

"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of April, Two Thousand Eighteen MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

	The Greetings and Announcements (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)				
	The Prelude — "Beautiful Savior"Michael Burkhard				
	The Introit — "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"Walter Pelz				
	The Call to Worship				
‡*	The Hymn of Praise No. 521 — "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"				
‡	The Prayer of Adoration and Confession				
‡	The Assurance of Pardon				
‡*	The Doxology "High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my vision, O Ruler of all."				
	The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings				
	"God so loved the World"				
	The Prayer of Illumination				
	The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (Pew Bible page 962)				
	The Sermon — <i>Rewire:</i> "Death Is Swallowed Up in Victory"				
‡	The Hymn No. 247 — "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"				
	The Lord's Supper The Words of Institution The Invitation The Prayer of Consecration The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People The Prayer of Thanksgiving				
‡	The Hymn of Response No. 252 — "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"				
‡	The Benediction				
	The Response — "Amazing Love"				
	The Postlude — "Fanfare and Recessional"				

^{*}The ushers may seat latecomers

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Call to Worship

- ‡* The Hymn No. 100 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"
- **‡** The Invocation
- **‡* The Hymn No. 189** "Jesus Loves Me" "Seek Ye First"

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah! Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah! Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out from the mouth of God. Hallelu, Hallelujah!"

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Jimmy Armstrong

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Largo" (New World Symphony).Anton Dvorak

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

- Q124: What is the sixth petition? A: The sixth petition is "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
- Q125: What does it mean to pray, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"? A: We are asking God to keep us from being tempted and to make us strong enough to resist when we are tempted.
- ** The Meditation and Prayer................................. Joe Johnson, Young Adults Intern
- **‡* The Hymn No. 122 (Stzs. 1-3)** "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Job 15-17 (Pew Bible pages 426-428)

- **‡** The Benediction
- **‡** The Response

"God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee; We, thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity. Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will. With our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill."

The Postlude — "German Folk Tune"

‡Congregation standing

Our Vision

First Presbyterian Church of Jackson exists to glorify God by making disciples on the North State Street corridor, in the greater Jackson area, and around the world.

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^{**}Children dismissed after the prayer

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

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

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

Evening Worship	Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Senior High Insight	Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
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:	Senior High Insight	7:30 P.M.
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:	Communion2nd Sunday in J	January, April, July and October
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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. The Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, 5:50 P.M. Junior High Discipleship Groups Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.	New Members Received .1st Sunday in February, A	pril. June. August. October. and
Family Night Dinner		December at 5:00 p.m. in PH
Children's Activities		
The Choir Rehearsal	Family Night Dinner	Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
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Junior High Discipleship Groups	The Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.
Discipleship Groups	Iunior High Discipleship Groups	Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer MeetingWednesday 6:30 P.M.	Discipleship Groups	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
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A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. St. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

THE LORD'S TABLE

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

APRIL CIRCLES

MONDAY, APRIL 9

CIRCLE 2: Beth Keeler 10:00 a.m. – home of Karan York 4148 Ridgewood Road, Jackson

CIRCLE 3: Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten 10:00 a.m. – home of Carolyn Heidelberg 145 Brae Burn Dr., Jackson

CIRCLE 4: Bess Corbitt & Rebecca Redman 10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 6: Rhonda Baird 6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer 2257 East Northside Drive, Jackson

CIRCLE 7: *Marcia Penn* 5:15 p.m. – WH204

CIRCLE 8: Janie Purvis & Jan Wade 9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

CIRCLE 14: Susan Turner & Georgia Miller 12:00 noon – WH202

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

CIRCLE 9: *Karen Crawford & Grace Toler* 10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie* 10:00 a.m. – home of Martha Smith 5350 River Thames Rd., Jackson

CIRCLE 11: Frenchie Graham & Ruth Tant 10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham 4005 Cabell Lane, Jackson

CIRCLE 12: Nina Johnston & Janet Quayle 10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine's, Marian Hall, 1st floor Sun Room

CIRCLE 13: *Elizabeth Fulcher* 6:00 p.m. – home of Elizabeth Fulcher 559 Brookstone Circle, Madison

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

Sunday Communion 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

Children's Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m.

worship service in M135MB

College Sunday Lunch — 12:00 noon at the Vollema home

(1122 Lyncrest Ave.)

Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:30 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 Gregg home

(2465 Sandridge Dr.)

