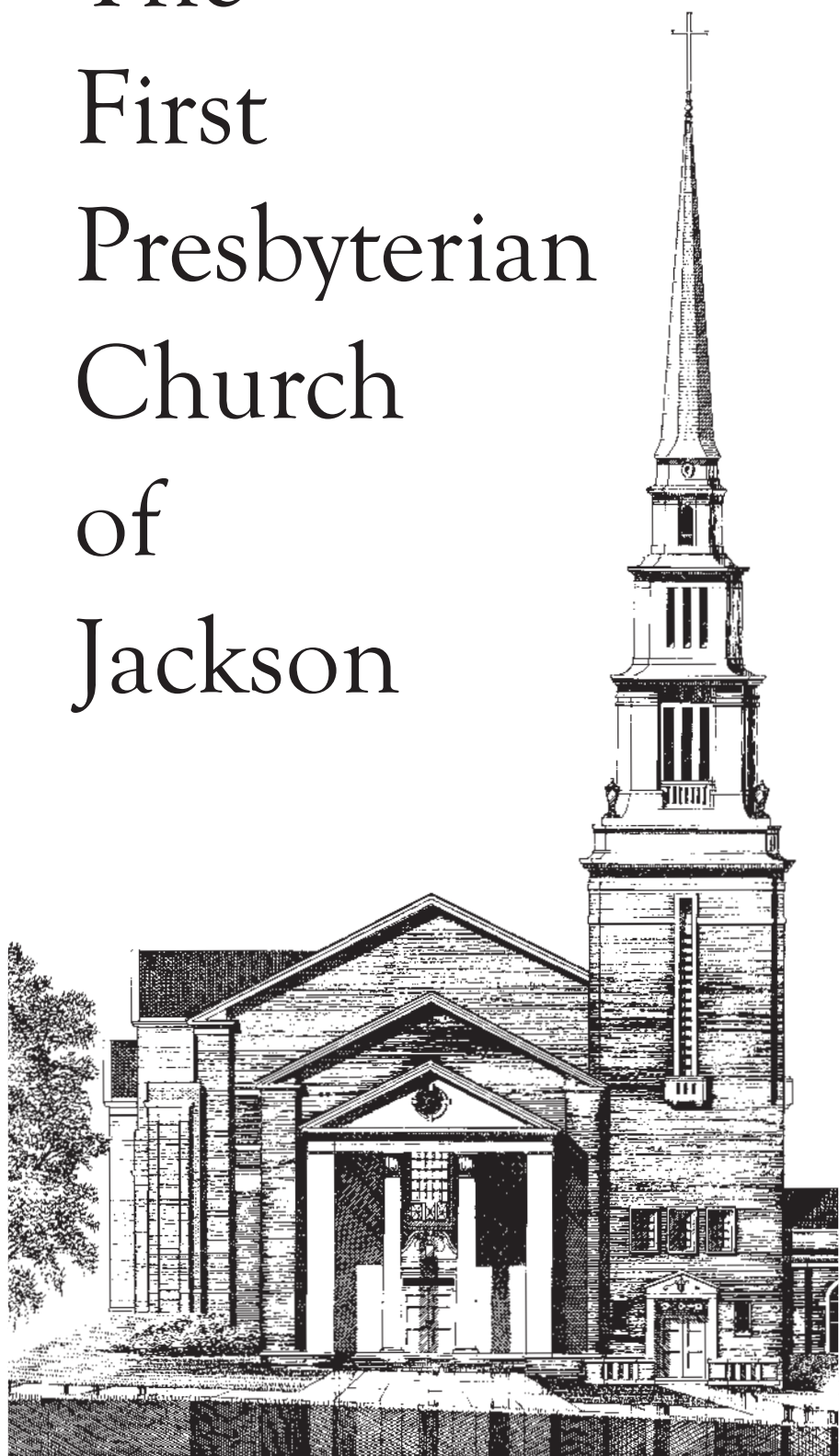


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Second 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. Gary W. Sinclair — Assistant Minister

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

The Prelude — "The Angel Gabriel" ..... Robert Lau  
Rae Shannon, Organist

The Introit — "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" ..... Ancient Chant

The Call to Worship

‡ The Hymn of Praise No. 196 — "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

‡ The Invocation

‡ The Doxology — Glory be to God the Father, and to Christ His only Son;  
Praise we too the Holy Spirit, binding all the church as one:  
As it was in the beginning now and evermore shall be;  
Glory, honor, praise and blessing all creation sings to Thee!

