

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth 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. David L. Felker  
Minister of Young Adults and 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 and 10:55 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — “Idyll” .....David Paxton  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

**The Introit** — “Worship the Lord in the Splendor of Holiness” ..W. Wymond

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 457** — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡\* **The Gloria Patri**

“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.”

**The Scripture Reading** — Ecclesiastes 7: 15-29 (Pew Bible pages 556-557)

**The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer** (See Guide)

‡ **The Psalm No. 486** — “God, Be Merciful to Me” (from Psalm 51)

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

**The Offertory** — “Create in Me” .....Johannes Brahms  
“Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant anew,  
grant a right spirit within me.”  
(Psalm 51)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Ephesians 5:1-21 (Pew Bible page 978)

**The Sermon** — *New Community*: “Imitators of God” .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 681** — “How Gentle God's Commands”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Choral Response** — “Gloria - Amen” .....Stanley Marchant

**The Postlude** — “Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet” .....C. Simone

\*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 Scotland Mission Team Report**

**The Prelude** — “Jesus Paid It All” ..... Grape arr. by J. Hunt  
FPC Brass

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn No. 173** — “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Evening Hymn** — “When Trials Come” (See Evening Guide)

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Crane Kipp

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

**The Offertory** — “Oh, Shout for Joy” ..... Getty/Townend  
The Student Choir; Meleesa Brechley, Accompanist

**The Young Children's Devotional**

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

**The Children's Catechism No. 70**

Q. “Why do you need Christ as a priest?”

A. “Because I am guilty of sin.”

**The Scripture** — Psalm 51; Romans 3:23; James 2:10

**The Meditation** ..... Wiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care

**The Prayer** ..... (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 128 (Stz. 1-4)** — “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Ruth 1:1-5 (Pew Bible page 222)

**The Sermon** — “The Dead End” ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Response No. 128 (Stz. 5-6)** — “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

“His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;  
the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.  
Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Postlude** — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” ..... Bradbury  
Trombone, Nathan Oakley; Euphonium, Jonathan Hunt

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

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.

# When Trials Come

Words and Music:  
Keith and Kristyn Getty



1. When tri - als come no long - er fear  
2. With - in the night I know Your peace  
3. I turn to Wis - dom not my own  
4. When I am wea - ry with the cost  
5. One day all things will be made new



For in the pain our God draws near  
The breath of God brings strength to me  
\* For eve - ry bat - tle You have known  
I see the tri - umph of the cross  
I'll see the hope You called me to



To fire a faith worth more than gold  
And new each morn - ing mer - cy flows  
\* My con - fi - dence will rest in You  
So in its shad - ow I shall run  
And in your king - dom paved with gold



And there His faith - ful - ness is told  
As treas - ures of the dark - ness grow  
\* Your love en - dures Your ways are good  
Till He com - pletes the work be - gun  
I'll praise your faith - ful - ness of old



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# A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church has been a firm witness to historic, Reformed, Christianity for over 175 years. A vital component of this rich tradition is the preaching of the Holy Scriptures, which constitutes our worship practice to this day. This week we will briefly consider the primacy of expository preaching in relation to the worship of the Church.

## The (Expository) Preaching of the Word

Throughout church history, God has always been pleased to use the faithful, expository preaching of the Word as the means for great seasons of reformation and revival. *What is expository preaching?* Theologian T.H.L. Parker gives a helpful summary of this kind of preaching, saying, “Expository preaching consists in the explanation and application of a passage of Scripture. Without explanation it is not expository; without application it is not preaching.” While there is room for topical preaching (sermons on various texts of Scripture arranged by a topic), we believe that in order to be a healthy church, there must be a steady diet of the Word. Hence, our pastors preach through books of the Bible, with each week setting out where we left off the previous week, and, in so doing, do not “shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). The foundational Scripture for our practice of consecutive reading and preaching of the Word is perhaps found in Nehemiah 8:8: “They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.” It is this pattern that is evidenced in the New Testament, in the early church, through the Reformation, and to this day in churches such as ours. Thus, our practice of expository preaching is more than rich tradition; it is biblical tradition.

While this is well and good, this question may still be asked: “In a time when authority is suspect, why do we still believe in the ordinary means of grace, and particularly the preaching of the Word?” The short reply is precisely because it is the Word of God! Not only has God given us the message of salvation in His Word, but also the means of gathering and building the church. Question 89 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism asks: “How is the Word made effectual to salvation? The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.” Simply put, it says that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and the expository preaching of the Word is the means capable of producing the purposed benefits of Christ’s redemption (justification, adoption, sanctification, etc.) to God’s elect.

