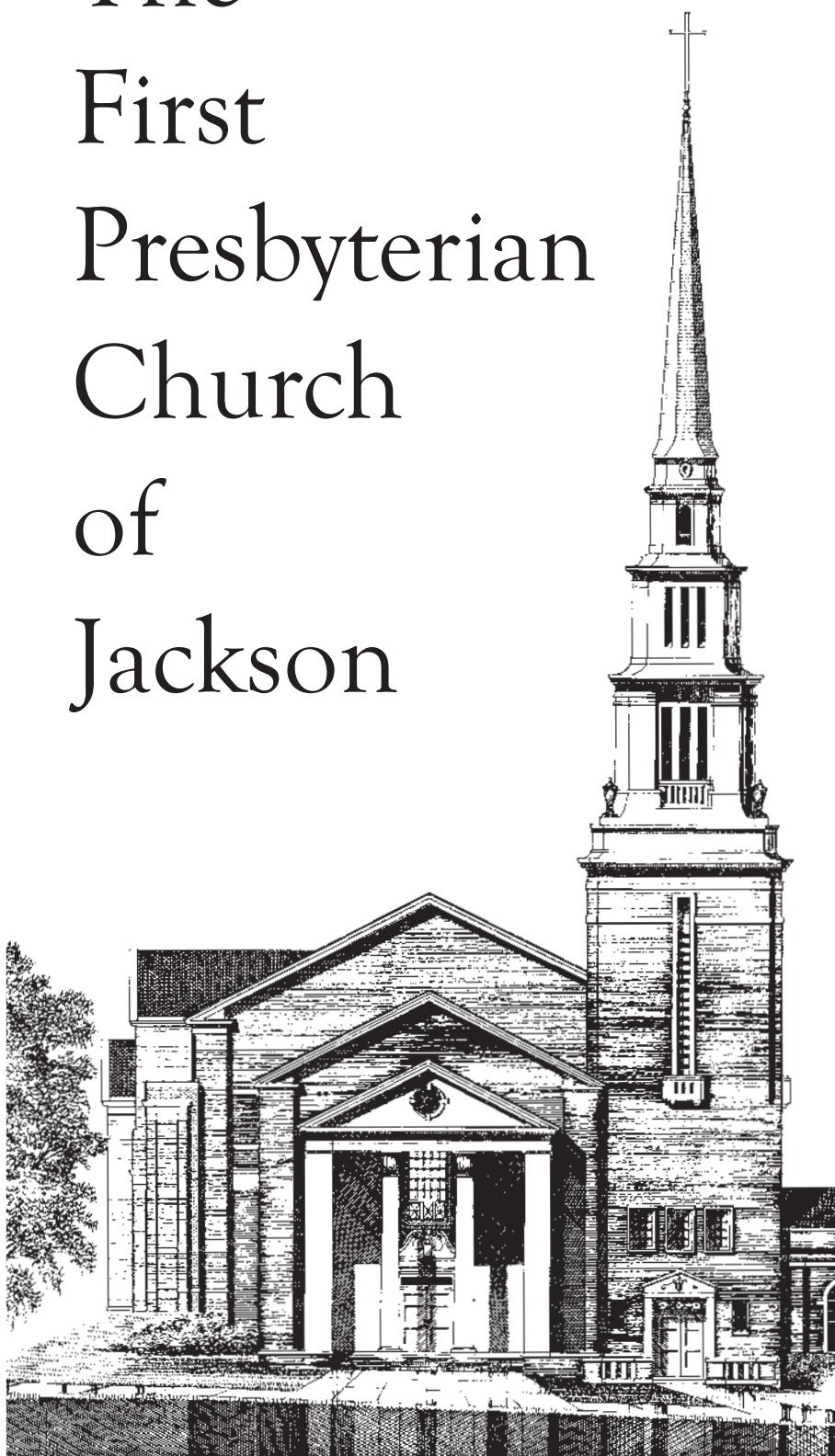


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twelfth Day of August, Two Thousand Eighteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College

**The Greetings and Announcements** (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — “O Lord Look Down from Heaven” ..... Johann Pachelbel  
Rae Shannon, Organist

**The Introit** — “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” .....Walter Pelz

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Psalm of Praise No. 12** — “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”  
(Psalm 135)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡\* **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡\* **The Doxology** — “All praise we sing to God, the Holy Trinity (Tune: Darwall)  
We praise the Father, Son and Spirit joyfully.  
Creator God, our Savior, Shepherd, Lord and King;  
To Thee we sing!”

