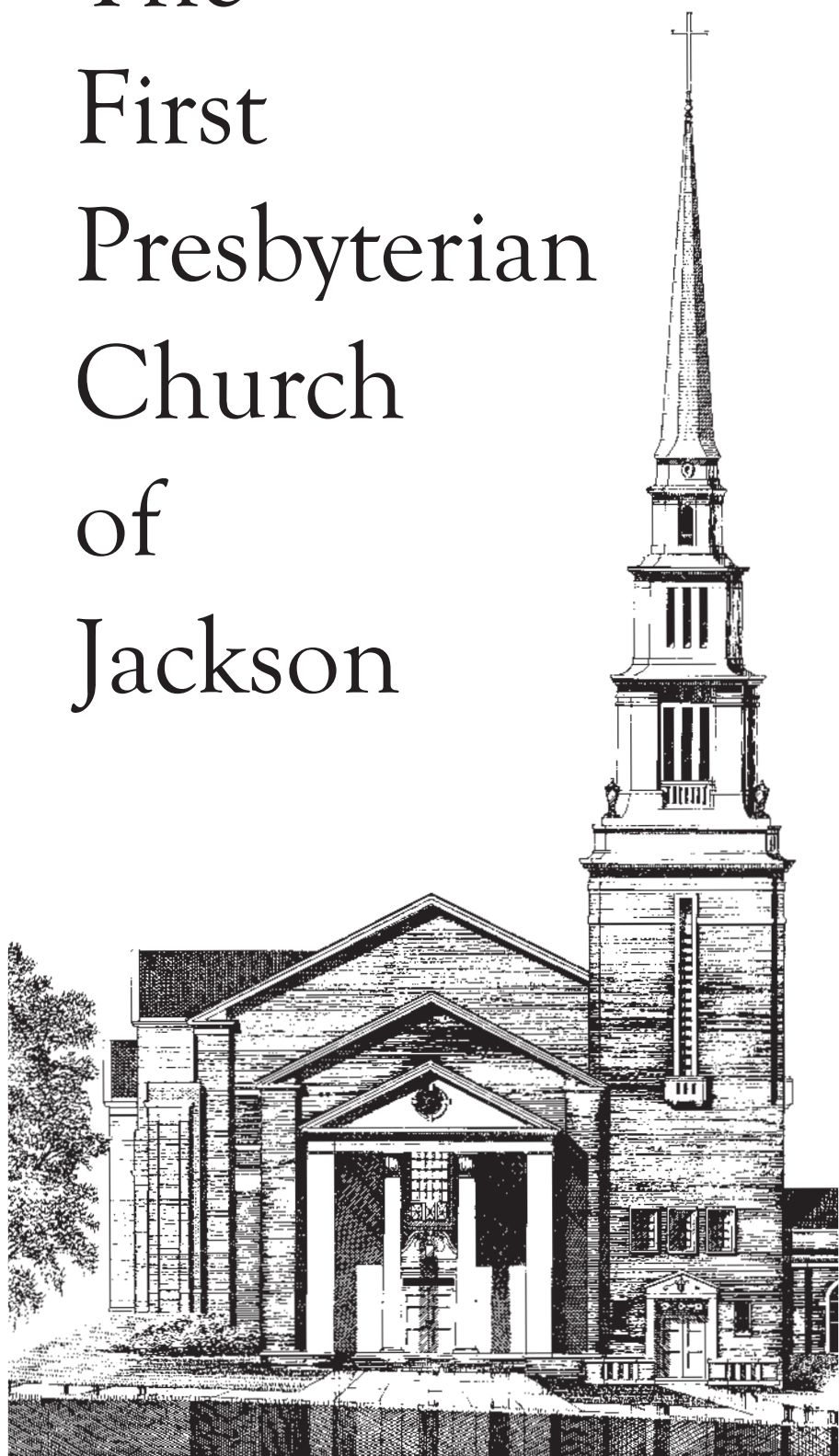


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Third Day of December, Two Thousand Eighteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister  
The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Discipleship

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

**The Prelude** — “O Come All Ye Faithful” ..... 18th C. English Carol  
The FPC Brass Ensemble; Jamie Peipon – Director

**The Call to Worship** — Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations;

**extol Him, all you peoples.**

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

**Praise the LORD.**

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 195** — “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”  
(Based on Psalm 98)

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**The Prayer of Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon**

**The Solo** — “Jesu, Bambino” ..... Pietro Yon  
Kim Porter, Soloist

**The Scripture Reading** — Psalm 47 (Pew Bible page 472)

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

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

**The Offertory** — “What Child Is This?” ..... Walter Pelz  
Jackie Langhofer, Violin; Nancy Bateman, Cello; Rae Shannon, Organ

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Isaiah 9:2-7 (Pew Bible page 573)

**The Sermon** — “Prince of Peace” ..... Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 224** — “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

**The Postlude** — “The First Noel” ..... Ashley Grote

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College

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

**The Prelude** — “A Medley of Christmas Carols” .....Ann Irby, Piano

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn No. 207** — “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Hymn No. 204** — “Away in a Manger”

**The Greetings**

**The Prayer** — Ruling Elder Mark Sorgenfrei

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

**The Offertory**

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q55: What does God the Father guarantee in the covenant of grace? A: To justify and sanctify all those for whom Christ died.

Q56: How does God justify you? A: God forgives all my sins and accepts me as righteous through Christ.

