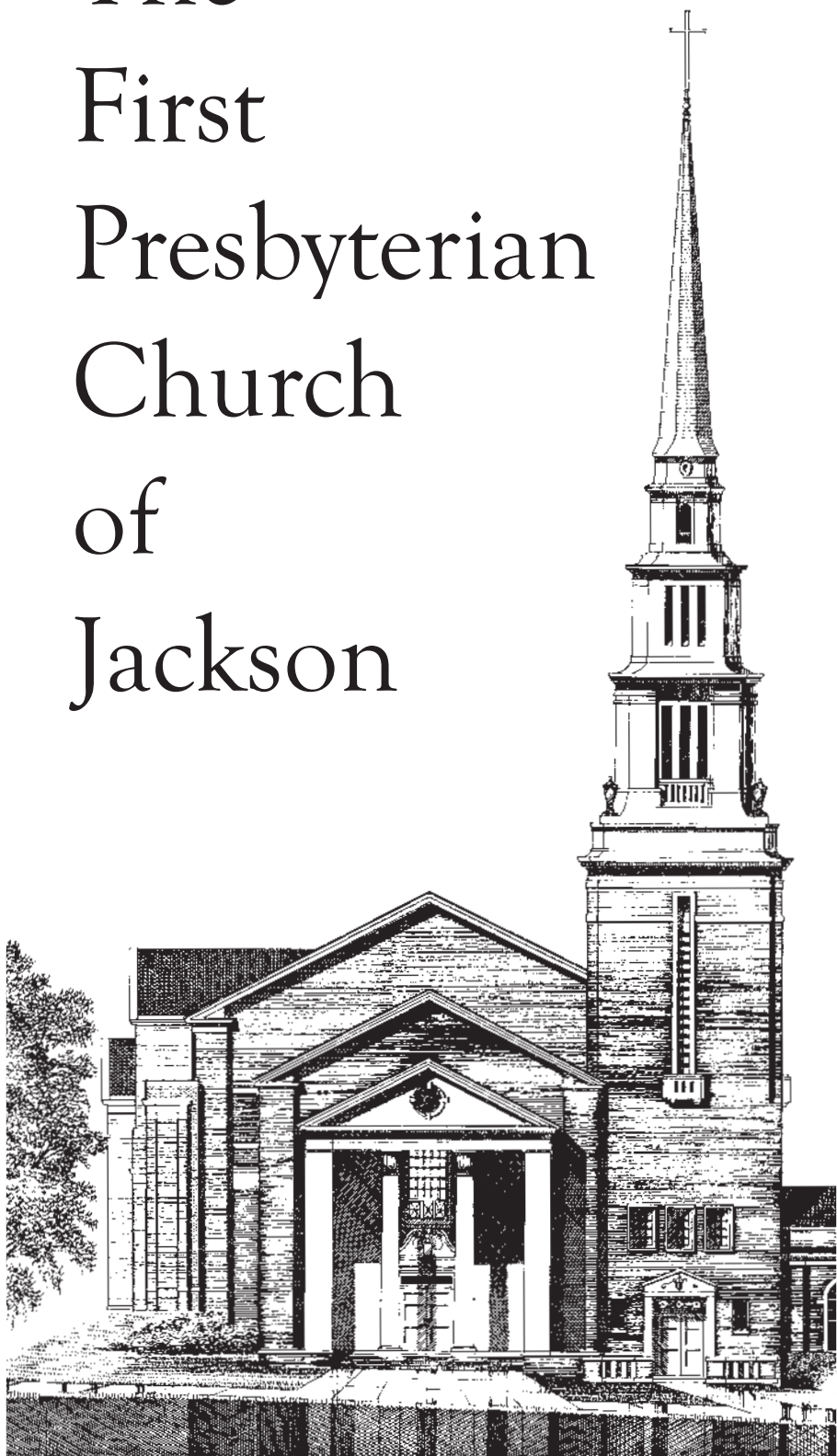


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth Day of December, Two Thousand Eighteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach
The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

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

The Prelude — “We Rest on Thee” Jean Sibelius
Madeleine Case, French Horn; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 196** — “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

The Prayer of Confession — Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

O LORD, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;

**my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from
all his iniquities.

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Hymn No. 203** — “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 48 (Pew Bible page 472)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Amazing Grace” Arr. Tomlin and Giglio
Genneysa Case, Soloist

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 22:34-40 (Pew Bible page 828)

The Sermon — “The Most Wanted” Dr. Hartman

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 108** — “Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

The Postlude — “Hark the Glad Sound” Michael Burkhardt
Rae Shannon, Organ

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Discipleship

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

The Prelude — “He Hideth My Soul” Mark Hayes

Rae Shannon, Piano

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn** — “We Will Feast in the House of Zion” (See Hymn Sheet)

‡ **The Invocation**

The Hymn — “Thy Mercy, My God” (See Hymn Sheet)

The Greetings

The Prayer — Ruling Elder John Lowe Smith

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — Trey Porter, Soloist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q57: How does God sanctify you? A: God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.

** **The Meditation and Prayer** David Felker, Minister of Discipleship

‡ **The Hymn (Stzs. 1,2)** — “I Run to Christ” (See Guide)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 2:39-52 (Pew Bible page 858)

The Sermon — “In His Father's House” Mr. Dempsey

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure escape.

“Deliver me,” I cry to Him; temptation yields to grace.

I run to Christ when plagued by shame and find my one defense.

“I bore God's wrath,” He pleads my case, my Advocate and Friend.

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.

I Run to Christ



1. I run to Christ when chased by fear
 2. I run to Christ when worn by life
 3. I run to Christ when stalked by sin



And find a ref - uge sure. "Be - lieve in me,"
 And find my soul re - freshed. "Come un - to Me,"
 And find a sure es - cape. "De - liv - er me,"



His voice I hear; His words and wounds se - cure.
 He calls thru strife; Fa - tigue gives way to rest.
 I cry to Him; Temp - ta - tion yields to grace.



I run to Christ when torn by grief
 I run to Christ when vexed by hell
 I run to Christ when plagued by shame



And find a - bun - dant peace. "I too had tears,"
 And find a might - y arm. "The Dev - il flees,"
 And find my one de - fense. "I bore God's wrath,"



He gen - tly speaks; Thus joy and sor - row meet.
 the Scrip - tures tell; He roars, but can - not harm.
 He pleads my case My Ad - vo - cate and Friend.

Words: Chris Anderson.

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Midweek

KICKOFF

CONCERT

WITH

SANDRA MCCRACKEN

1/9/2019

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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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.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 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 Open — 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Church Offices Closed

Wednesday

No Scheduled Activities

No Family Supper or Regular Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday

No Scheduled Activities

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...”

Jonathan & Tracy Eide – Serving as country director and church planter with MTW in Ukraine.

Kyle and Gretchen Parker – Serving with Northwest Church Planting Network as a church planter in Spokane, WA.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Morgan Hydrick and Robert Frey are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Love and Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas Frey, grandparents of the groom.

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.

MEN’S MINISTRY LUNCH GATHERING

Men, join us for lunch on January 10, at 11:45 a.m., to hear from speaker, Brian Smith, our FPDs Headmaster. The cost for lunch is \$6 (cash, check, or card), and there is no need for advanced registration.

MID-SOUTH MEN’S RALLY

Men, save the date for this year’s Mid-South Men’s Rally, January 25, with guest speaker Rankin Wilbourne. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15 p.m. and the first session begins at 6:30 p.m. No advanced registration is necessary.

SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars for the 2019 Global Missionaries 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.

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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