

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourteenth Day of February, Two Thousand Sixteen  
MORNING WORSHIP  
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock  
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain  
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III  
Minister of Pastoral Care

*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 and 10:55 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — “Chiquilin de Bachin” ..... Astor Piazzolla  
John Sinclair and Nancy Bateman, Cellos: Connie Wadsworth, Organ

**The Introit** — “Who Is On the Lord’s Side” .....Caradog Roberts

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 100** — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡\* **The Doxology**

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

**The Scripture Reading** — Mark 2:18-28 (Pew Bible pages 837-838)

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn** — “Facing a Task Unfinished” (See Morning Guide)

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

**The Offertory** — “Come, Labor On” .....John Ferguson

“Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say ‘Go work today.’  
Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share:  
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly, the night draws nigh.  
Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here;  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God’s will, God’s righteous will.  
Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky.  
Till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie,  
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun: ‘Well done!’”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Exodus 20:1-17 (Pew Bible page 61)

**The Sermon** — “God Reigns: O Day of Rest and Gladness” .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 393** — “Come, Let Us Join with One Accord”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Darwall’s Amen” ..... W. Wymond

**The Postlude** — “Sonata in C” (K420)..... D. Scarlatti

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — **The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer**  
Minister of Discipleship  
Assisting — **Mr. Andrew W. Triolo**  
Director of Students and Families

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

**The Prelude** — “Largo” (Xerxes) ..... G. F. Handel  
The FPC String Ensemble

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 32** — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn** — “In Christ Alone” (See Evening Guide)

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Ken Fairly

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

**The Offertory** — “Aria” (Rinaldo) ..... G. F. Handel

**The Young Children's Devotional**

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

*The Children's Catechism*

Q 54. What is meant by the atonement? A: Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 358 (Stz. 1-5)** — “For All the Saints”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
(Pew Bible page 987)

**The Sermon** — “How Jesus's Return Helps Our Grief” .....Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!”

**The Postlude** — “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” ..... G. F. Handel  
William Wymond, Organ

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‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed after the prayer

**To All Our  
Visitors**

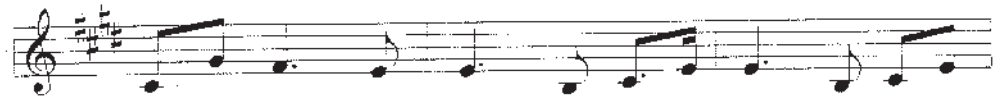
We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have, please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the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

# "In Christ Alone"

Getty and Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



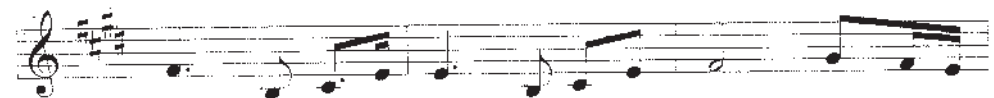
light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less Babel! This gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of  
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the  
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease! My com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the  
fied, For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the  
me; for I am His and he is mine, bought with the  
hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand.  
death of Christ I live.  
pre - cious blood of Christ.  
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

# Facing a Task Unfinished



1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished That drives us to our knees
2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee Hold their un - hin - dered sway
3. We bear the torch that flam - ing Fell from the hands of those
4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them O Spir - it who in - spired



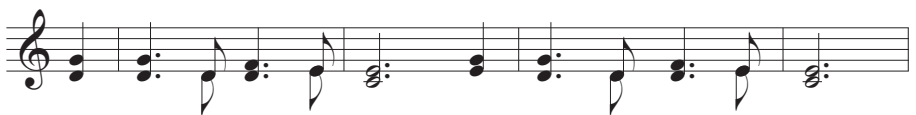
A need that, un - di - min - ished Re - bukes our sloth - ful ease  
Where forc - es that de - fied Thee De - fy Thee still to - day  
Who gave their lives pro - claim - ing That Je - sus died and rose.  
Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them To toil with zeal un - tired



We, who re - joice to know Thee Re - new be - fore Thy throne  
With none to heed their cry - ing For life, and love, and light  
Ours is the same com - mis - sion The same glad mes - sage ours  
From cow - ard - ice de - fend us From leth - ar - gy a - wake!



The sol - emn pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known.  
Un - num - bered souls are dy - ing And pass in - to the night.  
Fired by the same am - bi - tion To Thee we yield our pow'r's.  
Forth on Thine er - rands send us To la - bour for Thy sake.



We go to all the world With king - dom hope un - furled



No oth - er name has pow'r to save But Je - sus Christ The Lord.

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 14, 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  
**Student Choir Rehearsal** — 4:40 p.m. in the Music Suite  
**Prayer for Mission Conference** — 5:15 p.m. in the Church Parlor  
**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 Insight** — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Thigpens  
 (1615 Sheffield Drive)

## Monday

**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

## Tuesday

**"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in MH  
**Crafts for Missions** — 9:00 a.m. in SC211  
**Students & Families Committee Meeting** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m.  
 in SC210  
**Shepherding Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215  
**Internationals Class** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## Wednesday

**MOMS Bible Study** — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC  
**Men's Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in WH202  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Parents' Prayer Lunch** — 12:00 p.m. in YH  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**Twin Lakes Fellowship Committee Meeting** — 5:00 p.m.  
 in SC211B  
**College Dinner & Discussion** — 5:30 p.m. in WH204A  
**Christianity Explored** — 5:30 p.m. in WH202  
**Children's Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the  
 Gym/Playground  
**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Children's Choirs** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Junior High D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in YH  
**D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**Young Adults Men's Basketball** — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

