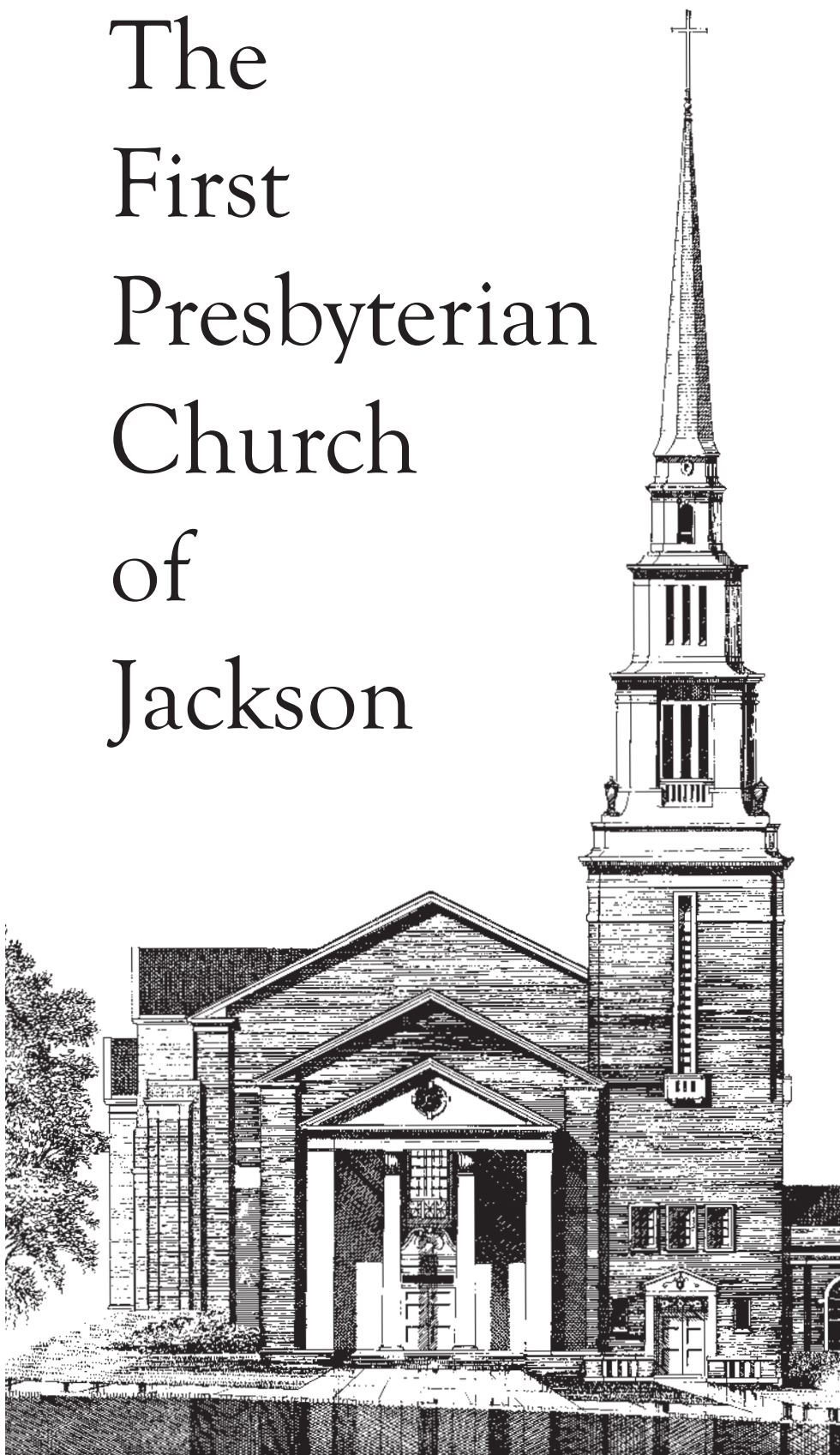


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



*"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth 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. David L. Felker — Minister of Young Adults & College

*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** — “Thine Is the Glory” ..... Robert Hobby  
Sheila Hess, Guest Organist

**The Introit** — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” .....Arr. Paul Sjölund

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 168** — “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

\* **The Solo** — “Give Me Jesus” .....Arr. Moses Hogan  
Dr. Phyllis Lewis-Hale

**The Scripture Reading** — Mark 14:53-72 (Pew Bible pages 851-852)

**The Pastoral Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 246** — “Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

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

**The Offertory** — “Blessed Are the Men” (*Elijah*) .....Felix Mendelssohn  
“Blessed are the men who fear Him,  
They ever walk in the ways of peace.  
Through darkness riseth light to the upright.  
Blessed are the men who fear Him,  
They ever walk in the ways of peace.”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (Pew Bible pages 953-954)

**The Sermon** — *Rewire*: “Servants and Stewards” ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 570** — “Faith of Our Fathers!”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

“Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.  
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.”

