

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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The Twenty-First Day of August, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission and Outreach

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 — “My Jesus, I Love Thee”Dan Forrest
Dr. David Snyder, Pianist

The Introit — “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”Arr. Wymond
Jeff Brown, Guest Director; Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 2** — “O Worship the King” (based on Psalm 104)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

The Recognition of the 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 Hymn No. 340** — “Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” Ralph Manuel
With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

“O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee:
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine
ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine's glow its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise
is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,

And from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 21:12-23:9 (Pew Bible pages 62-64)

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

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 598** — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” Ralph Manuel

The Postlude — “Fantasia and Fugue in B Flat”J. S. Bach

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — Minister of Discipleship
Mr. Wilson J. Nettleton IV — Assistant College Coordinator

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

The Prelude — “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”Arr. Wymond
FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 521** — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Psalm No. 8B** (See Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder John McVey

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”Arr. Wymond

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q109: What is prayer? A: Prayer is praising God, giving thanks for all His blessings, and asking Him for the things He has promised in the Bible.

Q110: In whose name should we pray? A: Only in the name of Christ.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**..... Jonathan Hunt, Worship Intern

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 469 (Stz. 1-5)** — “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 2:1-7 (Pew Bible page 1011)

The Sermon — *The Gospel for the Rest of Us: “Dealing with Shame”* ... Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** “We long to see Your churches full,
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing Your redeeming grace.”

The Postlude — “Now I Belong to Jesus”Norman Clayton

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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.

Singing through the Psalter

Psalm 8B

Tune: St. Columba



(vs. 4) 1. What then is man that You, O Lord,
(vs. 5) 2. You have made him but a lit - tle low'r
(vs. 6) 3. *You make him rule o'er all the works*
(vs. 7) 4. All sheep and ox - en and wild beasts,
(vs. 9) 5. O Lord, our Lord how might - y is



Should re - mem - ber him at all,
Than God* in heav'n a - bove.
Cre - at - ed by Your hand.
(vs. 8) All birds which fly a - bove,
Your name in all the land!



The son of Ad - am that You give
You've crowned his head with glo - ry bright
You placed all things be - neath his feet
The fish that move through o - ceans deep,
O LORD, our Lord how glor - 'ous is



To him such won - d'rous care?
And hon - or more than all.
To be in his com - mand:
And swim the paths of seas.
Your name in all the earth.

* The Hebrew word here is "Elohim," which is usually translated "God," though some translations have "heavenly beings" (ESV) or, with the Greek translation, "angels" (NIV).

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Introduction of New Members

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

Why must we be members of a local church? The Bible uses metaphors to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another (Romans 12:5). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into His community of the Trinity. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption by Whom we are made members of the family (Romans 8:15-17). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. So, why must we become members of a local church? It is because, having been united to Christ, we are necessarily united to all those who are united to Him. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

Who can be a member of the church? Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord’s Table can be a communing member of First Presbyterian Church. Children of believer(s) are by virtue of their birth in a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant. However, they may not partake of the Lord’s Table as a way to protect them from eating and drinking judgment upon themselves if they were to do so in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Hence, our children are called non-communing members of the church. We hope that all our covenant children would embrace the gospel and become communing members. While only the communing members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, all members of the church family are, however, entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church.

Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The first three of five questions seek to show to us our hellish plight before God, bring us to a point of desperate need for the person and work of Jesus, and rely upon the life-giving power in none but the Holy Spirit alone. We would do well to bring these grand truths of the gospel in our prayers every day. While the first three questions speak of our relation to each person of the Godhead, the next two questions speak of our relation to the Church of God which the Father loves, the Son died and rose to save, and the Spirit now indwells. Since each Person of the Trinity is interested and invested in the Church, we who are called by His name must do likewise. May we who are members of the covenant community pray for the welfare of the Church and of First Presbyterian Church. May we seek to live lives in which the gospel has pervaded every sphere. May we be growing disciples seeking to learn more of our God, His great majesty, and His magnificent Fatherhood. May we grow as committed members by regularly worshiping and seeking to gather with our family as often as opportunities provide us. May we be humble followers submitting to the wise leadership and discipline of those who care for our souls. May we grow to love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 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
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Fairs (1740 Howard Street)

Monday

Congregational Care Committee Meeting — 5:00 p.m. in WH204

Tuesday

Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Circle Bible Teacher Training — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
WIC Council Lunch — 11:30 a.m. in MH
Students & Families Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Young Adults/College Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
WIC Officers Training — 12:30 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Class - American Partner “Orientation Session” — 7:00 p.m. in PH

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
Children’s Choir Registration — 5:45 p.m. in the Gym
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Jr. High D Groups — 6:15 p.m. in YH
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.
Sunday School Officer/Teacher Training — 11:30 a.m. in MH

Friday

Discipleship Committee Meeting — 7:00 a.m. in MH

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...”

