

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourteenth Day of August, Two Thousand Sixteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain  
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey  
Minister of Congregational 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** — “Grazioso” ..... Georg Philip Telemann

**The Introit** — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ..... Paul Sjolund  
Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern, Directing

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Psalm of Praise No. 6** — “O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Doxology No. 733** — “Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia . . .”

**The Scripture Reading** — Mark 8:1-13 (Pew Bible page 843 )

**The Pastoral Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 146** — “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

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

**The Offertory** — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Arr. Mack Wilberg  
“Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.  
Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, o take and seal it, seal it for the courts above.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.  
Prone to wander . . .  
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander . . .”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Exodus 21:1-11 (Pew Bible page 62)

**The Sermon** — *God Reigns: “Freedom”* .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 467** — “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again” ...William Tomer

**The Postlude** — “La Rejouissance” ..... G. F. Handel

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer  
Minister of Discipleship

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

**The Czech Mission Trip Report**

**The Prelude** — “Oh God, Look Down from Heaven” ..... M. Luther/J.S. Bach  
The FPC Brass

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn No. 467** — “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡\* **The Hymn Medley No. 500 (Stz. 1,2)** — “Rock of Ages”

**No. 251 (Stz. 1,3)** — “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

**No. 541 (Stz. 1,2)** — “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

**The Greetings**

**The Hymn Medley No. 170 (Stz. 1,4)** — “Fairest Lord Jesus”

**No. 308 (Stz. 1,4)** — “Jesus Paid it All”

**No. 691 (Stz. 1,2,4)** — “It Is Well with My Soul”

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

**The Offertory** — “Jesus Loves Me” ..... Arr. by J. Hunt  
The FPC Brass

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — James 1:26-27 (Pew Bible page 1011)

**The Sermon** — “Losing My Religion” .....Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Because He Lives” (See Guide)

**The Postlude** — “Take My Life, and Let It Be” .....Malan, arr. By J. Hunt  
FPC Brass

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed at this time

**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.

# Because He Lives

Words and Music:  
Bill and Gloria Gaither



God sent His son, they called Him, Je - sus;



He came to love, heal and for - give;



He lived and died to buy my par - don,



An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives!



Be - cause He lives, I can face to - mor - row,



Be - cause He lives, all fear is gone;



Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture,



And life is worth the liv - ing, Just be - cause He lives!

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Women's ministry seeks to glorify God and serve Christ's kingdom on this earth. We want our women to know Christ, apply the teachings of Scripture in all areas of life, and be involved in meaningful community. To that end, we offer many opportunities to study the Bible. We hope you will consider being a part of one (or more) of these groups as you seek to deepen your understanding of God's truth alongside other sisters in Christ.

### **MOMS Bible Study**

*1, 2 and 3 John: What We Know and Believe  
About Christ Really Matters*

Wednesdays: 9:00 – 11:00, beginning September 14

For: Mothers of children from birth to 6th grade

Teacher: Jane Wiggins

Format: Small Groups and Large Group Lecture

Registration: Contact Joanna McNeel

at 601-807-1596 or joanna.b.mcneel@gmail.com

### **The Word of the Lord – Hosea through Malachi**

Thursdays: 9:45 - 11:00, beginning September 8

For: Ladies of all ages

Teacher: Laura Husband

Format: Lecture

Registration: Contact Alice Patterson

at 601-906-6755 or alipatte@gmail.com

### *Pilgrim's Progress*

Thursdays: 9:00 - 11:00, beginning September 8

For: Ladies of all ages

Teacher: Debbie Dempsey

Format: Small groups and Large Group Lecture

(Mothers of Adolescents: We have small groups for mothers of 6th - 12th graders.)

Registration: Contact Omega Stephens

in the Women and Children's Ministry Department

at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

### **Ladies' Circle Bible Studies**

*Philippians: Joy Inexpressible*

Circles are groups of women that meet monthly in order to study God's Word and pray for and encourage one another in the faith. They meet the second week of each month (September-May). There are night-time, noon, and morning opportunities. A complete listing of circles is available on our website. To register, contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 2016**

**Sunday**

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 8:25 a.m. 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  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Children’s Church for 3-year-olds** — during 11:00 a.m.  
 worship service in M135  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**No Senior High Insight**

**Monday**

**No Scheduled Activities**

**Tuesday**

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Deacons Insurance Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon MH  
**Shepherding Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

**Wednesday**

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**Children’s Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/  
 Playground  
**Junior High Back to School Party** — 5:30 p.m. at the Belhaven  
 St. field  
**Greeters Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. WH204  
**Children’s Choir Registration** — 5:45 p.m. in the Gym  
**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**Christianity Explored** — 6:30 p.m. WH202  
**Discipleship Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**FPC Brass Rehearsal** — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Thursday**

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Substance Abuse Subcommittee Meeting** — 4:00 p.m. in WH204  
**First Pres Forum** — 5:45 p.m. 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...”*

**Clay and Darlene Quarterman** – Serving with Mission to the World in Ukraine as a seminary professor, Christian Education team leader, and church planting coach. Email: [cqmission@yahoo.com](mailto:cqmission@yahoo.com)

**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)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving honor of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Moorhead in celebration of their upcoming 60th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. George E. Bishop — August 6, 2016

## CHILDREN’S CHOIRS REGISTRATION

Come to Children’s Choirs registration in the gym on Wednesday, August 17, from 5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Register children ages 4 (by September 1) through 5th grade. 6th graders register there also for Activity Hour with Malcolm Saxon. Choirs begin August 24.

