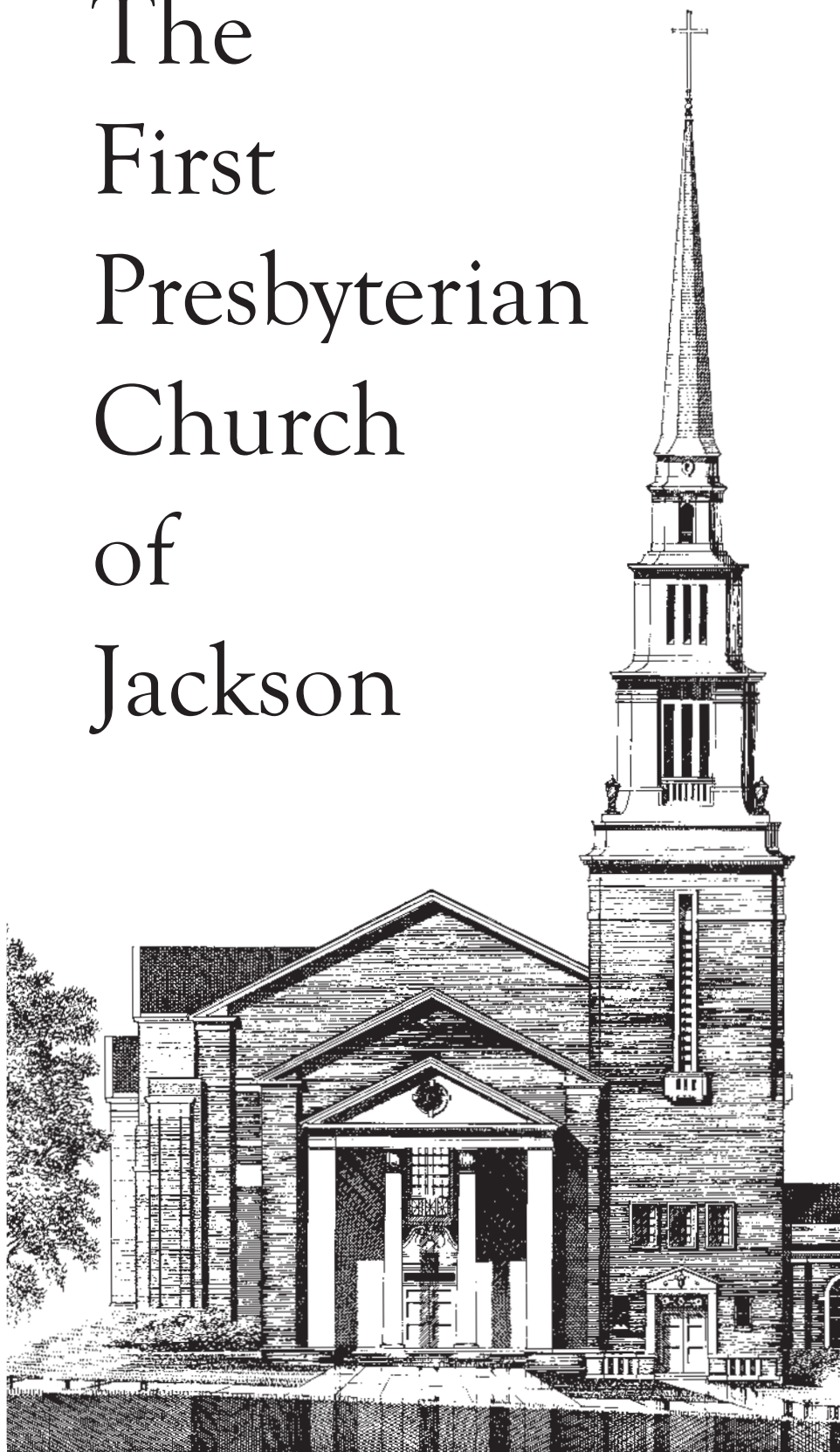


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Day of December, Two Thousand Seventeen
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 — “As with Gladness Men of Old”Arr. Curnow
FPC Brass, Jamie Peipon, Director

The Introit — “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”Ancient Plainsong

The Call to Worship

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

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **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 Scripture Reading — Psalm 17 (Pew Bible page 454)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Recognition of Recitation of the Shorter Catechism (11:00 a.m. only)