Alonzo & Esther Ramirez – Serving in university campus ministry, seminary training and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Cajamarca, Peru. Email: ssagustin21@yahoo.com

Mark & Raylene Casson – Serving as director of Metanoia Prison Ministries, a part of Mission to North America. Email: mcasson@pcanet.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Lauren Elizabeth Browning and James Grant Rabalais, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Jesse Robert Browning, senior, and Mr. Charles Willis Wilkerson, junior, grandfathers of the bride, and Mr. Edsel Gaston Rabalais and Mr. Thomas Chalmers McKowen III, grandfathers of the groom.

NEW MEMBERS

On August 7, 2016, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Mr. Andrew Randall Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Steele (Emily) Coker, Mr. and Mrs. John Christian (Kalisie) Evert, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan D. (Sharon) Gatlin, Mr. Samuel Kirk Graves, Mr. and Mrs. David John (Anaite) Groendyk, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Walters (Beth) Harrington, Mr. Daniel Lee Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joel (Anna) McGraw, Miss Laura Elizabeth Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Bradford (Kailey) Thigpen, and Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Adams (Jordan) Yerger IV.

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 if you would like more information or to enroll in a D Group.

INTERNATIONALS CLASS – AMERICAN PARTNERS NEEDED

You are invited to be part of the Internationals Conversational English Class ministry which meets on Tuesday nights at FPC. This outreach offers Conversational English classes, a broad range of social and travel adventures, the opportunity to experience American friendships, and a clear presentation of the Gospel. More American Partners are still needed for this unique opportunity to help the hundreds of Internationals who have flooded the Jackson area. If you speak English, you qualify. Learn first-hand about this ministry at an Orientation Session on Tuesday night, August 23 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Patterson Hall. Visit www.InternationalsClass.org for more information.

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.

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 p.m. Senior Citizens who want to participate but are not inclined to drive to Florence, may call the church office to sign up for transportation. You can see detailed information in the *First Epistle* or contact Lisa Walters at lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

FALL FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The Fall Foundations Class begins Sunday, September 11, at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through October 23, 2016. 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 Lisa Walters at lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

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.

JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT — SAVE THE DATE

Junior High students, grades 7-9, save the date for the Fall Retreat 2016, October 7-9, at Twin Lakes. Our speaker will be John Perritt, Youth Director at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. Details to come. Or you may contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org for more information.

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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.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

QUESTION 12: What did God's providence specifically do for man whom He created?

ANSWER: After the creation God made a covenant with man to give him life, if he perfectly obeyed; God told him not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil or he would die.

MONDAY:

READ: Genesis 2:7-17

Key Thought: The covenant of life originated with God alone.

Questions:

- What is a covenant?
- Was God obligated to make a covenant with Adam?
- Did Adam have the option of not accepting the covenant?
- Did God owe Adam anything for his obedience?
- What does this teach us about God's sovereignty?

Prayer

TUESDAY:

READ: Genesis 2:7-17

Key Thought: The covenant of life showed God's authority.

Questions:

- By whose authority was the covenant of life made with Adam?
- Who would hold Adam accountable for keeping the covenant?
- Who holds you accountable for your actions?
- When you sin, whose authority are you challenging? How?
- In what ways have you rebelled against God's authority?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY:

READ: Genesis 2:7-17; Romans 7:7

Key Thought: The covenant of life had a condition.

Questions:

- On what condition did God promise life to Adam?
- Does this mean that Adam could earn God's favor by what he did?
- What was Adam's duty toward God before the covenant of life?
- What was Adam's duty toward God after the covenant of life?
- Why then, did God make a conditional covenant with Adam?

Prayer

THURSDAY:

READ: Genesis 2:7-17; Romans 6:23

Key Thought: The covenant of life had a penalty for disobedience.

Questions:

- What was the penalty for breaking the covenant of life?
- To whom did Adam owe his life and happiness?
- Can there be life and happiness apart from God?
- Why is death the just consequence of sin?

Prayer

FRIDAY:

READ: Genesis 2:7-17; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Key Thought: The covenant of life affected Adam's descendants.

Questions:

- Are a man's children affected by his decisions? Cite examples.
- Would Adam's descendants be affected by his obedience or disobedience to the covenant of life?
- How did Adam's disobedience affect his children? How does it affect you?
- What provision has God made for you?

Prayer