## FIRST PRES FORUM

First Pres Forum is a large-group teaching series taught by seminary professors and authors. Typically, FPF includes two hour-long teaching sessions with dinner provided in between. FPF will be in Miller Hall on four dates throughout the year (August 18, 2016; November 10, 2016; January 10, 2017; and April 6, 2017) covering four major topics of the Bible: God, Christ, Salvation, and the End. We invite you to join us on August 18, at 5:45 p.m. for **Part 1: God—Infinite and Personal** with special guest, Dr. Ligon Duncan. Our target is college through late thirties, but all are welcome to attend. Dinner will be provided by Babalu. The cost is \$10, and you may register online at <http://fpcj.ms/firstpf>. Nursery for children four and younger is available by request at registration. For more information contact Jenny Sanders at 601-973-9117.

## CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

What goes deepest to our hearts goes widest to the world. Christianity Explored: The gospel for you — The gospel for your neighbor. Because we never outgrow the gospel, would you consider joining us one evening a week for 8 weeks to explore the depths of the gospel for the first time or all over again? The class will begin August 17 and continue each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. until October 5. It will meet in Westminster Hall 202, off Miller Hall. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Christina Meenan in the Mission and Outreach Department at 601-973-9125 or [missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org](mailto:missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org).

## DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS RESUME

Our Discipleship Groups, or D Groups, at First Presbyterian Church provide a great opportunity for spiritual growth and good fellowship. Call our Discipleship Administrative Assistant Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or email [lisar@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisar@fpcjackson.org) if you would like more information or to enroll in a D Group. Our Discipleship Groups are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. in various locations.

## LABOR DAY CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

**SAVE THE DATE—SEPTEMBER 5, 2016**

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, First Presbyterian Church invites you to this year’s churchwide picnic at Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center. Activities will begin at 2:00 p.m., and supper will be served at 5:00. More information to come.

## ADOPT-A-COLLEGE-STUDENT PROGRAM

Would you consider inviting an undergraduate into the life of your family and making them feel at home during their time away from home? Be on the lookout for details about our Adopt-A-College-Student program for the 2016-2017 school year.

## BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, September 18. Space is available for both services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or [lisaw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisaw@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 [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 11:** What is God's Providence?

**Answer:** God's providence is His completely holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing every creature and every action.

## Monday

**Scripture:** Read Psalm 145:1-21

**Key Thought:** God's works of providence are holy, wise, and powerful.

### **Questions:**

- What does the word "providence" mean?
- How is God's holiness seen in His providence?
- How is God's wisdom seen in His providence?

**Prayer**

## Tuesday

**Scripture:** Read Hebrews 1:1-14

**Key Thought:** God's providence is preserving.

### **Questions:**

- What is the power that makes them work and that holds all things together?
- If Christ ceased to exist, what would happen to the world?
- Since Christ upholds all things by the word of His power, what is every man's duty toward Him?

**Prayer**

## Wednesday

**Scripture:** Read Psalm 103:1-22; Isaiah 9:6-7

**Key Thought:** God's providence is governing.

### **Questions:**

- What does the word "govern" mean?
- What kinds of "governments" exist in the world?
- What does it mean that God "governs" all things and that "His kingdom is over all"?
- Can a human government rebel against God? Can they prevail?

**Prayer**

## Thursday

**Scripture:** Read Jonah 4:1-11; Matthew 6:25-34; 10:28-31

**Key Thought:** God's providence extends to all His creatures.

### **Questions:**

- What did Jesus tell His disciples about lilies and sparrows?
- What does this teach us about the extent of God's providence?
- What does this tell you about the details of your life?

**Prayer**

## Friday

**Scripture:** Read Acts 4:23-31; Proverbs 16:9

**Key Thought:** God governs all the actions of His creatures

### **Questions:**

- Why did Herod, Pilate, the Gentiles and the Jews put Jesus to death?
- Who controlled their actions? Were they responsible for what they did?
- Do men make choices and decisions? Who governs the actions of men?
- If we were not responsible for our actions, would God still be just?
- If God did not govern our actions, would He still be omnipotent?

**Prayer**