‡* **The Hymn No. 193** — “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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 — Luke 1:26-38 (Pew Bible pages 855-856)

The Sermon — *Veiled in Flesh*: “The Annunciation”Dr. Strain

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

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Five-Fold Amen” Wymond

The Postlude — “Carol of the Bells”Arr. Curnow

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Young Adults & College

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

The Prelude — “Thou Did'st Leave Thy Throne on High”Matthews/Hayes
Ann Irby, Piano

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Carol No. 208** — “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

‡ **The Invocation**

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

The Story of Rescue — Dominique Jordan

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

The Evening Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory Solo — Laura Rutledge

The Story of Rescue — Chase Wynn

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 1:1-17 (Pew Bible page 807)

The Sermon — “Rescue Mission One” Dr. Strain

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

‡ **The Benediction**

The Postlude — “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” English Carol Tune

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‡Congregation standing


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.



2017 Holiday Schedule

December 10	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Christmas Party
December 12	6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Christmas Party
December 13	6:30 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program
December 14	6:00 p.m.	WIC Christmas Dinner in Gym
December 16	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
December 16	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open House
December 17	4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Music of Christmas
December 20	5:30 p.m.	Winter Grace Service/No Supper or Children's activities
December 21	4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Family Night in Laurel Park (Belhaven)
December 24		Regular Morning Worship Services & Sunday School
December 24	4:00 p.m.	Family Carols Service No Evening Worship Service
December 25		Church Offices Closed
December 25-29		Bookstore Closed
December 26		Church Offices Closed
December 27		No Wednesday Night Supper/Service
December 31		Regular Worship Services & Sunday School
January 1		Church Offices Closed
January 3		No Wednesday Night Supper/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.

EVENING WORSHIP — DECEMBER 3 & 10

We are drawn to rescue stories because we all have a desire for salvation. Sadly, we often seek it where there is none. But the Scriptures teach us that the most dramatic rescue happens when we're set free from our sins. Please join us December 3 and 10 at 6:00 p.m. as we consider the beginning of Matthew's Gospel and how Jesus came to set His people free. We hope you'll also invite a friend or neighbor to hear the gospel message, enjoy the singing of Christmas carols, and hear testimonies of rescue. Then, following the service, join us in Lowe Hall for a light meal and a time of Q&A.

DECEMBER CIRCLES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

CIRCLE 2: *Beth Keeler*

10:00 a.m. – home of Maury Ball
2438 Culleywood Road, Jackson

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. – home of Amanda Hohm
2945 Layfair Drive, #628 Bldg. 6,
Flowood

CIRCLE 4: *Bess Corbitt & 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 7: *Marcia Penn*

5:15 p.m. – Study Center 210

CIRCLE 8: *Janie Purvis & Jan Wade*

9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

CIRCLE 14: *Susan Turner & Georgia Miller*

12:00 noon – Patterson Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

CIRCLE 9: *Karen Crawford &*

Grace Toler

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of Patty Roper
717 White Oak Circle, Flowood

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham & Ruth Tant*

10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham
4005 Cabell Lane, Jackson

CIRCLE 13: *Elizabeth Fulcher*

6:00 p.m. – home of Elizabeth Fulcher
559 Brookstone Circle, Madison

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston & Janet Quayle*

10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine's, Marian Hall

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

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 M135MB
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 4:00 p.m. in MS
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:39 p.m. in choir loft
New Members Received — 5:00 p.m. in PH
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)
Q&A — 7:00 p.m. in Lowe Hall
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the Threadgill home (103 Nancy Pl., Ridgeland)

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
Students & Families Committee Meeting — 11:30 a.m. in YH105
Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in SC215
Missions First Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. SC 210 & 213

Tuesday

Men's "Truth at Dawn" Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting — 7:30 a.m. in SC 215
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in MB132
Young Adults & College Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in SC211A
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Christianity Explored — 6:00 p.m. in SC213A
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in LH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in SC211B
Junior High Dinner — 5:30 p.m. in YH or 6:00 p.m. at Lost Pizza
Children's Playtime — 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in Gym/Playground
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC210
Senior High Small Group Meetings — 6:30 p.m. in Y201 and Y202
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Brass Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary

Thursday

Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in SC210A

Friday

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in SC211

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...”

