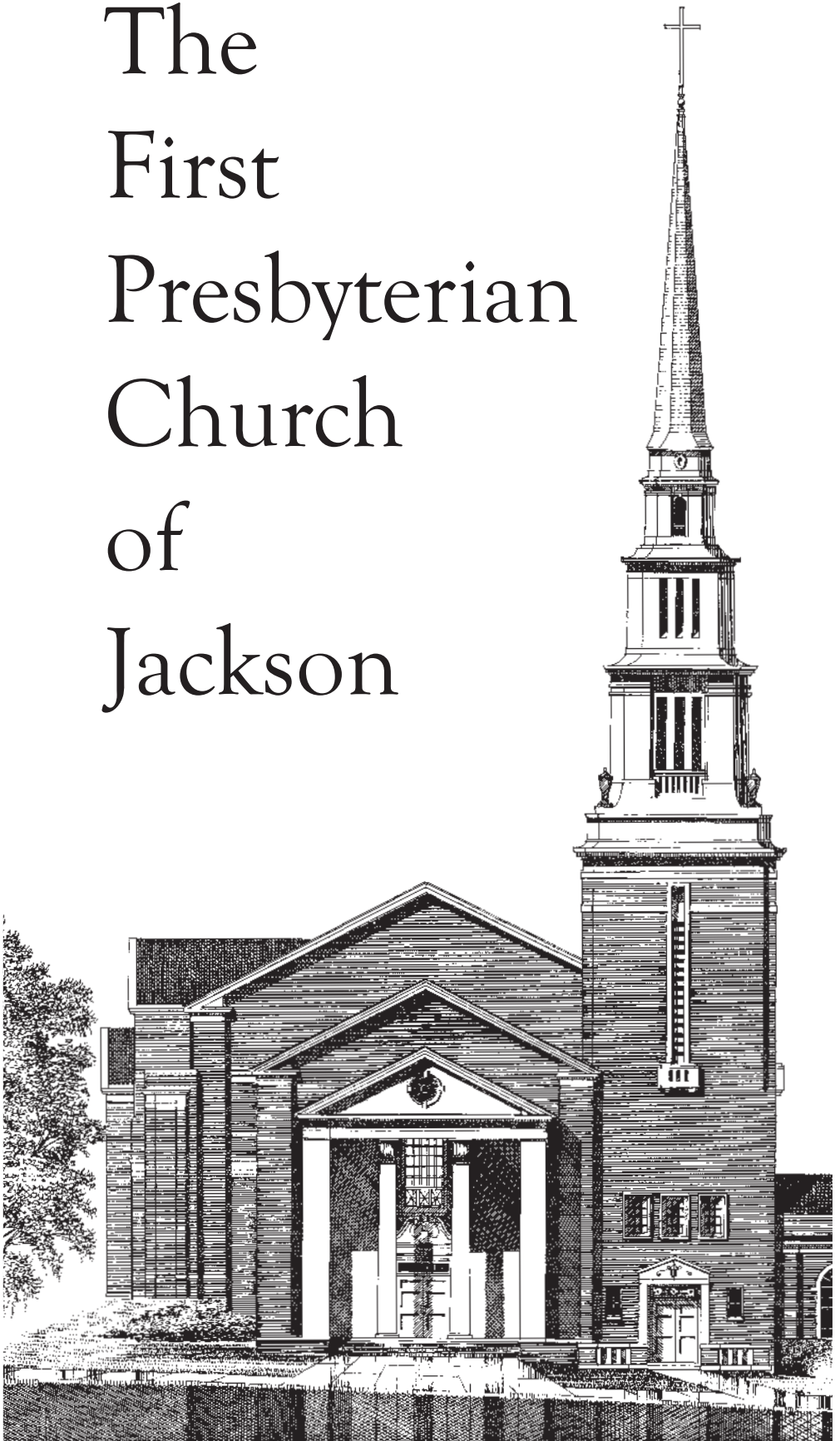


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-sixth Day of April, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Discipleship

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 — "I Come to the Garden Alone" arr. Catherine McMichael
Jackie Bateman Langhofer, Violin; Nancy Bateman, Cello; William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — "Behold, Now, Praise the Lord" Everitt Titcomb
Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern, Directing

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 342** — "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

The Recognition of Recitation of the Shorter Catechism (8:30 a.m.)

