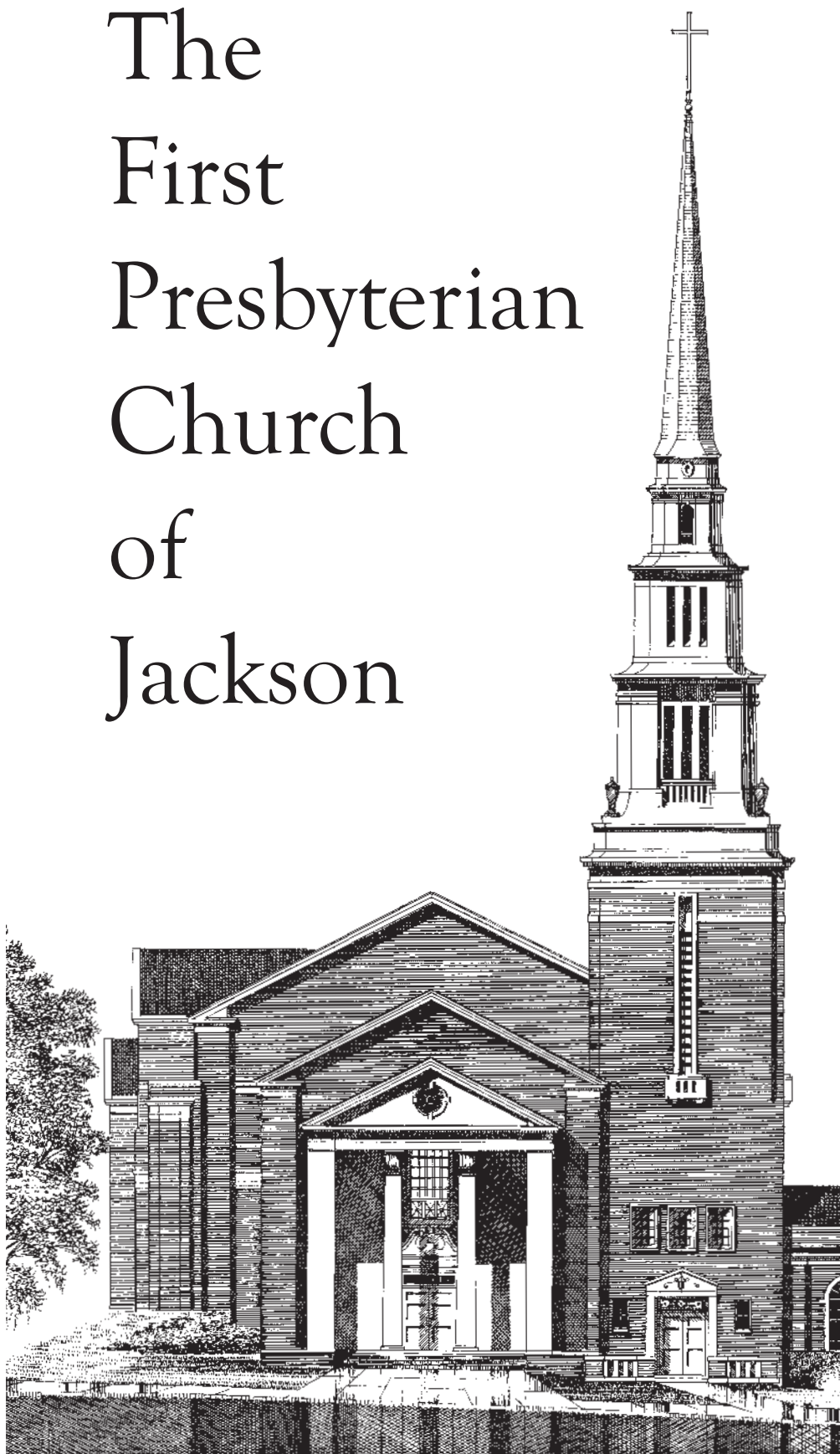


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixteenth Day of August, Two Thousand Fifteen

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

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 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Prelude on a Shaker Tune” James Southbridge
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”R. V. Williams

The Call to Worship

✱ **The Hymn of Praise No. 393** — “Come, Let Us Join with One Accord”

✱ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

✱ **The Assurance of Pardon**

The Recognition of Recitation of the Shorter Catechism (11:00)

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis

The Introduction of New Members

The Questions of Membership

The Prayer

The Declaration

The Blessing

✱ **The Psalm No. 558** — “That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God” (from Psalm 1)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “I Waited for the Lord” Felix Mendelssohn

The Choir with Gena Everitt and Kim Porter, Soloists

“I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint.

