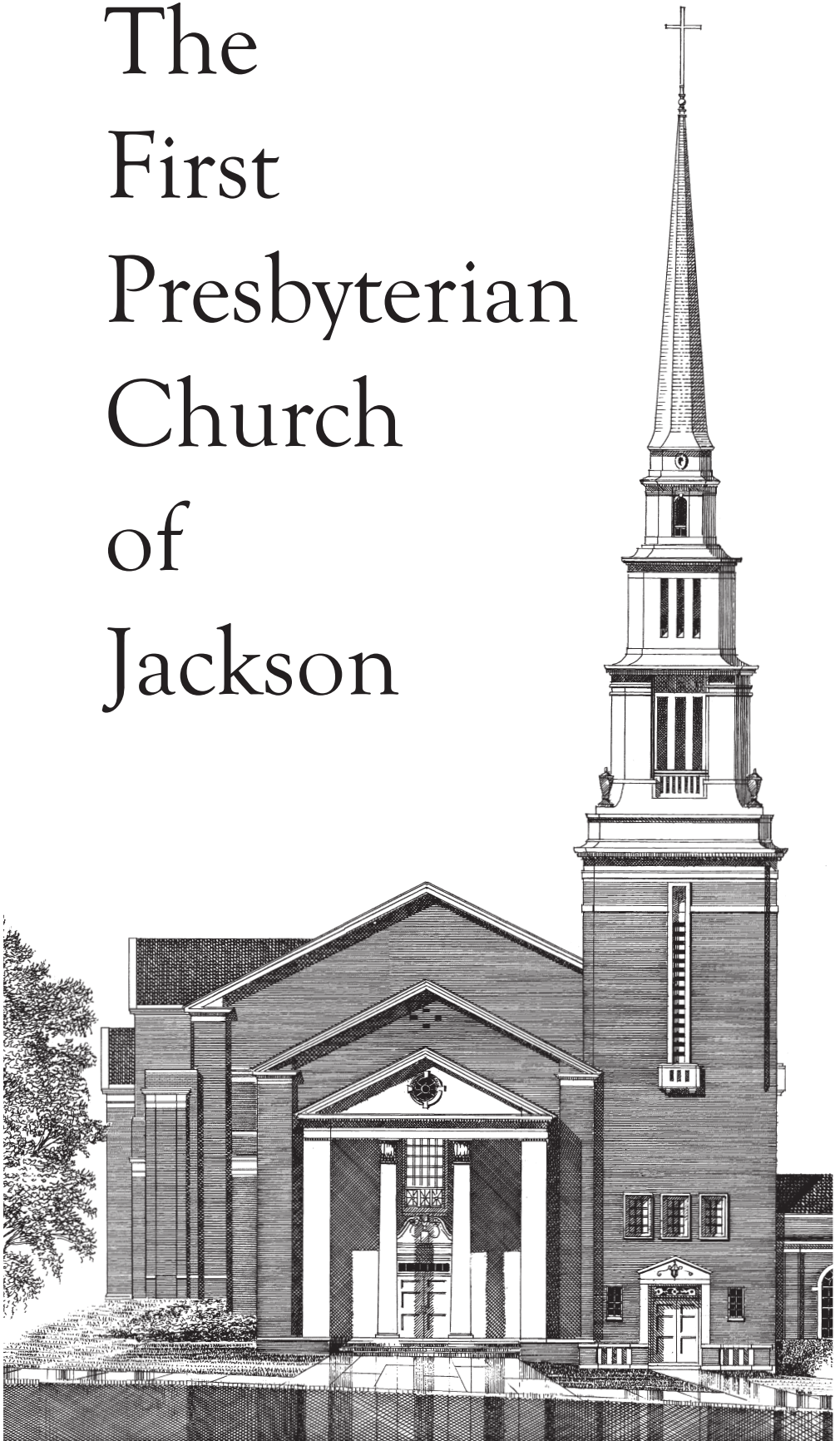


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Day of December, Two Thousand Sixteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach

*At the time of the Greetings and Announcements and during the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.*

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

**The Prelude** — "Improvisation on 'Greensleeves'" ..... W. Wymond

**The Introit** — "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" ..... French 18th C.

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 195** — "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡\* **The Doxology** (Tune: *Austria*)

"Glory be to God the Father; glory be to God the Son,  
Living, dying, risen, for us, Who the heavenly realm has won;  
Glory to the Holy Spirit: to One God in Persons Three:  
Glory both in earth and heaven, glory, endless glory be."

**The Scripture Reading** — Mark 12:1-12 (Pew Bible page 848)

**The Pastoral Prayer**

‡ **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** — Isaiah 7:1-17 (Pew Bible pages 571-572)

**The Sermon** — *Prepare Him Room: "Immanuel"* .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 140** — "O Word of God Incarnate"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Seven-Fold Amen" .....Peter Lutkin

**The Postlude** — "Musette" .....Jean Langlais

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

To All Our  
Visitors

We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have, please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We would love to meet you.

