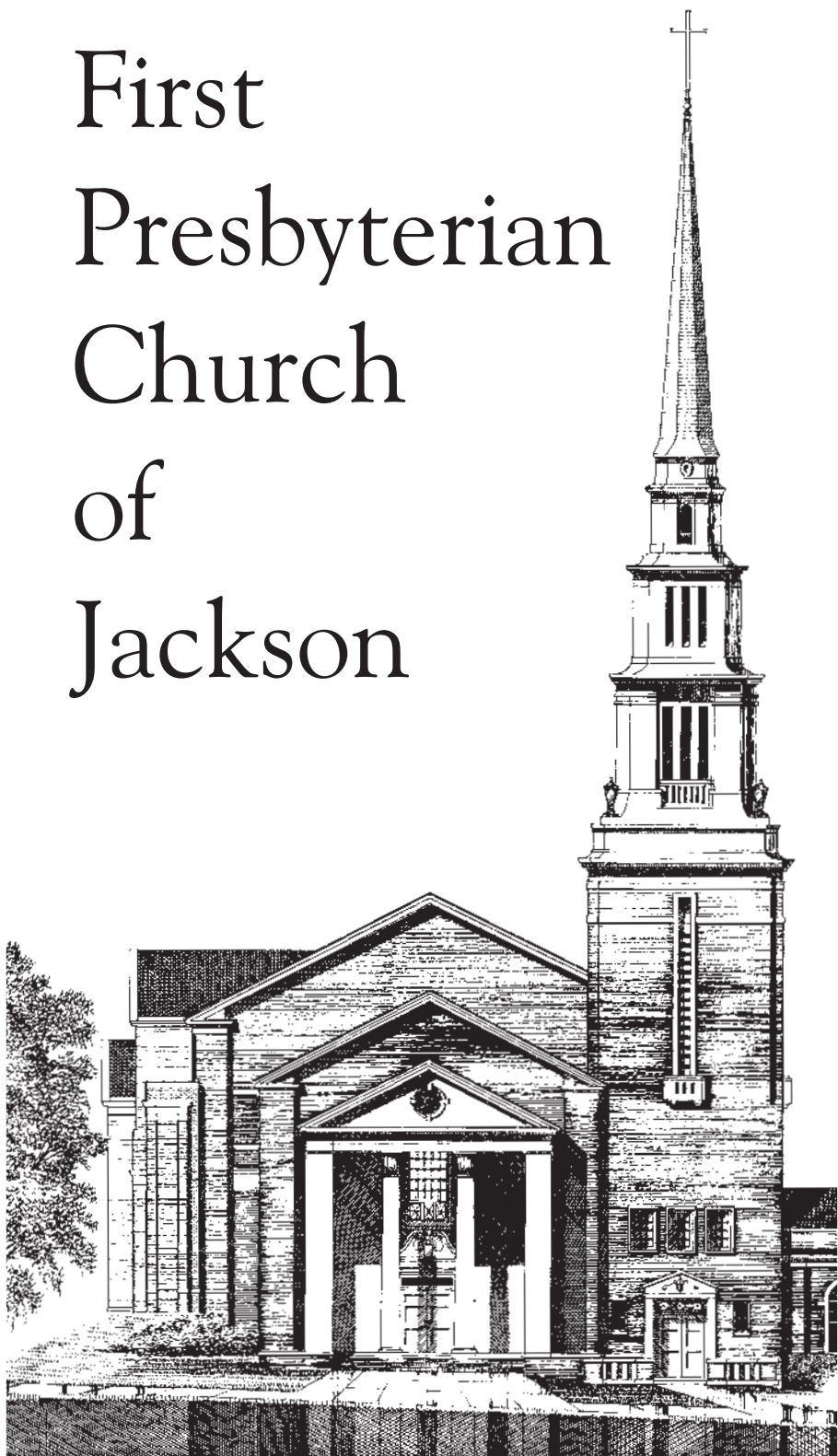


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Day of August, Two Thousand Nineteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

The Greetings and Announcements (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — *Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me*James Pethel
Rae Shannon, Organist

The Introit — *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*A. Nettleton

The Call to Worship — Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 115** — *All Creatures of Our God and King*

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

The Prayer of Confession

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Hymn No. 641** — *How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me?* (Psalm 13)
(Tune: Lancashire)

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 67 (Pew Bible page 481)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*arr. Dan Forrest

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;

And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,

then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save!

