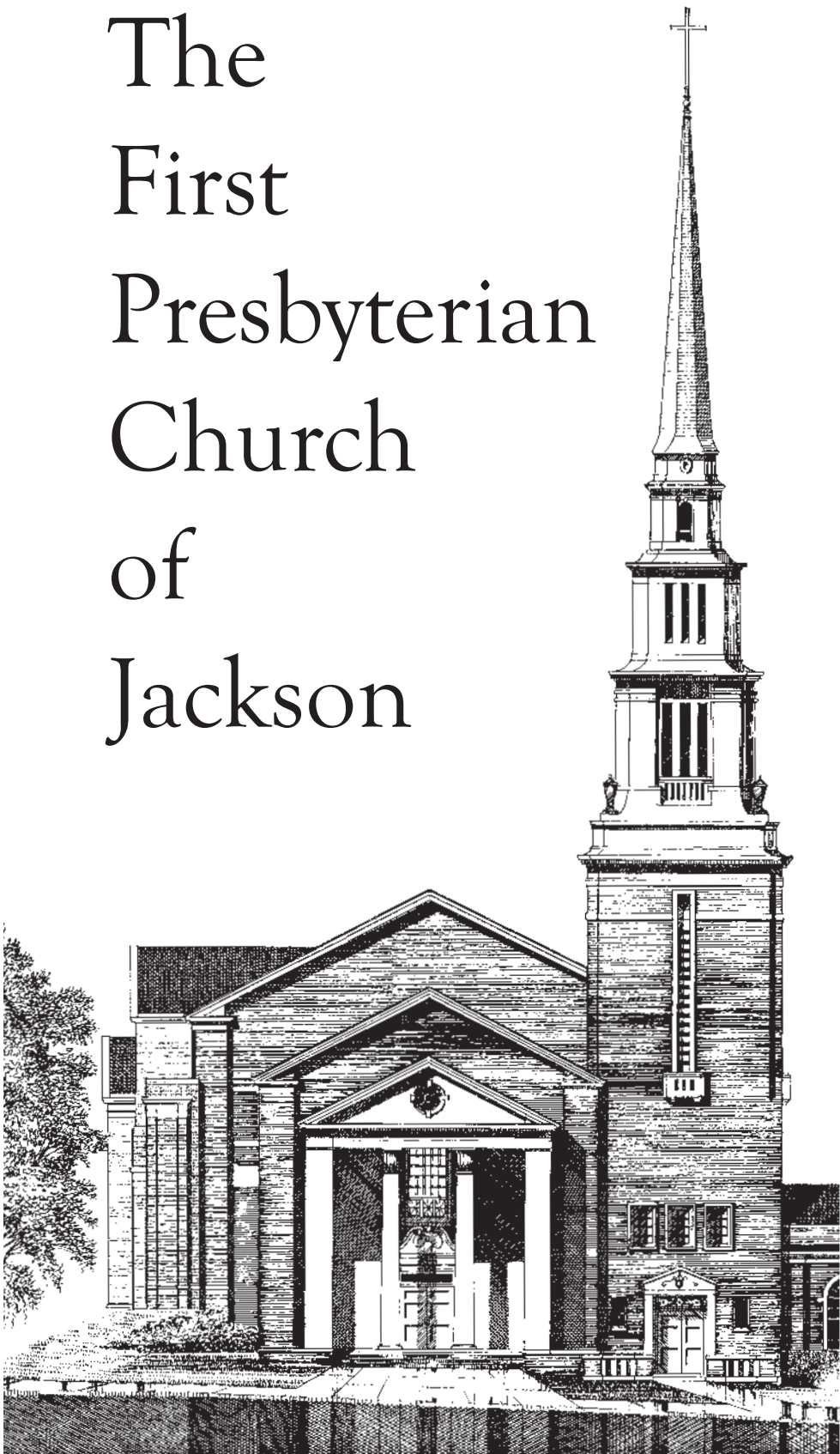


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Second Day of April, Two Thousand Seventeen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral 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 and 10:55 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — “Christ, the Life of All the Living” ..... Flor Peeters  
Sheila Hess, Guest Organist

