

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

MORNING WORSHIP

The Third Day of April, Two Thousand Sixteen
Eight-Thirty O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Mr. Claude E. McRoberts III
Assisting 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 a.m.)

The Prelude — “God Bless America”Irving Berlin
FPDS String Ensemble, Nancy Bateman, Director

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 100** — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

‡ **The Prayer of Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

The FPDS Testimony — Cal Wells
Chairman, FPDS Board of Trustees and FPDS Alumnus

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 189** — “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Largo” Dvorak
FPDS Strings

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Isaiah 40 (Pew Bible pages 599-600)

The Sermon Mr. McRoberts
“Has It Not Been Told to You from the Beginning?!”

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 460** — “Amazing Grace!”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me! mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.”

The Postlude — “With Horns and Trumpets” (*Water Music*) G. F. Handel

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

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Guest Minister — The Reverend Mr. Claude E. McRoberts III
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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 (10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — “My Inmost Heart Raises a Grateful Hymn” ... S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — “With a Joyful Noise” Ruth Elaine Schram
FPDS Honor Choir, Marsha Glover, Director; Cindy Addison, Accompanist

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 100** — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

‡ **The Prayer of Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

The FPDS Testimony — Cal Wells
Chairman, FPDS Board of Trustees and FPDS Alumnus

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 32** — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “I'm Goin' Up a Yonder”arranged by Martin Sirvatka

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Isaiah 40 (Pew Bible pages 599-600)

The Sermon Mr. McRoberts
“Has It Not Been Told to You from the Beginning?!”

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 460** — “Amazing Grace!”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “A Gaelic Blessing” John Manchester, Jr.

The Postlude — “With Horns and Trumpets” (*Water Music*) G. F. Handel

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‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Mr. Claude E. McRoberts III

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey

Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”Parry. Arr. by J. Hunt
FPC Brass

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 699** — “Like A River Glorious”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 359** — “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder David Bowling

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

Q68. How many offices does Christ fulfill as the promised Messiah? A: Christ fulfills three offices.

Q69. What are they? A: The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.

Q70. How is Christ your prophet? A: Christ teaches me the will of God.

Q73. Why do you need Christ as your prophet? A: Because I am ignorant by nature.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**Wiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care

‡ **The Hymn No. 378 (Stz. 1-4)** — “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Philippians 4:20-23 (Pew Bible page 982)

The Sermon — “Praise to God and Grace to Your Spirit” Mr. McRoberts

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.”

The Postlude — “To God Be the Glory” William Doan
FPC Brass

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‡Congregation standing

**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.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

Guest Minister — Claude E. McRoberts III

Mr. McRoberts has been the senior minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama, since 1999. A native of Mississippi, he is a son of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, where his father, Gene McRoberts, served as a ruling elder from 1979-2011 before receiving emeritus status. Claude attended First Presbyterian Day School in kindergarten through sixth grade from 1969-1976. Claude graduated from high school in 1982 and graduated with honors from the University of Mississippi in liberal arts with a Bachelor of Arts in English. He is also a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson. Claude and his wife, Betsy, have three children, Claude IV, Nan, and Abbey. Claude previously served as associate minister at Main Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, and as senior minister of First Presbyterian Church, Clarksdale. He has served on the Trinity Presbyterian School Board in Montgomery, Alabama, for 16 years.

Talent Bank /Ministry Interest Survey

What's a *Talent Bank*? Think of it as a resource tool for a church like ours to use when there's a need. When we find out about a need, we gather the resources to meet it by knowing who we can call on to help. The Talent Bank is where our deacons and staff can go to find "*who's willing to do what*" in our congregation. It's a very useful tool in helping our congregation care for itself.

The week of April 4, we'll be sending out a survey form via email. In 2 – 3 minutes time, you can fill out the form on your computer, click on the "submit" button and you're done. We'll enter the information in our database. If you don't receive email, you can call our Congregational Care administrative assistant, Lisa Walters, at 601-973-9102, and she'll arrange for you to fill out a paper copy of the survey form.

I hope you'll take the time to fill out this brief form. God has given all of us gifts and abilities to use for His glory and for the good of His church, and our *Talent Bank/Ministry Interest Survey* helps us find a place where your gifts can be used effectively.

Thanks!

Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary
FPDS 50th Anniversary Church Service — 8:30 and 11:00 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
New Members Received — 5:00 p.m. in PH
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 Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the Holiman home (4216 Brussels Dr.)

Monday

WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Deacons Executive 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
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Presbytery Mission to Military — 4:00 p.m. in WH204
Management Committee — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 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
Strategic Planning Meeting — 5:00 p.m. in SC210A
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:30 p.m. in WH204A
Children’s Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground
Peru Summer Mission Team — 5:30 p.m. in WH202
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Q & A — 6:30 p.m. in MH
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Young Adults Men’s Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

“Envy of Eve” Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in PH
“Son of God: the Gospel of Matthew” Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Congregational Care Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

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..." **William and Judith Traub** – Serving with MTW in partnership with the Free Church of Scotland as a bible teacher and as an elder in Dundee, Scotland. Email: willtraub@mac.com **RUF at Jackson State** – The intern-led team - Cyril Chavis, Latasha Allston, Ashley Williams, Montre Brooks, and Karlin Brooks - lead the ministry and serves the students through large groups, small groups, Sunday lunches and social events. Email: cyril.chavis@ruf.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by First Presbyterian Day School in thankfulness for 50 years of excellence in Christian education.

SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The Spring Foundations Class meets today at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through May 8. 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. To sign up, please contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or lisar@fpcjackson.org.

COLLEGE CROCKPOT SUNDAY

College Students, join us after the 11:00 a.m. service for a free lunch at the Nettletons' house (1411 Peachtree Street).

Q & A — APRIL 6

David Strain, Senior Minister; Ed Hartman, Minister of Mission and Outreach; and Wiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care, will answer your questions regarding Evangelism and Outreach on Wednesday, April 6, in Miller Hall at 6:30 p.m. Submit your questions to questions@fpcjackson.org or call the receptionist at 601-353-8316 no later than noon on Tuesday, April 5. Please note that neither the D Groups nor the Prayer Meeting will meet that evening.

JUNIOR HIGH SPRING RETREAT

Junior high students can still sign up for the Junior High Spring Retreat, April 15-17, 2016. Our speaker is Joe Johnson, FPC Young Adults Ministry Intern, and students, grades six through nine, will not want miss this great weekend! We still have a few spots remaining so sign up online at www.fpcjackson.org/youth and invite your friends. Contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org with questions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING LUNCHEON

Please join us for our Spring Luncheon on April 19 from 11:30 - 1:00 in Miller Hall (cost - \$6 taken at the door). Margaret Tohill will speak to us on the *Hope of New Life*. Nursery available upon request at the time of registration. To register, call 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org. Deadline to register: Thursday, April 14.

SENIOR ADULTS DAY TRIP

Join us for a day trip to The National WWII Museum in New Orleans and Middendorf's Restaurant on Thursday, April 28. We will depart FPC at 7:00 a.m. and return by 7:00 p.m. For more information, check *The First Epistle* or contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org. Deadline to sign up is April 10, 2016.

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.

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THE SESSION

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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.
Junior High Large Group.....	Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.
Children's Activities.....	Wednesday, 5:30 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.