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 6:1-7 (Pew Bible page 914)

The Sermon — *Mercy Ministers* Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 443 (Stzs. 1, 4)** — *Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying*

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — *Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Breathe me, melt me! Mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

The Postlude — *Fanfare*Jacques Lemmens

‡ Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College
Mr. David J. Groendyk — Pastoral Care Intern

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

The Prelude — *“Ayre in B flat”* Georg Phillip Telemann
The FPC String Ensemble

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn** — *See What a Morning* (See Hymn Sheet)

‡ **The Invocation**

The Hymn — *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* (See Hymn Sheet)

The Greetings

The Prayer — Bebo Elkin

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — *The God of Abraham Praise* Ancient Jewish Melody
The String Ensemble

The Young Children's Devotional

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

Q 124: What is the sixth petition? **A: The sixth petition is “and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”**

Q 125: What does it mean to pray, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”? **A: We are asking God to keep us from being tempted and to make us strong enough to resist when we are tempted.**

** **The Meditation and Prayer** Wiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care

‡ **The Hymn No. 34 (Stzs. 1-4)** — *The God of Abraham Praise*

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Genesis 12:10 – 13:4 (Pew Bible page 9)

The Sermon — *The Story of Abraham: Down to Egypt* Dr. Brock

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — *The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
‘Hail, Father, Son, and Holy ghost!’ they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.*

The Postlude

‡ Congregation standing

** Children dismissed after the prayer

Our Vision

First Presbyterian Church of Jackson exists to glorify God by making disciples on the North State Street corridor, in the greater Jackson area, and around the world.

Women's Ministry Fall Bible Studies

Ladies, please join us for one or more of these opportunities to study the Bible this fall.

For full descriptions of each one, please visit the FPC website (www.fpcjackson.org/church-life/women/bible-studies).

A Life Worthy of the Gospel - A Study of Philippians

MOMS Bible Study (MOMS is a weekly Bible Study for expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the 6th grade or below. A nursery is available, but space is limited.)

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., beginning September 4

Teacher: Jane Wiggins

Format: Small Groups and Large-Group Lecture

Registration: Beginning August 1; Contact Joanna McNeel at moms@fpcjackson.org.

Philippians: Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

Midweek Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., beginning August 21

Leaders: Allie Elkin and Beverly Harmon

Format: 6-Week Small Group Bible Study

Registration: Contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9115

Jonah: Discover the Grace of God

Thursdays, 9:15 - 11:00 a.m., beginning September 5

Teachers: Melissa Abraham, Helen Lewis and Sharon Teh

Format: Small Groups and Large-Group Lecture

Open to Ladies of all ages (Mothers of Adolescents - We have small groups for mothers of 6th through 12th graders)

Registration: Please contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9115.

Ephesians

Thursdays, 9:45 - 11:00 a.m., beginning September 5

Teacher: Laura Husband

Format: Large-Group Lecture

Open to Ladies of all ages

Registration: Please email Alice Patterson at alipatte@gmail.com.

Judges: The Need for a Savior

Circle Bible Studies

Monthly Meetings beginning September 9 (days, times, and locations vary.)

For more information or to sign up, contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9115.

You may also sign up for any of these studies through the FPC website or app.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Prayer of Confession is a response to our singing of the doxology in this morning's worship service. It is only by reflecting upon the true nature of God and adoring His faithfulness to us that we are able to truly contemplate upon the depth, extent, and magnitude of our sin. The Prayer of Confession is made so that we confess our sin and experience true repentance by reflecting upon God's goodness even in our times of straying. Thus, it is through this time of corporate prayer, patterned after the New Testament church, that we are ready to continue in our corporate worship of God.

Why do we have corporate prayer? In preaching on the pilgrimage of the Christian in this life, the eighteenth century pastor-theologian from New England, Jonathan Edwards said, "To go to heaven fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here." The time of corporate worship and particularly prayer is its closest semblance on earth since we gather with the saints of God to worship and delight ourselves in God.

What is a prayer of confession? The minister leads us in a Prayer of Confession to remove any human barrier that might come in the way of our blessing from God. We remind ourselves of who we are both in ourselves and in God. We remind ourselves that though we are His sheep, we are like lost sheep. During this time, the minister leads us in confessing the times we have desired the things of this world that are in opposition to the things of God. May we, in joining the minister with heartfelt agreement, confess and repent of the times we have left undone those things we ought to have done, and have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Let us join our hearts in prayer in order that the Spirit of Christ may bring conviction for impenitent hearts, encouragement to weary souls, knit us together in a bond of fellowship and praise, and bring us into an intimate communion with our Savior. Let us pray with the goal to enjoy ourselves in bringing honor and glory due His name.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O most great, most just and gracious God;
You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity;
but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ
to all that repent and believe in Him.
We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.
We have neglected and abused Your holy worship.
We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors.
We have not sought first Your kingdom.
You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ
and offered us pardon and salvation in Him;
but we have turned away.
We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated,
we have committed.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!
In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope.
Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of your Son,
and in the end receive us into Your glory,
through Jesus Christ our only Savior. *Amen.*

– Richard Baxter (modernized language)

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

Sunday

Children's Church for 3 and 4 year olds — has concluded for the summer

Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M 133

The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

(Library only)

The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.