**The Scripture Reading** — Psalm 35 (Pew Bible pages 464-465)

**The Solo** — “How Deep the Father’s Love” ..... S. Townend  
Lawson Marchetti with John Sinclair, Cellist

**The Pastoral Prayer**

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

**The Offertory** — “Follow Jesus” ..... John Purifoy  
With Tiffany Williams, Soloist

“Talk about a child who follows Jesus, here’s one.

Ever since I heard the gospel story, I’ve been walking up the path to glory.

Talk about a child who follows Jesus, here’s one.

Talk about a child who’s been converted, here’s one.

Ever since I heard the gospel story, I’ve been walking up the path to glory.

Talk about a child who’s been converted, here’s one.

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus,

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all the world, give me Jesus.

Talk about a child who follows Jesus. Here’s one.”

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**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Mark 4: 1-20 (Pew Bible page 839)

**The Sermon** — *The Gospel of Mark: “The Way the Word Works”* ....Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 383** — “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”  
(Tune: Azmon)

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response** —

“We rest on Thee – our shield and our defender!

We go not forth alone against the foe;

Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,

We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go’

Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,

We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.”

**The Postlude** — “Fanfare” .....C.S. Lang

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care  
The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

**The Prelude** — “Largo” (On the Spiritual *Goin’ Home*).....Anton Dvorak  
The FPC Strings

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn** — “Lo, He Comes” (See Guide)

‡ **The Invocation**

\* **The Psalm No. 662** — “As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams”  
(Based on Psalm 42)

**The Greetings**

**The Prayer** — Ruling Elder Crane Kipp

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

**The Offertory** — “Melody” .....Frederic Chopin

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q16: Who were our first parents? A: Adam and Eve.

Q17: How did God create man? A: God created man, male and female, after his own image.

Q18: Of what were our first parents made? A: God made Adam’s body out of the ground and Eve’s body out of a rib from Adam.

\*\* **The Meditation and Prayer**..... Cory Brock, Minister of Young Adults & College

‡\* **The Hymn No. 128 (Stzs. 1-5)** — “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Genesis 50:14-21 (Pew Bible page 44)

**The Sermon** — “Headlines and Fine Print” ..... Mr. Lowry

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.”

**The Postlude** — “Hornpipe” (*Water Music*)..... G. F. Handel

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed after the prayer

**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.

# Lo, He Comes



1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him,  
 3. *Ev - 'ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain,*  
 4. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,  
 5. Yea, a - men! Let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;  
 robed in dread - ful maj - es - ty;  
*heav'n and earth shall flee a - way;*  
 see in sol - emn pomp ap - pear!  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 those who set at naught and sold Him,  
*all who hate Him must, con - found - ed,*  
 All His saints, by man re - ject - ed,  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of His train:  
 pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,  
*hear the trump pro - claim the day:*  
 now shall meet Him in the air.  
 claim the king - dom for thine own:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
*Come to judg - ment! Come to judg - ment!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 O come quick - ly! O come quick - ly!



God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
 shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
*Come to judg - ment, come a - way!*  
 See the day of God ap - pear!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, come.

# WELCOME

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God's Word to us this morning.

## A Guide to the Evening Service

### Heidelberg Catechism

First published in 1563, the Heidelberg Catechism has been used by Christians around the world ever since. The Catechism summarizes the major teachings of Holy Scripture in one hundred and twenty-nine memorable questions and answers. Simple yet profound, as well as concise yet sufficient, the Catechism has been appreciated by young and old alike as one of the most clear, helpful and comforting guides into all the spiritual treasures of the holy gospel. The gospel is "the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Rom 1:16). The Heidelberg Catechism helps you discover just how powerful the gospel really is, and "how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Eph 3:18). (Source: [www.heidelberg-catechism.com](http://www.heidelberg-catechism.com))

In this evening's worship service, questions 27 and 28 will be referenced:

Q27: What do you understand by the providence of God?

A: God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

Q28: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

A: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018**

**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. and  
5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)  
**No Senior High Insight**

**Monday**

**Joint Officers' Meeting** — 6:00 p.m. in MH

**Tuesday**

**French Camp Quilters** — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

**Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Midweek at Laurel Park** — 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Laurel Park  
in Belhaven  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Brass Rehearsal** — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary

**Thursday**

**French Camp Quilters** — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**MTW Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH202A

**Friday**

**No Scheduled Activities**

**Saturday**

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

**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....”*

**Tial & Annie** – Serving as church planters with Mission to the World in Southeast Asia. For contact information, please contact the Mission Department.