Center for Pregnancy Choices – CPC is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson and seeks to minister to women who are at risk for abortion, as well as to the needs of their unborn children. Email: cpcmetro@bellsouth.net
Website: www.mypregnancychoices.org

Bruce & Pam Sinclair – Serving as leader of the East African ministry training team with Mission to the World in Uganda. Email: bpsinclair@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Margaret Doster — November 26, 2017

FLOWERS

The poinsettia tree is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Johnson by Dr. and Mrs. J. Lee Owen, Sr.

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

The poinsettias on the pedestals in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Bettye Quinn in loving memory of Henry Thomas Ford, FPC Choir Director from 1970 until 1978.

STEWARDSHIP 2018

As we prepare for the 2018 budget year, it is important that each member of our congregation support the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church. We can plan to do more gospel ministry with your commitment. If you have not turned in your stewardship commitment card for 2018, you may place it in the offering plate during today's worship services. You may also pledge electronically by visiting our church app and clicking on "Giving," then "Pledge." To date, we have received 380 stewardship commitments for a total of \$3,953,708 and 41 Capital Projects & Improvements commitments for a total of \$63,862.

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

10th-12th graders are invited to join FPCYM January 12-15, 2018, at the Senior High Winter Retreat at Alpine Camp for Boys. Our Speaker this year is David Felker, Minister of Young Adults and College. The cost is \$215, but sign up by our Early Bird Deadline, December 11, and pay \$165. Sign up online or on the FPC Jackson app.

SPRING BREAK AT SEAGROVE

FPCYM is returning to Seagrove Beach, Florida, for Spring Break 2018! 9th through 12th graders are invited to join us March 13-17, 2018. The cost is \$150, but sign up by the Early Bird Deadline, December 11, and pay \$100 online or on the FPC Jackson app.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Ladies, please join us for our Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 14, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Gym. Our devotional speaker will be Kathryn Day. The meal will be catered by Bravo, and cost will be \$10 taken at the door. A gluten-sensitive meal option will be available upon request. To ensure your meal order is placed, please register by Monday, December 11, through the FPC App, on the website, or by contacting the church at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org. A nursery is available upon request at the time of registration.

COMMUNICANT CLASS 2018

Communicant classes, open to students 6th grade and above, will be held January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2018 beginning at 9:40 a.m. in Miller Hall. To register or for more information, please contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105.

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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

At FPC, we believe that family worship is important. Recognizing the time challenges of a busy week with work and school, we want to make it as easy as possible for you. So we hope you find this Family Worship Guide helpful and use it in your homes this week. Each week addresses a question from the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, with a daily scripture reference, key thought, and questions for family discussion. You can use this abbreviated version by simply taking this bulletin home with you today, or get the complete version emailed to you weekly by subscribing at <http://fpcj.ms/fam-devo>. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org. It is also available on the app under "Resources."

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 84: What doth every sin deserve?

Answer: Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

MONDAY

Scripture: Luke 6:41-43; James 2:8-11

Key Thought: Every sin separates man from God.

Questions:

- Why does this question follow the previous one in the Catechism?
- Why do we tend to minimize our sins by comparing them to others?
- What does the Bible teach us about so-called "small" sins?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Genesis 39:1-9; Psalm 51:1-4

Key Thought: Sin is an offense against God.

Questions:

- Is there any sin that is not a direct offense against God?
- How does the Bible emphasize sin's offense toward God?
- How does every act of sin deny God's attributes?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:15-47; Romans 1:20-32

Key Thought: Sin justly brings God's wrath and curse in this life.

Questions:

- Are there consequences for sin in this life?
- What are some of the evidences of God's wrath and curse upon sinners in this life?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Isaiah 33:10-14; Matthew 24:41-46

Key Thought: Sin brings God's wrath and curse eternally.

Questions:

- What becomes of those who fail to respond to God's judgments in this life by repentance and faith?
- How horrible will the eternal wrath of God be for those cast into hell?
- Is it unjust that sinners should suffer eternally for the sins of a few years? Explain.

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

Key Thought: Sin's cost demands to be taken seriously.

Questions:

- How should you respond to the fact that every sin offends God?
- How should you respond to the fact that God brings judgments on sin in this life?
- How should you respond to the fact that God punishes sin eternally?

Prayer