O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

O bless'd are they that hope and trust in Him.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 4:17-32 (Pew Bible page 978)

The Sermon — *New Community*: “Put Off, Put On” Mr. Strain

✱ **The Hymn of Response No. 363** — “We Gather Together”

✱ **The Benediction**

The Choral Response — “Five-Fold Amen” Wymond

The Postlude — “Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven” Lani Smith

*The ushers may seat latecomers

✱Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr Ralph S. Kelley

Executive Minister

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

The Recognition of Recitation of the Children's Catechism

The Prelude — "Evening Prelude" Gordon Young
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 598** — "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

The Invocation

* **The Greetings and Introduction of Presbytery Commission**

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

The Offertory — "His Leading" Medley var. arr. by J. Hunt
Jonathan Hunt, Trumpet; Dave Snyder, Piano

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Peter 1:22-25

The Sermon — "The Word of the Lord Remains Forever"

The Order of Installation

The Proceedings of the Presbytery

The Propounding of the Constitutional Questions to the Minister-ElectMr. Kelley

The Propounding of the Constitutional Questions to the Session

The Installation Prayer..... Mr. Cannada

The Declaration Mr. Kelley

The Charge to the MinisterDr. Phillips

The Charge to the Session and Congregation..... Mr. Kelley

‡ **The Hymn No. 469** — "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Postlude — "Chorale" Gordon Young

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

ü The children are 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.

THE QUESTIONS OF INSTALLATION

Tonight, Gabe Fluhrer will answer the following questions:

Questions for Installation

1. Are you now willing to serve this congregation as their Assistant Pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of an assistant pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

Questions to Session for Installation

1. Do you, the members of the Session, continue to profess your readiness to receive Gabe Fluhrer?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him, while he is your pastor, that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

PRESBYTERY COMMISSION

A Commission of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley at the service tonight will install The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, as he begins his work here as Minister of Discipleship.

TE David Strain

TE Ralph Kelley

TE Bruce Baugus, Reformed Theological Seminary

TE Rick Phillips, Guest from Calvary Presbytery

RE Don Cannada

RE David Cleland

RE William Harper

RE Sam Hensley

RE Steve Rosenblatt

RE Matt Vines, Madison Heights Presbyterian Church

Adopt-a-College-Student Interest Form (First Presbyterian Members & College Students)

The Lord has blessed First Presbyterian Church by surrounding it with many colleges and universities in the Jackson area. As these undergraduate students move to town throughout the next few weeks, many of them are looking for opportunities to get plugged in and to experience community with other believers outside the college context. The Adopt-a-College-Student program is our attempt to meet that desire. *Members*, would you consider inviting an undergraduate into the life of your family and making them feel at home during their time away from home?

Your participation could include any of the following:

- inviting your student to have a meal with your family
- sending him or her a small "care package" (ex. during finals week)
- writing him or her a personal note of encouragement
- welcoming your student into our church in a way that fits your life

Our hope is that these ideas would be a mental springboard for you and your student to get to know each other!

FPC Members and College Students, you may sign up by tearing off this panel, filling it out, and placing it in the offering plate or handing it to a church staff member. There is no obligation in expressing interest. We will contact you soon to discuss the details of the program more fully. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at collegehouse@fpcjackson.org.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Membership (circle one)

Church Member

Local College Student

If you are a student please provide the following:

School: _____

Year: _____

If you are a church member, do you have a preference concerning the gender of your adoptee? (circle one)

Male

Female

No Preference

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • AUGUST 16, 2015

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. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations
Children's Church for 3-year olds — 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 in G105MB
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Reception for Gabe Fluhrer — 7:00 p.m. in Lowe Hall
No Senior High Insight

Monday

No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
WIC Training — 10:00 a.m. in WH204
WIC Training Lunch — 11:30 a.m. in MH
Students and Families Ministry Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m.
 in MH
WIC Training — 12:45 p.m. in SC210/211
Shepherding Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
MNA Sub-Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
"First Plates" Delivery to Shut-Ins — 5:30 p.m.
Junior High D Groups — 5:30 p.m. in YH
Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in WH202
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground
Children's Choirs Signup — 5:45 p.m. in Company Room/Gym/
 Playground
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MTW 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..." **Paul & Laura Chinchen** – serving in administration, leadership and as Head of Mission with African Bible Colleges. Mailing address: P.O. Box 103 Clinton, MS 39060 Email: paulchinchen@africanbiblecolleges.net **Michael & Roxanne Winebrenner** – serving as a church planter with Mission to North America in Horn Lake, MS. Mailing Address: 5805 Alta Jean Cove, Horn Lake, MS 38637 Email: mike@hornlakepca.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. J.N. (Mildred) Brock — August 8, 2015

Mr. J. Paul Henley — August 10, 2015

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Janie Story and Griffin Hatchliff, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Jane and Paul Henley, grandparents of the bride.