*How then are we to prepare ourselves for and engage in the preaching of the Word?* Since we live in an entertainment-saturated world, it is oftentimes too easy to become a passive and disengaged receiver of whatever is before us. Unfortunately, we can treat the preached Word of God in much the same way. Question 160 of the Westminster Larger Catechism rightly asks, “What is required of those that hear the word preached? It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.” Thus, in preparation to hear the Word preached, let us attune our minds to the adoration of God, rest our bodies well that we may not let our weariness hinder our engagement in any manner, prepare our hearts by confessing our sin and repenting of it, and come with eager anticipation for a fruitful hearing of the Word of God.

### The Lord’s Prayer

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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.”

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • AUGUST 30, 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  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**The Student Choir Rehearsal** — 4:40 p.m. in MS  
**Presbytery Committee Meeting** — 5:15 p.m. in SC215  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Scotland Mission Team Report** — 7:00 p.m. in LH  
**No Senior High Insight**

## Monday

**WIC Council Meeting** — 9:30 a.m. in PH

## Tuesday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Twin Lakes Camp Committee Meeting** — 12:00 Noon in MH  
**Management Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215  
**Internationals “American Style” Picnic** — 6:00 p.m. in MH

## Wednesday

**MOMS Leadership Training** — 9:00 a.m. in PH  
**Men’s Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in WH202  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Interns Meeting** — 4:00 p.m. in Basement Classroom  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**“First Plates” Delivery to Shut Ins** — 5:30 p.m. in MH  
**Junior High D Groups** — 5:30 p.m. in YH  
**Children’s Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground  
**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Children’s Choirs** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**D 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.  
**“Son of God: The Gospel of Matthew” Bible Study** — 9:45 a.m. –  
 11:00 a.m. in MH  
**“Gospel-Shaped Living” Leadership Training** — 9:00 a.m. in PH

## 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..." **Thomas & Erna Dreyer** – Serving as church planters with the Reformed Church of South Africa in Johannesburg, South Africa. Mailing address: PO Box 618, Pinegowrie, Randburg, South Africa, 2123 Email: thomas@gkrandburg.org.za **Young Life of Jackson** – Young Life seeks to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. This ministry is supported by FPC through Mission to Jackson. Mailing address: PO Box 79066, Jackson, MS 39236-9066 Email: nenon@att.net

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Billy C. Greenlee - August 25, 2015

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gwenette Robertson by her family.

## FALL INQUIRERS' CLASS

The Fall Inquirers' Class begins Sunday, September 6, at 9:40 a.m. in WH205C 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](mailto:omegas@fpcjackson.org).

## JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT

Junior High students, grades 7-9, join us for the Junior High Fall Retreat 2015, September 11-13, at Twin Lakes. We'll have games, a bonfire, relay races, and large-group teaching from our new Director of Students and Families, Andrew Triolo. The Early Bird discounted price of \$79 ends tomorrow August 31. After August 31, the cost is \$119. Scholarships are available for any students who need them. Contact Jenny Sanders at [youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youthhouse@fpcjackson.org) with any questions. To sign up, please visit [www.fpcjackson.org/discipleship/youth/upcoming-trips](http://www.fpcjackson.org/discipleship/youth/upcoming-trips).

## 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 10 weeks this Fall to explore the depths of the gospel for the first time or all over again? You may choose to attend Tuesday evenings, beginning September 15 (time and place TBD); or Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the church, beginning September 16. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Christina Meenan in the Mission and Outreach Department at 601-973-9125 or [mission@fpcjackson.org](mailto:mission@fpcjackson.org).

## MC LAW SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday, FPC hosts a weekly Bible from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Mississippi College Law School. It is open to all students and lunch is provided. We meet on the third floor in room 300. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Johnson at [joej@fpcjackson.org](mailto:joej@fpcjackson.org) or 601-573-5602.

## MEN'S "TRUTH AT DAWN" BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study will begin Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 a.m. in WH202. We will be studying the gospel of Mark. Teacher will be Gabe Fluhrer. Call or email the church office to sign up: 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

## DEPRESSION SEMINAR SERIES

All are invited to join us for a 4-week luncheon seminar series entitled, "Depression: What It Is and How We Deal with It," led by Dr. John Cox and Dr. David Elkin on September 23, 30, October 7, and 14 from 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. in Miller Hall. Lunch is \$6. For more information, email [lisaw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisaw@fpcjackson.org). To sign up, contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

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