The Apostles' Creed (See Guide)

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Solo — "Rejoice Greatly" (*Messiah*) ..... G. F. Handel  
Lauren Randle, Soprano

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 45 (Pew Bible page 471)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "And the Glory of the Lord" (*Messiah*) ..... G. F. Handel  
"And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;  
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."  
Isaiah 40:5

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Isaiah 9:1-7 (Pew Bible page 573)

The Sermon — "Wonderful Counselor" ..... Dr. Strain

‡ The Hymn of Response No. 208 — "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

‡ The Benediction

‡ The Response — "Five-Fold Amen" ..... Lutkin/Wymond

The Postlude — "Joy to the World" ..... Wilbur Held

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

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

**The Prelude** — “O Little One Sweet, O Jesus Mild” ..... J. S. Bach  
The FPC Strings

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn No. 200** — “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Hymn No. 213** — “What Child Is This”

**A Story of Rescue** — Emily Hartman

**The Greetings**

**The Prayer** — Ruling Elder Joel Payne

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

**The Offertory** — “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” ...From Gregorian Chant  
The FPC Strings

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q52: What kind of life did Christ live on earth? A: A life of obedience, service,  
and suffering.

Q53: What kind of death did Jesus die? A: The painful and shameful death of  
the cross.

\*\* **The Meditation and Prayer** ..... Gary Sinclair, Assistant Minister

‡ **The Hymn No. 207 (Stzs. 1,2)** — “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible page 807)

**The Sermon** — “Call His Name Jesus” .....Dr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**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.



# 2018 Holiday Schedule

December 4	7:00 a.m.	Young Adults Girls Advent Bible Study at Broad Street Bakery
December 5	6:30 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program
December 6	6:30 p.m.	Men's Ministry Evening Gathering at the Ag Museum
December 9	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Christmas Party
December 11	7:00 a.m.	Young Adults Girls Advent Bible Study at Broad Street Bakery
December 12	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Carols in Laurel Park with Live Nativity/No Supper
December 13	6:00 p.m.	WIC Christmas Dinner in Miller Hall
December 15	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal in Sanctuary
December 15	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open House
December 16	4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Music of Christmas Services
December 17	7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Christmas Soiree at Deep South Pops (N. State Street)
December 19	6:00 p.m.	Winter Grace Service/No Supper (Childcare provided for nursery through 3rd grade)
December 24	4:00 p.m.	Family Carols Service
December 24-25		Church Offices Closed
December 26		No Wednesday Night Activities
December 31		Church Offices Open
January 1		Church Offices Closed
January 2		No Wednesday Night Activities
January 9	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Kickoff Concert with Sandra McCracken in Sanctuary

# 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 APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth:  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles' Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its author, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is "Apostolic" in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: "Ghost" is employed where we would use "Spirit," the word "quick" where we would use "living," and "catholic" where we would use "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.

## DECEMBER CIRCLES

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

CIRCLE 2 *Marian Kennedy*  
10:00 a.m. – home of Finney Moore  
4233 North Honeysuckle Lane, Jackson

CIRCLE 3 *Sam Simkins*  
10:00 a.m. – home of Sam Simkins  
5016 Stanton Drive, Jackson

CIRCLE 4 *Bess Corbitt and Rebecca Redman*  
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 6 *Rhonda Baird*  
6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer  
2257 East Northside Drive, Jackson

CIRCLE 8 *Janie Purvis & Jan Wade*  
9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

CIRCLE 14 *Susan Turner & Georgia Miller*  
12:00 noon – WH 202

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

CIRCLE 9 *Karen Crawford & Grace Toler*  
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10 *Diana Howie*  
10:00 a.m. – home of Cathy May  
4348 North Honeysuckle Lane, Jackson

CIRCLE 11 *Frenchie Graham & Ruth Tant*  
10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham  
4005 Cabell Lane, Jackson