## Thursday

**"The Envy of Eve: Pursuit of Contentment" Bible Study** —  
 9:30 a.m. in PH  
**"Son of God: the Gospel of Matthew" Bible Study** —  
 9:45 a.m. in MH  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**D Group Leader Training** — 11:30 a.m. in MH  
**MTW Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH

## Friday

**VBS Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in PH

## 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....” **Palmer and Joanna Robertson** – Palmer Robertson serves as the Vice Chancellor of African Bible University in Kampala, Uganda. Email: opalmerrobertson@gmail.com. **Mission First** – Mission First is an inner-city mission organization which seeks to meet the tangible needs of individuals as an avenue to engage their paramount spiritual needs. Email: lthigpen@missionfirst.org

## PRAYER FOR THE MISSION CONFERENCE

Please join us for a time of prayer for the upcoming Mission Conference beginning this evening in the Parlor at 5:15 p.m. and continuing each Sunday evening until February 28.

## D GROUP TRAINING LUNCHEON

All D Group Leaders are invited to attend a training luncheon this Thursday, February 18, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Dr. Gabe Fluhrer will teach on the topic, “Practical Steps to Becoming a Better D Group Leader.” The cost is \$6. Contact Lisa Repair at lisar@fpcjackson.org or 601-326-9243 for more information.

## RUF SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 28

All are invited to an RUF Alumni Reception immediately following the evening service in Lowe Hall.

## 2016 MISSION CONFERENCE — MARCH 2-6

Please join us for our annual mission conference with Dave & Jan, Bo & Marty Bowen, Daniel & Katy Brink, Bassam Chedid (*Children of Abraham*), Dale & Susan Ellison, Rick & Jen Holbert (*CMDA*), Coby McGinty, Clarke & Krystya Norton, Kyle Parker, Josh & Gina Rieger, and Michael & Roxanne Winebrenner. **We are in need of hosts to provide housing and meals for our missionaries!** If interested, please contact Beth Archer 601-668-2581 or missbetharcher@yahoo.com.

## PARENTS' PRAYER LUNCH

Parents, we would love for you to come join the Student Ministry staff in prayer and supplication for the students and families of our church, as well as for our spring events and activities on Wednesday, February 17, at 12:00 noon. Lunch is provided, so please RSVP by emailing Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

## MEN'S WEEKLY EMAIL DEVOTIONALS

Men, start each week off with God's Word in your inbox with our new “Monday Morning Quarterback” devotionals. Each Monday, you'll receive an emailed devotional from Dr. Gabe Fluhrer. To sign up, go to <http://fpcj.ms/mendevo>.

## FPC YOUNG ADULTS GIRLS' RETREAT

Young Adults Girls are invited to a retreat Friday evening March 4 through Saturday afternoon March 5, at Twin Lakes. The theme is **Faithfulness in the Mundane** with speaker, Casey Cockrum. The cost is \$45, but you may register by the early bird deadline (February 15) and pay \$35. The deadline to register is February 22. For more information, contact Anna Woodyard at annaw@fpcjackson.org. To register, visit [www.fpcjackson.org/young-adults](http://www.fpcjackson.org/young-adults).

## 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.

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# RUF SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2016

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.** — Morning Worship: Jason Sterling, preaching

**12:00 noon** — 11th and 12th Grade Parents & Students Lunch

**12:45 p.m.** — Parents & Students Panel Discussion:

*Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about RUF but Were Afraid to Ask*

- Community
- Loneliness/Depression/Anxiety
- Social Pressures
- Worldviews & Priorities

**1:45 p.m.** — Questions and Answers

**6:00 p.m.** — Evening Worship: Les Newsom, preaching

**7:00 p.m.** — RUF Alumni Reception

11th and 12th grade students and parents are invited to join the campus ministers for lunch. There will be panels for parents and students covering *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about RUF but Were Afraid to Ask* as well as a time for questions and answers. Meet in the Gym following the 11:00 a.m. service.

All are invited to an RUF Alumni Reception immediately following the evening service in Lowe Hall.

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# MISSION CONFERENCE MARCH 2-6, 2016

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 2**

**12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.** — Mission Committee's Welcome Luncheon (MH)

**6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** — Worship Service - Ian Hamilton preaching (Sanctuary)

**6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** — Children's Mission Time

- a. 4-year-old – 2nd grade — Rieger (Company room)
- b. 3rd grade – 6th grade — Ellison (Patterson)

**Thursday, March 3**

**11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** — Ladies' Mission Luncheon (Panel Discussion)

**Friday, March 4**

**11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** — Men's Mission Luncheon/Men of the Covenant (Joe Bynum)

**Sunday, March 6**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.** — Morning Worship - Dan Iverson preaching

**9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** — Sunday School Breakout Sessions

**4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.** — Dinner on the Grounds (Gym)

**6:30 p.m.** — Evening Worship - Dan Iverson preaching

**Dinner on the Grounds & Gateway Canned Food Drive**

**Sunday, March 6, 4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.**

On Sunday evening we will gather in the gym at 4:45 p.m. for Dinner on the Grounds. Meat and bread will be provided, and we ask that you bring a dish to feed 6-8 people according to the assignment of your last name.

**A – F: Desserts; G – P: Vegetables; Q – Z: Salad**

Nursery will be provided. The Worship Service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Please be sure to bring your canned goods for the Gateway Food Drive!**