**The Postlude** — “Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won” .....Anton W. Leupold

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhner — 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** — “Arioso” (*Cantata 156*).....J. S. Bach  
The FPC Strings

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn No. 701** — “Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡\* **The Evening Hymn** — “Facing a Task Unfinished” (See Guide)

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder George Fair

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

**The Offertory** — “Jubilate” ..... Philip Stopford  
The Student Choir; Maleesa Branchley, Accompanist

**The Young Children's Devotional**

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

*The Children's Catechism*

Q29: What is sin? A: Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.

Q30: What is meant by lack of conformity? A: Not being or doing what God requires.

Q31: What is meant by transgression? A: Doing what God forbids.

\*\* **The Meditation and Prayer**.....Ed Hartman, Mission and Outreach Minister

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 629 (Stzs. 1-2)** — “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — James 5:13-18 (Pew Bible page 1013)

**The Sermon** — “The Power of Prayer” ..... Dr. Fluhner

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.”

**The Postlude** — “The God of Abraham Praise” ..... Ancient Jewish Melody

\* The ushers may seat latecomers

‡ 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.

# Facing a Task Unfinished



1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished That drives us to our knees
2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee Hold their un - hin - dered sway
3. We bear the torch that flam - ing Fell from the hands of those
4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them O Spir - it who in - spired



A need that, un - di - min - ished Re - bukes our sloth - ful ease  
Where forc - es that de - fied Thee De - fy Thee still to - day  
Who gave their lives pro - claim - ing That Je - sus died and rose.  
Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them To toil with zeal un - tired



We, who re - joice to know Thee Re - new be - fore Thy throne  
With none to heed their cry - ing For life, and love, and light  
Ours is the same com - mis - sion The same glad mes - sage ours  
From cow - ard - ice de - fend us From leth - ar - gy a - wake!



The sol - emn pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known.  
Un - num - bered souls are dy - ing And pass in - to the night.  
Fired by the same am - bi - tion To Thee we yield our pow'rs.  
Forth on Thine er - rands send us To la - bour for Thy sake.



We go to all the world With king - dom hope un - furled



No oth - er name has pow'r to save But Je - sus Christ The Lord.

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H. Richard Johnson, Jr.; William A. Long, Jr.; A. William May; C. Eugene McRoberts, Jr.;  
J. Longstreet Minor III; J. Lee Owen, Jr.; A. Jerry Sheldon; Orrin H. Swayze, Jr.;  
Joel E. Varner

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William F. Sneed; Joe P. Uithoven; Richard B. Wilson, Jr.; Wirt A. Yerger, Jr.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent  
Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator  
Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators  
Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

## THE CHURCH PROGRAM

### THE SUNDAY SERVICES:

* Sunday School .....	9:40 A.M.
* Morning Worship .....	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
* Evening Worship .....	6:00 P.M.
Senior High Insight .....	7:30 P.M.
Communion .....	2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October
Baptism .....	3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November
New Members Received 1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:00 p.m. in PH	

\*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING: .....Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.  
Family Night Dinner..... Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.  
Children's Activities..... Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.  
Junior High D Groups..... Wednesday, 5:45 P.M.  
The Choir Rehearsal..... Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.  
Discipleship Groups..... Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting .....Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 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  
**Student Choir Rehearsal** — 4:40 p.m. in MS  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Felkers (2004 Laurel Street)

**Monday**

**WIC Council Meeting** — 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  
**Presbytery Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. at Belhaven University  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Women & Children's Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH 204  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