CIRCLE 12 *Nina Johnston & Janet Quayle*  
10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine's, Marian  
Hall

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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  
**College Ministry Sunday Lunch** — 12:00 p.m. at the Vollema home  
 (1122 Lyncrest Ave.)  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 4:00 p.m. in MS  
**The Student Choir** — 5:00 p.m. in Sanctuary  
**New Members Received** — 4:45 p.m. in PH  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. at the Burrow home  
 (2236 N. Cheryl Dr)

## Monday

**Circles Meet This Week**  
**Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in WH 204B  
**Mission First Tutoring** — 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in SC 210

## Tuesday

**Truth at Dawn Men’s Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in PH  
**French Camp Quilters** — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library  
**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in MH 205B  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Twin Lakes Board Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH 204A  
**Management Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC 215  
**Internationals Bible Study**— 6:00 p.m. in SC 213A  
**Internationals Class** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## Wednesday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Men’s Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor  
**Elder/Deacon Duties Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH 202A  
**Midweek Dinner** — 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in MH  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Chinese Bible Study** — 6:00 p.m. in SC 210A  
**Children’s Choirs Program** — 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary  
**Junior High Small Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in YH  
**Senior High Small Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in YH  
**Brass Rehearsal** — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary

## Thursday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Outreach Team Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH 204A  
**Women in Ministry Sub-Committee Meeting** — 5:00 p.m. in MCR  
**Men’s Evening Gathering** — 6:30 p.m. at the Ag Museum

## Friday

**Flower Committee Meeting** — 8:30 a.m. in Parlor

## Saturday

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast**

**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...”*

**Jack & Nell Chinchin** – Serving as educators in Malawi with African Bible College

**Lee & Diane Hutchings** – Serving as church planters with Grace Presbyterian Church in Canton, Ohio.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Frank H. Hagaman — November 24, 2018

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Grace Brooks Pearson and Scott Michael Lause, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. William Norwood Lofton, Mr. Francis Jefferson Lundy, and Mr. James Denton Pearson, grandfathers of the bride; Mr. Edward John Hellman and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francis Lause, grandparents of the groom; and Mr. Gregory Scott Hellman, uncle of the groom.

## COLLEGE SUNDAY LUNCH TODAY

College students, join us for a free Christmas Sunday lunch today at the Vollema home (1122 Lyncrest Ave.) following the 11:00 a.m. service.

## WOMEN IN NEED CHRISTMAS BAG COLLECTION

Women in Need is a ministry of God's love and mercy to the women prisoners at Central MS Correctional Facility. Please help us provide Christmas bags for the inmates by filling a gallon-sized Ziplock with one clear shampoo, one women's deodorant (preferably clear), and one pair of XL crew athletic socks. We will be collecting the bags through December 5 in the white bin by the Visitors' Desk. Contact Laura Damon Wofford or Sharon Gatlin with questions.

## MEN'S MINISTRY EVENING GATHERING

Men, please make plans to join us Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Ag Museum. Dinner will be provided, and we'll hear from guest speaker, Tyson Lee, former Mississippi State University quarterback, NFL scout, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes staff member who now works with Lightbearers Ministries International. The cost is \$10 for dinner. No advanced registration is necessary.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Ladies, please join us for our annual Christmas gathering on Thursday, December 13, in Miller Hall. Appetizers will be offered beginning at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Allie Elkin will be our devotional speaker. A nursery is available upon request at the time of registration. You may register through the FPC app, website, or by contacting Women's Ministry at 601-973-9115. To ensure your meal is reserved, please register by Friday, December 7.

## FPC NAME TAGS

If you requested a name tag, they are located on the south side of the Greeting Courtyard. If you are interested in a name tag and are a communing member of First Presbyterian Church, please fill out a request card in the pew back. Your name tag will arrive in approximately 6-8 weeks.

## YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS SOIREE

Young Adults, please make plans to join us for our annual Christmas party on Monday, December 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at Deep South Pops on N. State Street. The cost is \$10 and includes dinner.

## 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.

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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  
318 Stewardship Commitments  
for a total of \$3,842,782 and  
28 Capital Projects & Improvements  
Commitments for a total of \$48,072.

### **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.