**The Introit** — “Come, Join Our Joyful Song” .....Dale Wood

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 38** — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Apostles' Creed** (See Guide)

‡\* **The Doxology No. 733**

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

**The Scripture Reading** — Mark 14:32-52 (Pew Bible page 851)

**The Pastoral Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 247** — “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — “How Lovely Are the Messengers” (*St. Paul*)....Felix Mendelssohn

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (Pew Bible page 953)

**The Sermon** — *Rewire*: “God Gives the Growth” ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 356** (Tune: *Darwall*) — “How Beautiful the Sight”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Five-Fold Amen” ..... W. Wymond

**The Postlude** — “Ode to Joy” .....Albert Travis

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

*Johannes Brahms*



*A German Requiem*

*The  
First Presbyterian Church  
Choir with Orchestra*

*And  
Kim Porter, Soprano  
Thomas West, Baritone*

*This evening  
6:00 p.m.*

*Nursery for children ages 4 and under.  
Please note there will be no children's classes tonight.*

## 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.

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# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 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  
**New Members Received** — 4:45 p.m. in PH  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Brahms’ “A German Requiem”** — 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. at the Crawford home  
 (1962 Douglass Drive)

**Monday**

**WIC Council** — 9:30 a.m. in PH  
**Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. 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  
**Strategic Planning Committee Meeting** — 7:30 a.m. in WH204A  
**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in MS  
**Sew & Sow** — 9:00 a.m. in SC 211  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**WIC Spring Luncheon** — 11:30 a.m. in MH  
**Zoning Subcommittee Meeting** — 11:30 a.m. in WH202A  
**Building & Grounds Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in WH204B  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Mission to the Military** — 4:00 p.m. in WH202B  
**Management Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215  
**Open Gym for Youth** — 6:30 p.m. in the Gym  
**Internationals Class** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

**Wednesday**

**MOMS Bible Study** — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Men’s Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in WH202  
**Interns Meeting** — 4:00 p.m. in BC  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**College Dinner & Discussion** — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A  
**Peru Mission Team Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in WH202  
**VBS Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC211B  
**Children’s Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground  
**Junior High Dinner** — 5:30 p.m. in YH/6:00 p.m. at Rooster’s  
 in Fondren  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Engaged/Newly Married Class** — 6:30 p.m. in HC  
**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**

**Ladies 1, 2, 3 John Bible Study** — 9:30 a.m. in PH  
**Ladies “Prophets” Bible Study** — 9:45 a.m. in MH  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**First Pres Forum** — 5:45 p.m. in MH

**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....”*

**Youth for Christ** – YFC seeks to reach young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus. Email: [kass@jacksonyfc.org](mailto:kass@jacksonyfc.org)

**Josh and Gina Rieger** – Serving with Mission to the World as a church planter in Hexham, England. Email: [johnandgina@gmail.com](mailto:johnandgina@gmail.com)

## SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The spring Foundations class meets today at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through April 30. This class is for members and visitors who want to know more about our church and its ministries, our denomination, Presbyterian doctrine and beliefs, church history, and church government.

## COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion Sunday will be next Sunday, April 9. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free crackers will be available for Communion. They will be placed on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard. Please pick up a piece on the way into the morning worship service.

## JUNIOR HIGH DINNER

Junior High Dinner is this Wednesday, April 5, during our normal D Group time. Meet at the Youth House at 5:30 p.m. or at Rooster's in Fondren at 6:00 p.m. Students may be picked up at 7:00 p.m. at the restaurant or 7:30 p.m. at the Youth House. Please email Jenny Sanders at [youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youthhouse@fpcjackson.org) to sign up.