(Library only)

New Members Received — 5:00 p.m. in Patterson Hall

Bright Lights Belhaven Nights Volunteer Training — 5:30 p.m. in SR

No Senior High Insight

Monday

Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in WH 204B

Mission to North America Committee Meeting — 12:00 Noon in WH 202A

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH

Presbytery Meeting — 9:00 a.m. at FPC Jackson

French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in Library

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC 215

Capital Campaign Committee Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in WH 204A

Wednesday

Strategic Planning Committee — 7:30 a.m. in WH 204A

FPC/FPDS Convocation — 9:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.

Midweek Dinner and Ministry Fair — 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in MH

Children's Playtime — 5:30 p.m. on playground/gym

Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS

Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC 210A

Children's Ministry: *From Garden to Glory* — 6:30 p.m. in MB 122 & MB 123

First Pres Vision Night — 6:30 p.m. in MH

Thursday

French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in Library

Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee Meeting — 12:00 Noon in WH 202B

Friday

No activities scheduled

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

Bright Lights Belhaven Nights — 5:00 p.m. Belhaven area street festival

BC - Basement Classroom
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 church planters in Hexham, England.

Youth for Christ – YFC seeks to reach young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Caroline Brantley and John Abraham, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Albert Hines Walters and Mr. and Mrs. Tobie Dunn Brantley, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Allen McLain, Jr., grandparents of the groom.

COLLEGE FRESHMEN GIRLS' DINNER

Rising college freshmen girls, we want to celebrate you one last time before you head off to campus! Mackenzie, Augusta, and Rose would love to send you off with some yummy treats and time together Tuesday, August 6, at 7 p.m., at 114 Woodland Circle.

DEACON ELECTION

The election of additional Deacons was approved at the Congregational Meeting on July 14. The election will be held on Sunday, October 27. Nominations may be made through Friday, August 16. Nomination forms are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and in the Church Office. Nomination forms should be turned in to the Executive Minister's office or placed in the boxes located at the Information Desk and the Church Office reception area. As a reminder, please get permission from the nominee before you make a nomination. Also, please use a separate nomination form for each individual nominated. A man must be nominated by three church members to be considered for election.

MIDWEEK AT LAUREL PARK

Join us for the launch of our fall Midweek programs at the Midweek at Laurel Park special event, Wednesday, August 14, at Laurel Park in Belhaven, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This will be a great event to invite co-workers, neighbors, and family for fun activities, live music, face-painting, inflatables, meat on the grill, homemade ice-cream, etc. We hope you can make plans to be with us!

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

GriefShare is a ministry of support and encouragement for those grieving the death of a loved one. Using the Bible and the shared experience of others, participants will discover how to navigate the profound difficulties of bereavement. Our next 13-week GriefShare course will begin August 20 at 6:30 p.m. in WH 204B.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 18, after the 11:00 a.m. service for the purposes of approving the borrowing of up to \$5,500,000 for a construction project to replace the current gym and to add 10 additional classrooms, to approve the Clerk of the Session to enter into all such contracts needed for the construction of the project, borrow funds for the project and sign and execute all documents deemed necessary to complete the financing of the project, and to amend the Resolution dated November 21, 1982.

ENGAGED & NEWLYWED MIDWEEK STUDY

The Engaged and Newlywed class will begin Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. in WH 202A. It will be led each week by one of a handful of gifted teachers and will cover topics that are often included in premarital counselling (conflict, communication, intimacy, money, in-laws, etc). The class is open to members and non-members alike. Sign up by emailing youngadults@fpcjackson.org.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Children's Ministry is actively recruiting member volunteers for the upcoming Sunday School term, which begins Sunday, September 1. If you enjoy working with children, being a table teacher, leading music, playing the piano or teaching Bible lessons, we have a spot for you! Substitutes are provided to allow for times when volunteers need to be away. Volunteers of all ages are welcome; you do not have to be a parent. Please consider serving this way! Questions? Contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, September 15. To make your reservation, please contact Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9101.

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Jackson, Mississippi

8/7/19

WHAT IS THE VISION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

MINISTRY FAIR 5:00-6:15 PM | MEETING 6:30 PM
MILLER HALL

JOIN US WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, FOR A SPECIAL NIGHT THANKING THE LORD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OVER THE LAST YEAR AND LOOKING FORWARD WITH EXPECTATION TO WHAT HE WILL DO IN 2019-2020.

BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M. DURING DINNER IN MILLER HALL, THERE WILL BE A MINISTRY FAIR FEATURING MANY OF OUR CHURCH'S DEPARTMENTS. COME BY, GRAB A PLATE, AND GET TO KNOW OUR MINISTRIES AND STAFF MEMBERS. THIS EVENING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW GOD IS AT WORK AT FPC, FIND A PLACE TO GET INVOLVED, AND PUT FACES TO THE MANY MINISTRIES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

AT 6:30 P.M., WE WILL MEET TOGETHER TO HEAR FROM A FEW SPEAKERS, INCLUDING DAVID STRAIN WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE 2019-2020 CHURCH-WIDE THEME **ON MISSION TOGETHER: PROCLAIMING THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO CALLED US.**

WE HOPE YOU'LL MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING NIGHT AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!