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhner — Minister of Discipleship  
The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Young Adults & College

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

**The Prelude** — “Canzona on ‘Blessed Jesus’” .....Richard Purvis

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Psalm No. 558** — “That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God” (From Psalm 1)

‡ **The Invocation**

‡\* **The Evening Hymn** — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” (See Guide)

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Bill Payne

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

**The Offertory** — “Fullness of Grace” .....Getty and Townend  
Genneysa Case, Soloist

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q146: What is hell? A: Hell is an awful place, where unbelievers are separated from God to suffer for their sins.

\*\* **The Meditation and Prayer** .....Mr. Jason Wegener, Congregational Care Intern

‡ **The Hymn No. 203 (Stz. 1,2)** — “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — James 2:8-13 (Pew Bible page 1012)

**The Sermon** — .....Dr. Fluhner  
*The Gospel for the Rest of Us: “Hope for Partial People”*

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, ‘Glory to the new-born King.’”

**The Postlude** — “Improvisation on ‘Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence’”

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‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed after the prayer




## 2016 Holiday Schedule

December 4	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Christmas Party
December 11	6:00 p.m.	All Children's Choirs Sing
December 13	6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Christmas Party
December 15	6:00 p.m.	WIC Christmas Dinner
December 17	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open House
December 18	5:00 p.m.	Music of Christmas
December 19	6:30 p.m.	College Christmas Party
December 21		No Wednesday Night Supper/Service
December 23		Church Offices Closed
December 24	4:00 p.m.	Family Carols Service
December 25	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Worship Service No Sunday School or Children's Church (a.m. or p.m.) No Evening Worship Service
December 26		Church Offices Closed
December 28		No Wednesday Night Supper/Service
January 1		Regular Worship Services & Sunday School
January 2		Church Offices Closed



# Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken


Words by Henry Lyte  
Music by Bill Moore



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,  
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me,  
3 Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me,  
4 Go, then, earth - ly fame and treas - ure,  
5 Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry,




All to leave and fol - low Thee.  
\* They have left my Sav - ior, too.  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Come dis - as - ter, scorn and pain  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.




Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en,  
Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me;  
\* Life with tri - als hard may press me;  
In Thy ser - vice, pain is pleas - ure,  
Heav'n's e - ter - nal days be - fore thee,




Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Thou art not, like them, un - true.  
\* Heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.  
With Thy fa - vor, loss is gain  
God's own hand shall guide us there.




Per - ish eve - ry fond am - bi - tion,  
O while Thou dost smile up - on me,  
\* Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
I have called Thee Ab - ba Fa - ther,  
Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion,



All I've sought or hoped or known.  
God of wis - dom, love, and might,  
\* While Thy love is left to me;  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days,



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion!  
Foes may hate and friends dis - own me,  
\* Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gath - er;  
Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,



God and heav'n are still my own.  
Show Thy face and all is bright.  
\* Were that joy un - mixed with Thee.  
All must work for good to me.  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016**

## Sunday

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 8:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**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)  
**Sunday School** — 9:40 a.m. in various locations  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Children's Church for 3- and 4-year-olds** — during 11:00 a.m.  
 worship service in M135  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 4:00 p.m. in MS  
**New Members Received** — 4:45p.m. in PH  
**Student Choir Rehearsal** — 5:00 p.m. in MS  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Senior High Christmas Party** — 7:30 p.m. at the Hurst home  
 (2210 Culleywood Rd.)

## Monday

**Executive Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in MH  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

## Tuesday

**"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in MH  
**Sew & Sow** — 9:00 a.m. in SC211  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Twin Lakes Board Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Management Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC 215  
**Internationals Class** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## Wednesday

**Strategic Planning Committee Meeting** — 7:00 a.m. in MH  
**Men's Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in WH202  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 9:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**Children's Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground  
**Junior High D Groups** — 5:45 p.m. in YH  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Children's Choirs** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Adult D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**FPC Brass Rehearsal** — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Men's Basketball** — 8:00 p.m. in Gym

## Thursday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Mission Conference Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH204

## Friday

No Scheduled Activities

## Saturday

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

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...”*

**Jeff and Mary Baldwin** – Serving as the director and a seminary professor with Greater Europe Mission (GEM) in Athens, Greece. Email: [jeffrey.baldwin@gemission.org](mailto:jeffrey.baldwin@gemission.org)

**Mustard Seed** – The Mustard Seed is a Christian organization which seeks to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities. Email: [del@mustardseedinc.org](mailto:del@mustardseedinc.org)

### FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Bonnie Blue Dulaney and Gary Thomas Hodge, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Claiborne Ethridge and Mr. Charles Robert Dulaney, Sr., grandparents of the bride.

The flowers in the Greeting Courtyard are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Homer Lee Howie by his wife, Diana, and their family, in remembrance of his birthday today.

