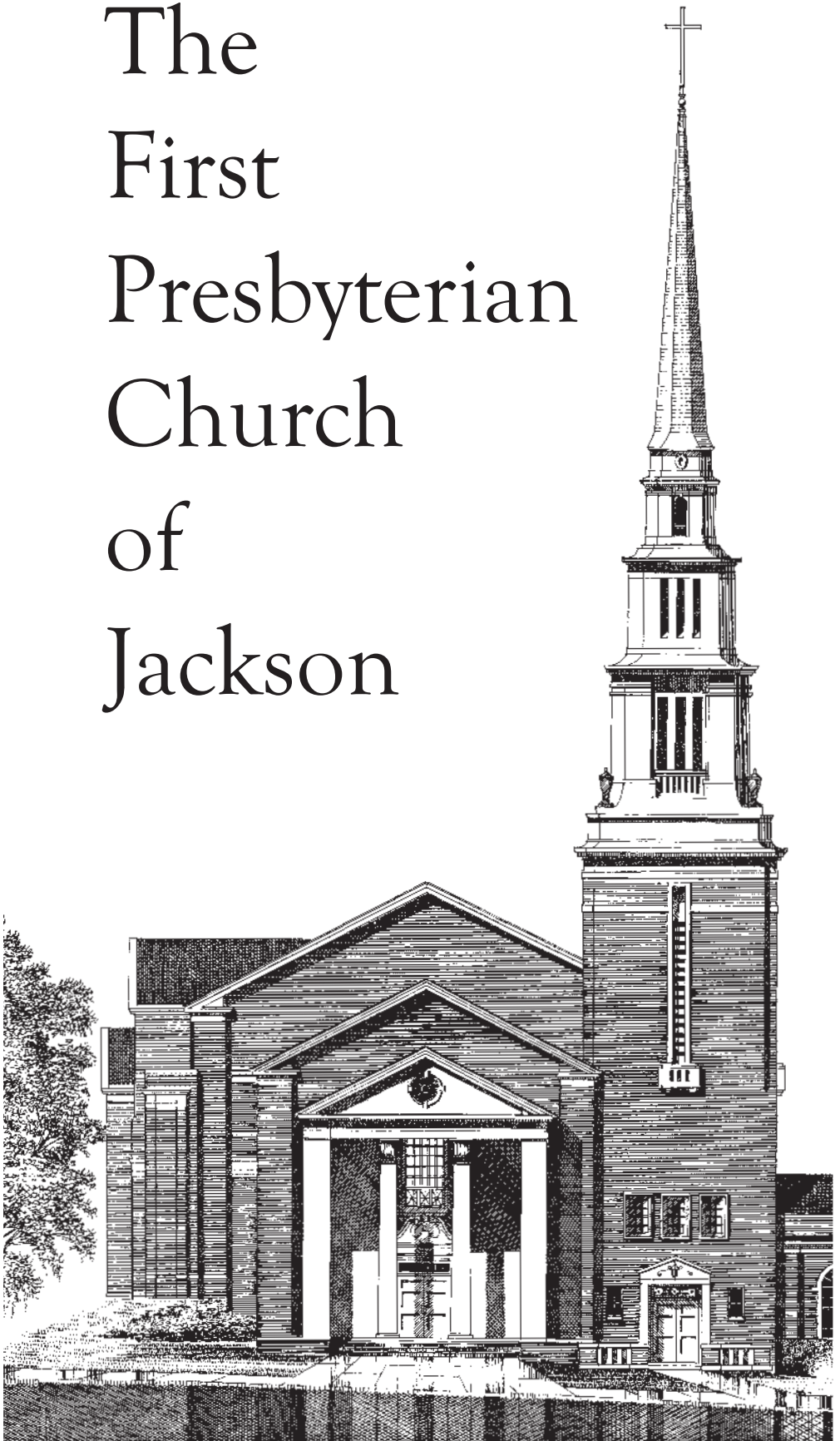


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — Minister of Discipleship
The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Young Adults & College

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 — “Largo” Woldemar Bargiel

The Introit — “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Luther/Wymond
Jeff Brown, Guest Director

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 44** — “How Great Thou Art”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Doxology No. 75** —

“O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean’s shore,
sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest’s roar.”

The Scripture Reading — Mark 8:14-26 (Pew Bible pages 843-844)

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 155** — “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!”
(Tune:Hamburg)

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling-Place”Johannes Brahms
“How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts;
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth,
For the courts of the Lord; yea, for the living God.
How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts;
Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore,
How lovely is Thy dwelling-place.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 3:14-19 (Pew Bible page 977)

The Sermon — “Power for the Powerless”Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 703** — “Loved with Everlasting Love”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Four-Fold Amen”Wymond

The Postlude — “Toccata in C” David Hargerty

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach
The Reverend Mr. Andrew W. Triolo — Minister of Students & Families

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

The Virginia Mission Report

The Prelude — “O God, Look Down from Heaven”J. S. Bach
The FPC Brass

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 705** — “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Hymn No. 119** — “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bill Penn

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” ...Arr. Wymond
The Student Choir

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q 111: What did Christ give us to teach us about prayer? A: The Lord's Prayer.

Q 112: What is the Lord's Prayer? A: The Lord's Prayer is “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

** **The Meditation and Prayer** Gary Sinclair, Discipleship Assistant

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 165 (Stz. 1-3)** —

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 3:20-21 (Pew Bible page 977)

The Sermon — “Power for the Powerless, part 2”Dr. Hartman

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might.
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.”