Young Adults Breakfast for Dinner — 7:30 p.m. at the Felker home

(2004 Laurel St. in Belhaven)

Monday Circles Meet this Week

Mission First Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 & 213

Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday "Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH

Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211

French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH204A Presbytery Credentials Meeting — 5:00 p.m. in WH204A

Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in SC 213A Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday M

MOMS Leadership Huddle — 9:00 a.m. in PH

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m

Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH

College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in WH202B

Children's Playtime — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Gym/Playground

Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS Junior High D Groups — 6:00 p.m. in YH Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC210

Mid-Week Bible Study & Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in MH

Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various rooms **Christianity Explored** — 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Working Women's Bible Study — 6:30 p.m. in WH202B

Senior High Small Group — 6:30 p.m. in Y201 **Children's Choirs** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations

Brass Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary

Thursday

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

Friday

Regional PCA Women's Pre-Conference Workshops—1:30 p.m.

in various locations

Conference — 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Saturday

No Men's Prayer Breakfast

Regional PCA Women's Conference — 9:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

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

stminster SR - Session Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1 — "Finally, brethren, pray for us...."

John & Kathy Lesondak – Serving as team leader and church planter with Mission to the World in Slovakia. Email: lesondak@mac.com

Brian & Liza Sorgenfrei – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Ole Miss. Email: brian.sorgenfrei@ruf.org

SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The spring Foundations Class meets today at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through Sunday, May 6. 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 email Caleb Blake at calebb@fpcjackson.org.

COMMUNION TODAY

Today is Communion Sunday. For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free crackers will be available. 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.

COLLEGE SUNDAY LUNCH TODAY

College students, join us for a free lunch today following the 11:00 a.m. service at the Vollema home (1122 Lyncrest Ave.) If you need a ride, a group will be leaving from the Belhaven St. parking lot after the service.

YOUNG ADULTS BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

Young Adults, join us for a Breakfast for Dinner gathering tonight after the evening service at the Felker home (2004 Laurel St.). Come share a meal with friends and get to meet Cory Brock, our future Minister of Young Adults.

COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

Our College and Young Adults staff members will be visiting the campuses of Mississippi State and Ole Miss this week. If you know a student at one of those schools who you would like to connect to the Young Adults or College ministries, please contact youngadults@fpcjackson.org.

PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENTS: A PARENTS' FORUM

Parents of adolescents or rising adolescents, join us on May 9, 16, and 23 at a forum designed to prepare you for the unique opportunities involved in rearing children through the teenage years. We'll meet in Lowe Hall from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Check the upcoming *First Epistle* for a breakdown of each week's topics. Please register with Caleb Blake at calebb@fpcjackson.org.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2018. To make your reservation, please contact Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 4-8, 2018

Registration for VBS 2018 is now open! The theme is *Grow in Grace*, and money collected from the daily offering will go to supply Gateway Rescue Mission's kitchen pantry. Please be sure to register before May 13 to ensure your child's t-shirt order is placed. You may register at **www.fpcj.ms/vbs-2018** (also accessible through the FPC app and website). We are still looking for volunteers to help in all areas, however there is a need for Table Teachers who enjoy working with 2nd-5th graders. Contact Mary Ball to volunteer at maryb@fpcjackson.org.

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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 http://fpcj.ms/fam-devo. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org. It is also available on the app under "Resources."

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 102: What do we pray for in the second petition?

Answer: In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come) we pray, that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

MONDAY

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-13

Key Thought: In the second petition we pray for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. **Ouestions:**

What is the "kingdom of God"?

- In what sense is the kingdom of God already established?
- How is the kingdom of God being progressively revealed?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; 1 John 3:8; Luke 10:17-19

Key Thought: In the second petition we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed. **Ouestions:**

- What is meant by Satan's kingdom?
- How is this kingdom to be destroyed?
- Is it possible to be neutral in this battle?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Luke 16:16

Key Thought: In the second petition we pray for ourselves and others to be brought into the kingdom of grace.

Questions:

- Why is God's kingdom called the "kingdom of grace"?
- How do we know if we are in the kingdom of grace?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Jude 20-25

Key Thought: In the second petition we pray for ourselves and others to be kept in the kingdom of grace.

Questions:

- What charge does Jude give to believers?
- By whose power are believers kept in grace?
- By what means are we to make progress in the kingdom of grace?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:11-14; 1 Corinthians 15:25; Matthew 28:18-20

Key Thought: In the second petition we pray that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Ouestions:

- What is the "kingdom of glory"?
- When will the kingdom of glory be fully revealed?
- Is it possible for that day to be "hastened"?

Prayer