NEW MEMBERS

On August 2, 2015, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Mr. Andrew Thomas Bonner, Miss Rebekah Caroline Bonner, Miss Samantha Eliza Case, and Ms. Stephanie Sarajane Norton.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

It's time to sign up for Children's Choirs! Registration will be Wednesday evening, August 19, from 5:45 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. All children who are 4 years old by September 1 through 5th grade are invited to come to the gym with a parent to register. Rising 6th graders also need to sign up for Wednesday night fellowship at this time. Children's Choirs will begin on Wednesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. There is a great need for volunteers to help with all age groups. Please contact Janie Clarke at 601-953-4991 or janielclarke6@gmail.com to volunteer. No musical ability is required!

EVENING COMMUNION — AUGUST 23

Next Sunday, August 23, we will celebrate communion in the evening service. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. 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 in to the evening worship service.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday, August 26, during Family Night Supper in Miller Hall as we show our appreciation to the Children's Sunday School Volunteers. From department leaders, table teachers and music leaders to accompanists and substitutes, we want to recognize their tireless efforts for this year. Please stop by to enjoy a piece of cake as we thank them for serving the Lord by serving our children.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTIAN CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to tutor children in kindergarten through 5th grade in the Neighborhood Christian Center program, please contact Nina Johnston at 601-879-9670 or nnj115@aol.com. NCC meets in the Study Center Room 210 on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The program begins in mid-September and continues throughout the school year. No teaching experience is necessary. All that is required is a loving heart for children and the desire to share Christ's love with them.

FALL INQUIRERS' CLASS

The Fall Inquirers' Class begins Sunday, September 6, at 9:40 a.m. in WH204 and runs through the fall Sunday school quarter. The 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 Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

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A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Centrality of the Bible in Public Worship

There is a popular adage attributed to Albert Einstein which says, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.” While this sentiment might be applicable to specific situations in life, it is not helpful, however, when considering the weekly worship of the church. Our culture’s tendency is to think of tradition as lifeless and cold, while spontaneity and new methods are quickly perceived as vibrant and preferable. The Church adopts this mentality whenever it seeks to incorporate worship practices that are not prescribed in God’s Word but, nevertheless, may attract a crowd. As this happens, worship becomes more man-centered and less God-centered. In an interesting way, it is a recovery of the centrality of the Word in our weekly patterns of worship that is both counter-cultural and life-giving.

First and foremost, we desire our worship to be Theocentric (God-Centered). This comes from the conviction that the centrality of the Word of God in our service is essential to worshipping in a manner that most honors God. For that to occur, it is not only preaching that must be Biblical, but the entire rhythm and shape of our worship practices should reflect the truths of Scripture. All of the components of our service should proclaim God’s Word to us. This undergirds our church’s desire to “Read the Bible, Preach the Bible, Pray the Bible, Sing the Bible, and See the Bible.” Since God speaks most directly to His people in the reading of Scripture, we publicly read His Word. Since the Holy Spirit accompanies the clear and simple exposition of the Scriptures, creating faith in our hearts and building up the Church as it is faithfully taught, we preach the Bible. Since it is the Scriptures that teach us the language of devotion, confession, petition and the promises of God, we pray the Bible. Since God has given us a hymn-book within the Psalms, which poetically display His promises, while at the same time, reflect the entire range of the emotional experience of His people, we sing the Bible. And since the sacraments are themselves “visible words,” wherein God physically dramatizes the gospel before us, at the Table and in Baptism we see the Bible.

Week after week, as we participate in worship that is Word-centered, we need not wonder if such “ordinary means of grace” are outdated, because God’s Word is eternally relevant and effective in accomplishing His purposes. So as you enter into worship, take notice of His Word embedded in all of the elements of our service. As the Word is proclaimed to us in such a variety of ways, may it stir our affections, enlarge our hearts, and drive us to Him in love and worship.