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis
The Introduction of New Members
The Questions of Membership
The Prayer
The Declaration
The Blessing

‡ **The Hymn** — "O Church, Arise" (See Guide)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "We Believe" John Purifoy

"We believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day, He rose again and ascended into heaven.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit and the worldwide Church,
The communion of all the saints, the forgiveness of ev'ry sin,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 18:1-27 (Pew Bible pages 59-60)

The Sermon — *God Rescues: "Family Matters"* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Psalm of Response No. 198** — "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"
(based on Psalm 24)

‡ **The Benediction**

The Choral Response — "Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me."

The Postlude — "Fanfare" Healey Willan

*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 Mr. David L. Felker

Minister of Young Adults and College

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.)

The Prelude — “Adagio in A MinorLuigi Tartinelli
The FPC Strings; William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 164** — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 642 — “Be Thou My Vision”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder William Harper

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “I'd Rather Have Jesus” Mary McDonald
The Student Choir

“I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land.

I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand than to be the king of a vast domain
or be held in sin's dread sway.

I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world to me affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause; I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;

I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame. I'd rather be true to His holy Name.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom; He's sweeter than honey from out of the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs.

I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead than to be the king of a vast domain
or be held in sin's dread sway.

I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world afford today. I want Jesus!”

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 455 (Stz. 1) — “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

The Children's Catechism No. 54

Q. “How did Christ die?”

A. “In pain and disgrace on the cross.”

The Scripture — Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19; Philippians 2:8;
Colossians 3:2; Hebrews 12:2

The Meditation Billy Dempsey, Minister of Discipleship

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 318** — “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 17: 20-37 (Pew Bible pages 876-877)

The Sermon — *Eclipse: “Politics”* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response

“Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;

when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!”

The Postlude — “We Praise Thee and Adore Thee” H. Scheidemann

*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.

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

We lift our voices together with this hymn, set to Henry Purcell's glorious and joyful tune "Westminster Abbey." The very first stanza rivets our attention on the foundation of our salvation, of our inclusion in the Church: "Christ is made the sure foundation" – the Lord Jesus himself! The rest of the stanza piles up accolades for the Captain of our salvation: He is the head of the Church, He is the cornerstone, He is chosen of the Lord, He is precious to the Father, He binds the Church together, He is our eternal helper and our only confidence. Now that's something to sing about!

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

As we respond to the Word preached we do so by singing this "new covenant" rendition of Psalm 24. It is an enthronement psalm and thus points to Christ's exaltation – one of the truths set forth in the resurrection.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 1-5, 2015 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching.
Here's what you need to know to be involved:

Register your child now:

<http://www.fpcjackson.org/vbs-registration>

Volunteer by contacting Anna Henson

601-353-8316 or annah@fpcjackson.org

Donate supplies:

We are collecting toilet paper rolls, milk or
water jugs with the label off,

Sister Schubert roll pans, and small legos.

ECLIPSE

5 BARRIERS TO FAITH IN JESUS

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU CAME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THIS EVENING. HAVING HEARD ABOUT JESUS TONIGHT, IT MAY BE THAT YOU HAVE QUESTIONS THAT REMAIN UNANSWERED OR OBJECTIONS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO EXPRESS. PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLORE THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST IN MORE DETAIL WITH SOMEONE INDIVIDUALLY OR AS PART OF A GROUP DISCUSSION. IT MAY EVEN BE THAT YOU HAVE FOUND JESUS SO COMPELLING THAT YOU'D LIKE TO MEET HIM FOR YOURSELF.

IN THE FORM BELOW, YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP YOU THINK THROUGH WHO JESUS IS, WHY HE CAME, AND WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW HIM. COMPLETING THE FORM DOES NOT INDICATE ANY COMMITMENT ON YOUR PART, AND WE ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU, SIMPLY FILL OUT THE FORM, TEAR DOWN THE PERFORATED EDGE, AND LEAVE IT IN THE BOXES MARKED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN THE GREETING COURTYARD AND FRONT FOYER OF THE CHURCH.