**Wednesday**

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Interns Meeting** — 4:00 p.m. in BC  
**Men's Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in WH202  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**VBS Orientation for New Dept. Leaders** — 5:30 p.m. in SC211B  
**Peru Mission Team Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in WH202  
**Children's Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Junior High Dinner** — 5:30 p.m. in YH/6:00 p.m. at Kiefer's  
**Children's "Missions in May" Program** — 6:25 p.m. in Company Room  
**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.  
**Management Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

**Friday**

**Strategic Planning Committee Meeting** — 7:30 a.m. in WH204

**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....”*

**Bethany Christian Services** – Bethany Christian Services is supported through FPC–Mission to Jackson. They seek to manifest the love and compassion of Christ by protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families through quality social services. Email: [lifelines@bethany.org](mailto:lifelines@bethany.org)

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## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Eleanor Scott — April 21, 2017

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today, from the wedding of Caroline McDaniel and Robert Pyron, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Keith R. Harris, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harold Graham and Mr. and Mrs. William Hemphill Pyron, grandparents of the groom.

## MISSION PLEDGE UPDATE

Since the support for foreign missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers all come out of the same budget, our mission pledges need to be \$728,509 in order to maintain our current commitment. Thus far, we've received 220 pledge cards totaling \$643,795 toward our 2017- 2018 mission giving. Our desire is to not only maintain the current number of supported missionaries, but to add new missionaries in strategic areas among unreached, unengaged people groups. Please prayerfully consider pledging to support our giving to local, national, and international missions and missionaries.

## EVANGELISTIC SERIES

The human search for significance, security and satisfaction is universal but elusive. On Sunday evenings May 7, 14 and 21, Senior Minister David Strain will explore each of these themes and the Christ to whom they ultimately point us. Join us in Lowe Hall afterwards for a light meal and an opportunity to ask questions. We invite you to prayerfully consider inviting a friend to come and hear the gospel.

## MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCH — MAY 11

Men, join us Thursday, May 11, at 11:45 a.m. in Miller Hall for the next Men of the Covenant Lunch featuring our own Rev. Seth Starkey, RUF minister at Belhaven University. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Please bring a friend, co-worker or neighbor. Contact Lisa Kim at [discipleship@fpcjackson.org](mailto:discipleship@fpcjackson.org) for more details.

## 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](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).

## 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 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

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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](http://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 51: What does the second commandment forbid?**

**Answer:** The second commandment forbids our worshiping God with images or any other way not established in his word.

## MONDAY

**Scripture:** Read Deuteronomy 13:6-18

**Key Thought:** The 2nd commandment forbids all participation in and toleration of false worship.

### **Questions:**

- Which is more important: family loyalty or obedience to God?
- How does this apply when it comes to matters of worship?
- Why is it such a strong temptation for us to go along with what our families and friends are doing in worship?

**Prayer**

## TUESDAY

**Scripture:** Read Exodus 32:1-6

**Key Thought:** The 2nd commandment forbids the making and using of images in religious worship.

### **Questions:**

- What did Aaron make? How did Aaron introduce his idol to the people? (see vv. 4-5)
- May images be used as means of instruction or to move our emotions in worship? Why or why not?
- How does the spiritual nature of Christian worship argue against the use of images and outward forms in worship?

**Prayer**

## WEDNESDAY

**Scripture:** Read Colossians 2:16-23

**Key Thought:** The 2nd commandment forbids all insistence on outward forms of worship.

### **Questions:**

- What false teaching was Paul warning the Colossians against?
- Why were some people insisting that certain outward actions and ceremonies had to be observed?
- People often portray the Reformed view of worship as “restrictive” of individual freedom. How do Paul’s warnings answer that charge?

**Prayer**

## THURSDAY

**Scripture:** Read Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 12:28-32

**Key Thought:** The 2nd commandment forbids adding to or taking away from the worship that God has commanded in His word.

### **Questions:**

- What is the “regulative principle of worship”?
- Where is the regulative principle stated in the Bible?
- What does this principle presuppose about man? About God?

**Prayer**

## FRIDAY

**Scripture:** Read Matthew 22:1-7

**Key Thought:** The 2nd commandment forbids all laxity in or opposition to the true worship that God has appointed.

### **Questions:**

- What was the attitude of those originally invited to the king’s wedding feast? What did this reveal about their view of the king?
- In what ways can we be careless or apathetic in our obedience to God’s commands for worship?
- In what ways can we be hostile toward God’s commands?

**Prayer**