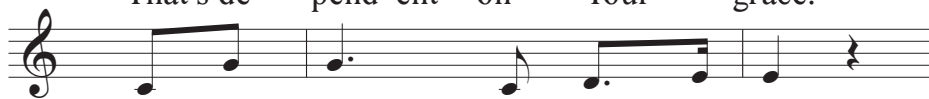
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1. O great God of high - est heav'n
2. I was blind - ed by my sin;
3. Help me now to live a life



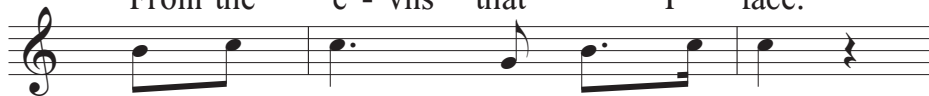
Oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
Had no ears to hear Your voice;
That's de - pend - ent on Your grace.



Own it all and reign su - preme
Did not know Your love with - in
Keep my heart and guard my soul



Con - quer eve - ry re - bel pow'r.
Had no taste for heav - en's joys.
From the e - vils that I face.



Let no vice or sin re - main
Then Your Spir - it gave me life,
You are wor - thy to be praised



That re - sists Your ho - ly war.
O - pened up Your Word to me.
With my eve - ry thought and deed.



You have loved and pur - chased me
Through the gos - pel of Your Son,
O great God of high - est heav'n



Make me Yours for - ev - er - more
Gave me end - less hope and peace.
Glo - ri fy Your Name through me.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

One important feature of a good event is that it has a clear beginning and end. This communicates intentionality and helps people understand what is taking place. This same idea applies to our weekly corporate worship. For the benefit of God's people, we desire the flow of worship to be clear so that we participate more fully in the means of grace that God has given. While our service always begins with a Call to Worship, this morning we set aside a few moments to think through why our service closes the way it does. What is the Benediction and why do we have one each week?

What is the Benediction?

The word "benediction" has Latin origins (bene = "well," and dicere = "to speak"). A benediction, then, is a word which "speaks wellness/goodness" to a person or group. So properly understood, it is a blessing. The Benediction blessing is an ancient Hebrew practice and was a highlight in the temple worship of the Old Testament saints. After a sacrifice was made the high priest would stand with arms raised over the people and pronounce the Aaronic blessing recorded in Numbers 6:24-26: "The Lord bless and keep you: The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace." The New Testament is replete with benedictions as well. Jesus pronounces these blessings over the disciples, Paul includes them within his Epistles, and the writer of Hebrews pronounces a benediction in his appeal to the "God of peace" to "equip you with everything good that you may do His will" (Hebrews 13:20-21). The Benediction is not just a parting prayer, but it is the conferral of a covenant blessing based on God's faithfulness to His people. John Calvin describes it as a "pledge of that divine benevolence which is the source of our salvation".

Why is it given each week?

The weekly pronouncement of the benediction serves as a reminder to the congregation that God has both the first and last Word in worship. He invites us to commune with Him through the Call to Worship, but He also blesses us through the Benediction as we depart. It is interesting that the final verse of the Book of Revelation says, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen" (Rev. 22:21). The very last verse in our Bible is itself a benediction. Therefore, in seeking to pattern our worship after the Bible, we close every service with God's blessing. As we receive the Benediction, given at the end of the service let it be a reminder that we do not go in our own strength, but we are accompanied with the powerful blessing of God, who works in and through us to accomplish His glorious purposes.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2016

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)
Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. in various locations
Foundations Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Children's Church for 3 and 4-year-olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in M135
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in the Music Suite
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 Hymn Sing — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the
 Cottens (2202 Culleywood Rd.)

Monday

Circle Bible Teachers Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in WH204
Women and Children's Ministry Committee Meeting —
 12:00 noon in MH
MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:30 p.m. in WH204A
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the
 Gym/Playground
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Junior High D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH
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
Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

Senior Adults Day Trip to New Orleans — 7:00 a.m. in
 Pinehurst parking lot
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Young Adults Girls Event — 6:30 p.m. at the home of the
 Wrights (121 Windrush Drive, Ridgeland)

Friday

No scheduled activities

Saturday

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

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....”

Wesley and Jami Baker – Serving as a seminary professor with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru. Email: wesbaker@perumission.org.

Jason and Susie Sterling – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Ole Miss. Email: jsterling@ruf.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Martina Hicks.

COOKOUT FOR 12TH GRADERS

FPC 12th graders, mark your calendars for a cookout at the Felkers' home (2004 Laurel Street), on April 27 at 7:30 p.m. Come and hang out with the Youth Staff, and meet the College Staff before the summer begins. The first Sunday for rising freshmen in the College House will be May 15.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR 20'S-30'S

Are you looking to find community within a large church family? Are you late 20s/early 30s but not plugged in to a Sunday School class? If so, consider putting two important dates on your calendar: First, we will have our last event before the class launch at the Felkers' home (2004 Laurel Street) on Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. Second, the Sunday School class will begin meeting on May 15, in room 313A in the Study Center. If you know people who fit in this age range here in the church or out in the community, please do not hesitate to relay names. This new class is a great opportunity to get stitched into the life of the church. For more information, contact David Felker (601-850-8650 or davidf@fpcjackson.org).

YOUNG ADULTS GIRLS EVENT

This Thursday, April 28, Young Adults girls will have a dinner and speaker event at 6:30 p.m. at the Wright home (121 Windrush Drive in Ridgeland). Come and spend time in good community then get to hear from Emily Hartman as she talks about contentment. Please RSVP by contacting Anna Woodyard (annaw@fpcjackson.org).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Ladies, if you have had any changes to your name, address, telephone, or email information in the last year, please contact the Women and Children's Ministry Department at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org. The deadline for corrections to be included in the yearbook is Monday, June 13.

SIXTH GRADE "MOVE UP" DAY MAY 1

Six graders will officially become a part of the Students & Families Ministry Sunday, May 1, 2016. Please join us in the Youth House for breakfast beginning at 9:40 a.m. and Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Also, plan to join us on Wednesday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m. for Junior High D Groups. We'll have pizza and ice cream for \$3.00. For more information about the Students & Families Ministry, visit www.fpcjackson.org/youth. Contact Jenny Sanders with questions at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Men, join us Thursday, May 5, 2016, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring the Reverend Dr. Derek Thomas, senior minister of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or lisar@fpcjackson.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 6-10

Registration is now open for children and teen helpers for VBS 2016 at www.fpcj.ms/vbs-reg. Also, we are currently recruiting member volunteers to help. If you enjoy working with children, or if you like to help with crafts, or if you prefer a behind the scenes task such as preparing snacks for the adult volunteers, we have a spot for YOU! If you are willing to help, please contact VBS Director, Genneysa Case at 601-540-2370 or email gdcase@comcast.net

WORKING MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Recognizing that time is at a premium for working moms, we are offering a short Bible study for the summer, on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. beginning June 15. It will be in the format of a book club, studying *The Envy of Eve: Finding Contentment in a Covetous World*, led by Shirley Windham. Wednesday nights offer supper, nursery, and children and youth programs for your family. If you are interested, please contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

GOLDEN CIRCLE

Ladies, if you or a close family member are unable to attend service or church activities, we would love for you to join our Golden Circle. Golden Circle ladies receive cards and visits from various congregation members. We would love to minister to you in this way. Please contact Kortney Anderson 601-826-0043 or andersonkortney@gmail.com.

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