- I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO A PASTOR ABOUT THE THINGS I'VE HEARD TONIGHT.
- I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT A SHORT COURSE, SO I CAN FURTHER EXPLORE THE CLAIMS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

OR YOU MAY RESPOND TO THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE BY TEXTING "ECLIPSE" TO 88202.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • APRIL 26, 2015

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 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. – 10:45 a.m.
 (Library only)
Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in YH
Inquirers' Class — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in Session Room
College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The Student Choir — 4:40 p.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Burrows
 (2236 N. Cheryl Drive)

Monday

Circle Bible Teachers Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in WH202
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in SR/PH

Tuesday

Men's "Truth at Dawn" Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Young Adults/College Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC

Wednesday

MOMS Leadership Brunch — 9:00 a.m. in PH
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
Junior High Large Group — 5:00 p.m. in YH
Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in LH
Peru Mission Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH202
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on the playground
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the gym and
 on the playground.
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC & WH
Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in Scout Room/Gym
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting — 7:30 p.m. in WH204

Thursday

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

Friday

No Activities Scheduled

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..." **Paul & Sarah Taylor** – Working in Mission Development for Mission to the World in the Asia/ Pacific region. Mailing address: 4404 Abingdon Dr., Stone Mountain, GA 30083 Email: paul.taylor@mtw.org. **The Mustard Seed** is a Christian organization which seeks to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities. Mailing address: 1085 Luckney Rd, Brandon, MS 39047 Email: del@mustardseedinc.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Sam (Genell) McAllister — April 20, 2015
Mr. Dudley J. Hughes — April 21, 2015

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary, from the wedding of Emily Story and Grant Saxton, are given to the glory of God in honor of the Bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henley and Mrs. Geri Story, and the Groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neal and Mrs. Betty Saxton, and in loving memory of Mr. Alton Saxton, grandfather of the groom.

NEW MEMBERS

On April 12, 2015, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Miss Jessica Ruth Arnold, Mrs. Donna Bennett Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Latta Lester (Bonnie) Brannan, Mr. Levi Chinchin, Miss Marion Bess Chinchin, Miss Elizabeth Rhymes Clarke, Mr. William Griffin Hatchiff, Jr., Mr. Bryce C. Hawes, Mr. Gregory Kern Hoff, Jr., Mr. Michael Stephen Hogue, Jr., Miss Emma Freeman Liddell, Mr. Tyler Jordan Long, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Matthew (Emily) McClain, Mr. Harold Joseph Melancon, Mr. Thomas Patrick Reed, Mr. James Alexander Roberson, Mr. Barnabas Joseph Spivey, Miss Dorothy Cordelia Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Stephen (Rebecca) Richards, Miss Ainsley Virginia Wright.

MEN OF THE COVENANT - THURSDAY, MAY 7

Men, join us Thursday, May 7, at 11:45 a.m. in Miller Hall for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon where Rockey Felker, Director of Player Personnel at Mississippi State University, will speak to us. **Reservations are required**; call the receptionist at 601-353-8316 to make your reservation by Monday, May 4. The cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Please invite your friends, co-workers, or neighbors.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2015. Space is available for both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

PERU MISSION NEEDS

The theme for VBS in Cajamarca, Peru, this summer (June 19-27) will be Jesus, The Good Shepherd. Over 1700 children are ministered to each year from the First Presbyterian Mission team! This year we will be making flocks of sheep and need some donated supplies. There is a white bin by the information desk into which people may put their donations. Items needed for crafts for Peru VBS: bags of cotton balls- regular size (big need for cotton balls!), 1.25 oz bottles of liquid glue, and any new crayola/magic marker.

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 earpiece. 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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O Church, Arise



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your
 2. Our call to war, to love the
 3. Come see the cross, where love and
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in



ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our Cap -
 cap - tive soul, but rage a - gainst the cap -
 mer - cy meet, As the Son of God is strick -
 ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry hur -



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 ful. As saints of old still line the



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 grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger



cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
 for the day when with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.