### STEWARDSHIP 2017

As we prepare for the 2017 budget year, it is important that each member of the congregation supports the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not turned in your stewardship commitment card for 2017, you may place it in the offering plate during this Sunday's worship services. Cards are available in the sanctuary pews and in the tract racks throughout the church. To date, we have received 304 Stewardship Commitment cards for a total of \$3,374,968 and 30 Debt Retirement cards for a total of \$47,477.

### SENIOR HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Senior High students, join us for our Christmas party tonight at the home of the Hursts (2210 Culleywood Rd.) during our normal Insight time. Bring a wrapped \$5 gift for a game of "White Elephant" gift exchange. We hope to see you there!

### SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

The Senior High Winter Retreat 2017 will be held January 13-16, at Alpine Camp for Boys in Mentone, AL. Our speaker this year is David Felker, FPC Minister of Young Adults, who will be speaking on the topic **Cultivate: Growing in Faith**. The cost is \$200, but sign up by our **Early Bird Deadline, December 12**, and pay \$140. Register online at [www.fpcjackson.org/youth](http://www.fpcjackson.org/youth).

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER – “HOW GREAT OUR JOY”

The Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 15. Appetizers and fellowship will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the dinner and program will be from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Laura Martin Wofford will be the devotional speaker. Nursery is available upon request at the time of registration. To register, please call the church at 601-353-8316 or email [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org). The deadline to register is Monday, December 12.

### Q & A DECEMBER 14

Join us on Wednesday, December 14, in Miller Hall at 6:30 p.m. for a special time of Questions & Answers with Senior Minister, David Strain. Submit your questions to [questions@fpcjackson.org](mailto:questions@fpcjackson.org) or call the receptionist at 601-353-8316 no later than noon on Tuesday, December 13. Please note that neither the adult D Groups nor the Prayer Meeting will meet that evening.

### YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

If you are planning to donate stock to First Presbyterian Church before the end of the year 2016, please notify Cliff Ford in the Business Office at 601-973-9107. In order for year-end church contributions to be deducted on your 2016 tax return, they must be received at First Presbyterian Church on or before December 31, 2016. The Business Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and you may give online until midnight, December 31, 2016. If you mail your contribution, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2016. 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, 2016. All gifts received or postmarked after December 31, 2016, will apply to your 2017 Contribution Statement.

### 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, monthly 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, every month a group of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction 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.

### CONNECT WITH FPC ONLINE

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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 [fpcj.ms/fam-devo](mailto:fpcj.ms/fam-devo). Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

### **Question 27 : How was Christ humiliated?**

**Answer:** Christ was humiliated: by being born as a man and born into a poor family; by being made subject to the law and suffering the miseries of this life, the anger of God, and the curse of death on the cross; and by being buried and remaining under the power of death for a time.

## MONDAY

**Scripture:** Read Luke 2:1-7

**Key Thought:** The humiliation of Christ is seen in His physical birth.

### **Questions:**

- What is meant by the word "humiliation"?
- What were the outward circumstances of the birth of Jesus?
- Can you see the humiliation of Christ in His physical birth?
- Why did He humble Himself in this way?

**Prayer**

## TUESDAY

**Scripture:** Read Galatians 4:1-7; Hebrews 5:8; John 19:28-30

**Key Thought:** The humiliation of Christ is seen in His human nature.

### **Questions:**

- What does it mean to say that Jesus was born "under the law"?
- What does it mean to say that Jesus "learned obedience"?
- Can you see the humiliation of Christ in these things?
- Why did He humble Himself in this way?

**Prayer**

## WEDNESDAY

**Scripture:** Read Hebrews 12:1-3; Isaiah 53:1-6

**Key Thought:** The humiliation of Christ is seen in His sufferings.

### **Questions:**

- What are the "miseries of this life"?
- As the eternal Son of God, did Jesus feel pain, hunger, thirst, weariness, or sadness?
- When He became man, did He experience these things? What examples of each can you think of?
- Can you see the humiliation of Christ in His sufferings? Why did He humble Himself in this way?

**Prayer**

## THURSDAY

**Scripture:** Read Philippians 2:1-8; Galatians 3:13; Psalm 22:1-19

**Key Thought:** The humiliation of Christ is seen in the cross.

### **Questions:**

- Was death by crucifixion an especially shameful way to die?
- What made Christ's crucifixion even more terrible?
- Can you see the humiliation of Christ in the cross?

**Prayer**

## FRIDAY

**Scripture:** Read Isaiah 53:8-9; John 19:31-42; Acts 2:24-31

**Key Thought:** The humiliation of Christ is seen in His death.

### **Questions:**

- What did they do with the body of Christ after He died?
- What happened to His spirit?
- What is meant by "continuing under the power of death for a time"?
- How do His death and burial show His humiliation?

**Prayer**