## JUNIOR HIGH SPRING RETREAT

The deadline to register for the Junior High Spring Retreat, April 21-23, to Birmingham, AL, is Thursday, April 6. The cost for this year's trip is \$195 and includes all meals and snacks, lodging, special events for the weekend, and a t-shirt. To sign up, visit the Upcoming Trips page at [www.fpcjackson.org/youth](http://www.fpcjackson.org/youth). Contact Jenny Sanders at [youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youthhouse@fpcjackson.org) with questions or for more information.

## FIRST PRES FORUM PART 4—THE END: HOW THE STORY ENDS

Part 4 of the First Pres Forum series **Send Out Your Light & Your Truth Part 4—The End: How the Story Ends** is Thursday, April 6, at 5:45 p.m. FPF includes two hour-long teaching sessions by FPC's own Minister of Discipleship, Gabe Fluhrer. All are welcome to attend, though our target is college through 30s. Dinner will be provided by Lost Pizza, and the cost is \$6. Please register online at [www.fpcjackson.org/firstpf](http://www.fpcjackson.org/firstpf). Nursery for children four and younger is available by request at registration. For more information, contact Jenny Sanders at 601-973-9117.

## PASSION WEEK NOON-TIME BIBLE STUDY

Join Billy Dempsey as he teaches on John 13-17, "The Upper Room Discourse." It will run Monday through Thursday, April 10-13, 12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m. A box lunch will be provided at a cost of \$6. To reserve your spot, contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9201 or [lisaw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisaw@fpcjackson.org) by Monday morning, April 10.

## 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 open now at [www.fpcj.ms/vbs-2017](http://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](mailto:laurabarbour@comcast.net).

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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](mailto:fpcj.ms/fam-devo). Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

**Question 45: What is the first commandment?**

**Answer:** The first commandment is: "You shall have no other gods before me."

**Question 46: What does the first commandment require?**

**Answer:** The first commandment requires us to know and recognize God as the only true God and our God, and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.

## MONDAY

**Scripture:** Read Exodus 20:1-3

**Key Thought:** The 1st commandment is the foundation of all others.

**Questions:**

- How does the preface to the Ten Commandments naturally lead into the 1st commandment?
- How does the 1st commandment set the stage, or lay the foundation for the other nine?
- How is every act of sin a transgression of the 1st commandment?

**Prayer**

## TUESDAY

**Scripture:** Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-6

**Key Thought:** The 1st commandment teaches us the only true object of worship.

**Questions:**

- What does it mean for someone or something to be the object of worship?
- Can there be more than one true God? Why not?
- If all idols are really nothing, who is the true object of worship for those who bow down to them?

**Prayer**

## WEDNESDAY

**Scripture:** Read Isaiah 45:1-25

**Key Thought:** The 1st commandment requires us to know and acknowledge the true God.

**Questions:**

- What is the main emphasis in Isaiah 45?
- What is wrong with the popular view that different religions are merely different ways of knowing one and the same God?
- What does it mean to acknowledge God as the only true God?

**Prayer**

## THURSDAY

**Scripture:** Read Isaiah 25:1-9

**Key Thought:** The 1st commandment requires us to acknowledge the true God as our God.

**Questions:**

- How does God make Himself known in Isaiah 25?
- What is the difference between acknowledging God to be "the only true God," and acknowledging Him to be "our God"?
- Can a person know God and obey Him but still love himself more than God?

**Prayer**

## FRIDAY

**Scripture:** Read Psalm 95:1-11; 1 John 2:15; Job 31:24-28

**Key Thought:** The 1st commandment requires us to give our one true God the worship and glory He alone deserves.

**Questions:**

- What does it mean to give God the worship and glory He alone deserves?
- How would the failure to keep the requirements of the 1st commandment be seen in a person's life?
- How would obedience to the requirements of the 1st commandment be seen in a person's life?

**Prayer**