The Postlude — “O Worship the King”R.Grant, arr. By J. Hunt
The FPC Brass

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Sunday, September 4, is a big day for the children at FPC! 'Promotion Sunday' is when children move to the next department (age or grade) for Sunday morning and Sunday evening programs. The following is an overview of morning and evening childrens' ministries, as well as a list of classroom locations for each age group:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During Sunday School, children from 2 years old through 6th grade will sing, hear a Bible lesson and learn Bible and Catechism memory work. Sunday School begins at 9:40 a.m. and ends at 10:40 a.m. **Parents, please pick up your child from Sunday School by 10:45 a.m.** If you would like to volunteer, or if you have questions, please contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The 3-year olds and 4-year olds may attend Children's Church from 10:50 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in room 135(MB). This class is designed to prepare the children for attending worship with their parents. FPC volunteers lead the program which includes a Call to Worship, singing the Doxology, reciting The Lord's Prayer (led by an Elder), hearing a Bible story and closing prayer. The children also have snack time and playtime. If you have questions, please contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org

SUNDAY EVENING

The Sunday evening children's classes are for 4-year olds through 3rd graders. Children are dismissed during the worship service after the Children's Devotional. All 4- and 5-year olds are invited to the Scripture Memory Class, which is led by Kelley Beth Prabhakar and volunteer parents and meets in room 135(MB). Each week, the children learn a scripture verse that corresponds to a letter of the alphabet.

All 1st through 3rd grade children are invited to be part of the Catechism Crew. This class is taught by Anna Henson and meets in room 133(MB). Each week, the children work on memorizing and understanding the children's catechism. If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Anna Henson at annah@fpcjackson.org.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM LOCATIONS

Department Room Bldg

2 year olds: G105 MB

3 year olds: M135 MB

4 year olds: M101 WH

5 year olds: M103 WH

1st Grade: 237 MB

2nd Grade: 235 MB

3rd Grade: 232 MB

4th Grade: 304B WH

5th Grade: 305B WH

6th Grade: 302A WH

MB – Main Building

WH – Westminster Hall

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

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. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 13: Did our first parents remain as they were created?

Answer: Left to the freedom of their own wills, our first parents sinned against God and fell from their original condition.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:1-13

Key Thought: Adam and Eve are our first parents.

Questions:

- Why is it important that the whole human race are the real descendants of Adam and Eve?
- Why do some people deny that the story of Adam and Eve is a true part of human history?
- If Adam and Eve were not really our first parents, how would the message of the Bible be affected?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:1-13

Key Thought: Adam and Eve were able to choose obedience.

Questions:

- What does it mean to have "freedom of the will"?
- Were Adam and Eve free to choose good or evil? Did anyone force them to do what they did?
- Did Adam and Eve have the ability to do what was right?
- Do we have "free will" in the same way that Adam did? Why?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:1-13

Key Thought: Adam and Eve fell from their original estate.

Questions:

- What advantages did Adam and Eve have before they sinned?
- What did they lose when they fell?
- What did they think they would gain? Did they?
- What was Adam and Eve's greatest loss?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:1-13

Key Thought: Adam and Eve sinned against God.

Questions:

- What did the serpent want Eve to think about God's Word?
- What did the serpent want Eve to think about God's goodness?
- When Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, what were they saying about God?
- When you sin against God, what do your actions say?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Matthew 4:1-11

Key Thought: Christ reclaimed what our first parents lost.

Questions:

- Did the devil try to make Jesus question God's Word? How?
- Did the devil try to make Jesus question God's goodness? How?
- How were the circumstances of Adam's temptation and Jesus' temptation different? How were they similar?
- Why was this experience in Jesus' life important for us?

Prayer

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 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)
Ushers Meeting — 9:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary
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
College Lunch — 12:00 noon in the Gym
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in MS
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 Roberson home
 (4252 Brussels Drive)

Monday

WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH

Tuesday

Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Internationals Class American-Style Picnic — 6:00 p.m. in MH

Wednesday

MOMS Leadership Training — 9:00 a.m. in PH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Children's SS Volunteer Appreciation — 5:00 p.m. in MH
3-year-old SS Department Meeting — 5:00 p.m. in MB135
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/
 Playground
Junior High D Groups — 5:45 p.m. in YH
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Christianity Explored — 6:30 p.m. WH202
Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Thursday

Pilgrim's Progress Leadership Training — 9:30 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Pilgrim's Progress Leadership Meeting — 11:30 a.m. in MH
MTW Strategic Planning Luncheon — 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...”

Josh and Gina Rieger – Serving with Mission to the World as a church planter in Hexham, England. Email: joshandgina@gmail.com

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.
Email: cpcmetro@bellsouth.net; www.mypregnancychoices.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David B. Wilson, Sarah G. Wilson, and Elizabeth W. Wilson by their children.

COLLEGE LUNCH

College students, join us for a free lunch in the gym today following the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring your friends!

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.

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. Senior Citizens who want to participate but are not inclined to drive to Florence, may call Lisa Walters to sign up for transportation at 601-973-9102. You can see detailed information in *The First Epistle*.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCH — THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Men, join us Thursday, September 8, at 11:45 a.m. as we kick off our Men of the Covenant lunches for 2016-17! Our first speaker is Dr. John Sartelle, former senior minister of Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis and current senior minister of Christ Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Oakland, TN. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or lisar@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. Contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share in the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, monthly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, every month a group of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction meets for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

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