\*\* **The Meditation and Prayer** .....Austin Lenox, Students & Families Intern

‡ **The Hymn No. 213 (Stzs. 1,2)** — “What Child Is This”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Luke 2:11 (Pew Bible pages 857)

**The Sermon** — “Call Him Christ the Lord” .....Dr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;

Come, peasant, king, to own Him;

The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;

Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

**The Postlude**

‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed after the prayer



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.

# A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

## WELCOME

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God's Word to us this morning.

## 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. Amen."

## THE LORD'S PRAYER — THE MODEL FOR CHRISTIAN PRAYER

In Matthew chapter 6, Jesus gives us a model for what prayer should look like for a Christian. It is prayer that is both "vertical" (centering on "Our Father, who art in Heaven") and "horizontal" (addressing tangible, earthly needs and concerns). The very structure of the prayer teaches us a lesson of vital importance: that our most pressing need is for our Father in heaven. Since "from Him and through Him and to Him are all things," He necessarily deserves "all glory forever" (Rom. 11:36). Therefore, all prayer should be rooted in the Fatherhood of God with an aim toward His glory. However, Jesus also taught us to pray for the physical, felt needs of this life. Something so basic as bread, Jesus commends as a worthwhile and necessary component of God-honoring prayer. This reminds us that we are incapable of providing for the most basic needs of our lives, but are instead, dependent on the provision of our heavenly Father. By reciting this prayer together, we are collectively reminding ourselves that God is our Father, His glory is our goal, and He is ultimately the One who takes care of all our needs. May this be an encouragement to our hearts this morning, that our Father is not aloof and unconcerned with the tangible needs of earthly life, but is the one who kindly cares for us by bestowing them.

*Midweek*

**KICKOFF**

**CONCERT**

**WITH**

**SANDRA  
MCCRACKEN**

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**5 PM**

**DINNER**

**\$6**

**6:30 PM**

**CONCERT**

**FREE**

**THE DINNER IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED  
AND THE CONCERT IS GENERAL ADMISSION.  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM.**

**Sandra McCracken** is a prolific singer-songwriter and modern-day hymn writer whose songs like “We Will Feast in The House of Zion,” “God’s Highway” and “Thy Mercy My God” have settled into regular rotation in churches internationally. Her music has been featured by All Sons and Daughters, ABC’s Grey’s Anatomy, Audrey Assad, Indelible Grace, BiFrost Arts, Caedmon’s Call and

others. She has also been a guest contributor for The Gospel Coalition, She Reads Truth, Art House America Blog, Relevant Magazine and other publications. Her latest albums are Psalms and God’s Highway. At home in Nashville, with her two young children chiming in, Sandra contributes to Rain For Roots, producing timeless, gospel folk-songs for God’s children of all ages.



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# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018**

## **Sunday**

**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)

**Children's Church for 3- and 4-year olds** — during 11:00 a.m. worship service in MB135

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

(Library only)

## **Monday**

**Church Offices Closed**

**Family Carols Service** — 4:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

## **Tuesday**

**Church Offices Closed**

## **Wednesday**

**No Scheduled Activities**

**No Family Supper or Regular Wednesday Night Activities**

## **Thursday**

**Insurance Committee Meeting** – 11:30 a.m. in WH202A

## **Friday**

**No Scheduled Activities**

## **Saturday**

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

**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...”*

**Thomas & Erna Dreyer** – Serving as a church planter with Reformed Church Randburg in Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Wil & Mary Jett Nettleton** – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX.

## FLOWERS

The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Denny Austin Terry by his family.

The poinsettias in the Session room are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bruce Broomfield by the Broomfield family.

## YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

If you are planning to donate stock to First Presbyterian Church before the end of the year 2018, please notify Cliff Ford in the Business Office at 601-973-9107. In order for year-end church contributions to be deducted on your 2018 tax return, they must be received at First Presbyterian Church on or before December 31, 2018. The Business Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. that day. If you mail your contribution, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2018. Security will be posted on the south side of the church (Pinehurst Street) to receive any contributions that may be dropped off after hours on December 31, 2018. You may give electronically until midnight, December 31, 2018, either through our church website or our church app with just one click on “Giving.” All gifts received or postmarked after December 31, 2018, will apply to your 2019 Contribution Statement.

## MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, we hope you’ll join us on Wednesdays in Patterson Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. beginning January 16 for MOMS Bible Study, *From Garden to Glory*. The format is small groups followed by a large-group lecture led by Debbie Dempsey. MOMS is a weekly Bible study for expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the sixth grade or below. A nursery is available, but space is limited. Registration begins January 1. Please contact Joanna McNeel at 601-807-1596.

## BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2019. To make your reservation, please contact Lilly Foerter at 601-973-9117 or [pcare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:pcare@fpcjackson.org).

## 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, weekly 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, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars for the 2019 Global Mission Conference, February 20-24. If you are interested in hosting any of our visiting missionaries for a meal, or providing housing, please contact the mission department at [missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org](mailto:missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org).

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## **STEWARDSHIP 2019**

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We can plan to do more gospel ministry with your commitment for 2019. If you have not turned in your Stewardship Commitment Card, you may place it in the offering plate during today's worship services. You can also pledge electronically by visiting our church app and clicking on "Giving," then "Pledge."

To date, we have received  
384 Stewardship Commitments  
for a total of \$4,268,166 and  
34 Capital Projects & Improvements  
Commitments for a total of \$68,722.

### **Ephesians 3:20-21**

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Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.