**Center for Pregnancy Choices** – CPC is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson. This ministry seeks to minister to women who are at risk for abortion as well as to the needs of their unborn children.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of James D. (Bebo) and Jan Elkin for their 50th wedding anniversary by their children. “To God be the glory, great things He hath done.” — Fanny Crosby

## EVENING COMMUNION AUGUST 19

Please note that we will observe Communion in the worship service next Sunday evening, August 19.

## CHILDREN’S CHOIRS REGISTRATION/KICKOFF — AUGUST 22

Parents of children ages 4 (by September 1) through fifth grade are encouraged to bring your children to the gym on Wednesday, August 22 to register for choir between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Or you can register online at [fpcj.ms/cchoirs-signup](http://fpcj.ms/cchoirs-signup). We are also in need of people who are willing to help with activities, keep order, and manage a group of children each Wednesday night from 6:25-7:30 p.m. during the school year, as well as a few musical people who can either direct or play piano. Please contact Genneysa Case, choir coordinator, at [gdcase@comcast.net](mailto:gdcase@comcast.net) or call (601) 540-2370 to volunteer.

## JOIN A D GROUP

If you are interested in joining a Discipleship Group which are for adults of all ages and meet on Wednesday nights here at the church at 6:30 p.m., please email [discipleship@fpcjackson.org](mailto:discipleship@fpcjackson.org) and include your name. Our D Groups will launch for the fall semester on August 22 in a joint meeting to hear from Dr. John Cox and will begin regular meetings August 29.

## GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

GriefShare is a ministry that offers help to those enduring grief due to the death of a loved one. The centerpiece of GriefShare’s ministry is solid Bible teaching from David and Nancy Guthrie, Paul David Tripp, Larry Crabb, Joni Eareckson Tada, Ed Welch and many others, in a video format. Our study, led by Billy Dempsey and Colin and Yoybe Baird, will run August 29 - November 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Session Room. To register and reserve a meal (\$6), email Caleb Blake at [calebb@fpcjackson.org](mailto:calebb@fpcjackson.org). For more information, contact Billy Dempsey at (601) 973-9112.

## WOMEN’S MINISTRY SPECIAL EVENT

We have the privilege of welcoming Nancy Guthrie, internationally known writer and speaker, to FPC as she speaks from themes of her latest book, *Even Better than Eden*. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on September 27 for appetizers before the program which is from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Register by September 1 to receive the early bird rate (\$15). Regular registration (\$20) begins September 2. A limited nursery (infant - 3 years) is available upon request at the time of registration. Register online at <https://fpcj.ms/nguthrie>. You may also register on the FPC website and through the app.

## SCOTLAND REFORMATION TOUR — JULY 3 - 17, 2019

Spots are still available for the 2019 Scotland Reformation Tour led by Dr. David Strain. If you are interested in signing up or for more information, please contact Denise Wilson ([letstravel1@live.com](mailto:letstravel1@live.com)) or Lou Ann Flatgard ([lflatgard@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lflatgard@fpcjackson.org); 601-973-9104).

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# Midweek

*AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

Midweek is an opportunity to break from your usual weeknight routine and to join our church family for a refreshing evening of fellowship and spiritual formation between Sundays. Our meal is from 5:00 to 6:15 and is a casual time with families and friends gathering at a table together to share a meal, breaking up the busyness of the week.

After supper, at 6:30, there are small groups, electives, adult choir rehearsal, and programs for all ages.

Our Midweek schedule for the fall 2018 semester kicks off **Wednesday, August 15**, with a special event in Laurel Park for church members, visitors, neighbors, and friends. There will be live music, food trucks, inflatables for kids, a corn hole tournament, and more!



Programs for children and youth and the first quarter adult electives will launch August 22. Adult D Groups will meet jointly to hear from Dr. John Cox about the role of small groups in growth in grace on August 22, and regular D Group meetings begin August 29.

*For more info about Midweek at First Presbyterian Church, pick up a copy of the light blue Fall 2018 Midweek book or visit [fpcjackson.org/midweek](http://fpcjackson.org/midweek).*