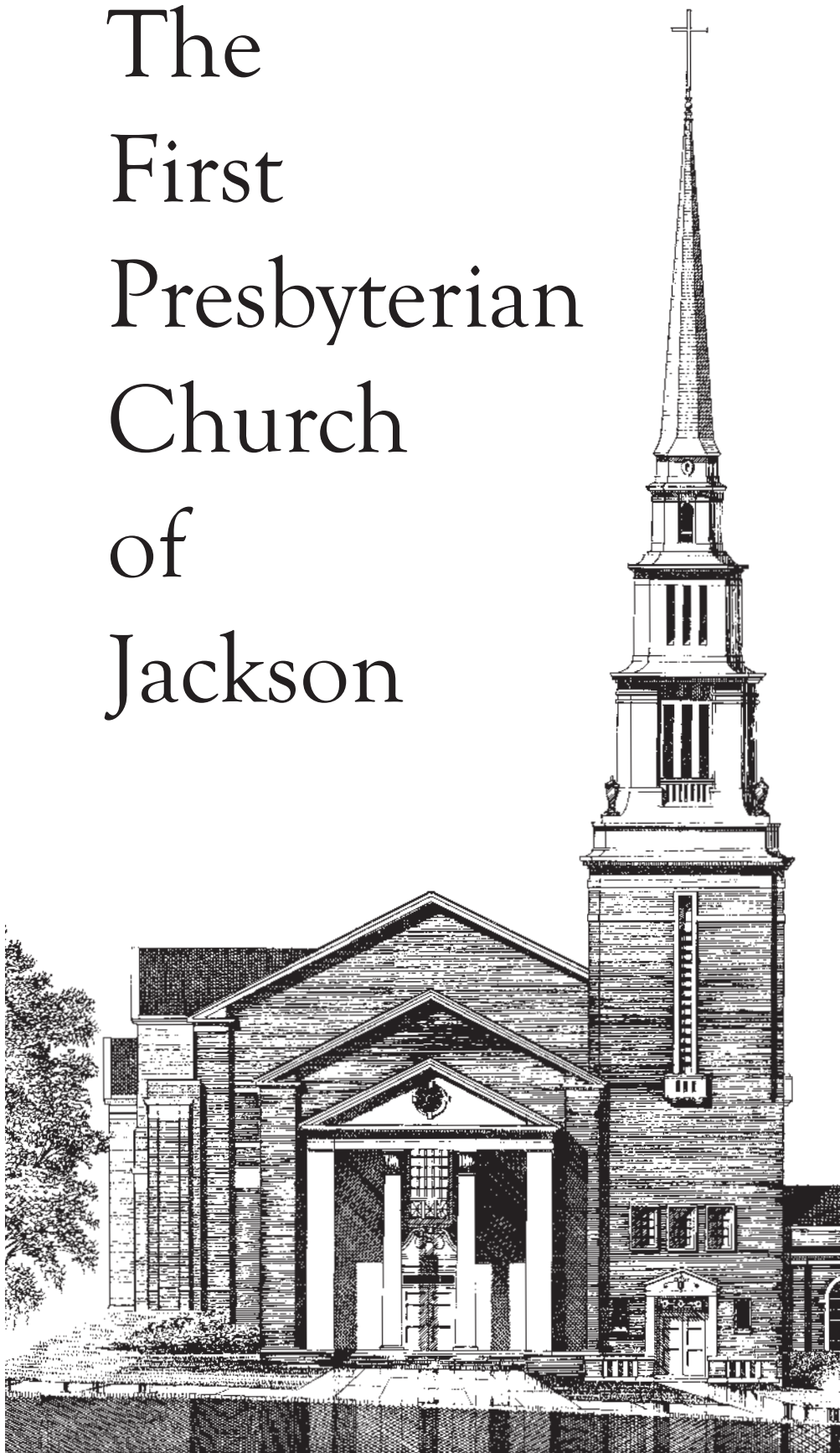


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Day of February, Two Thousand Seventeen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — Minister of Discipleship

*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** — “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” .....Paul Manz  
Sheila Hess, Guest Organist

**The Introit** — “Glory Be to God in the Highest!” .....W. Wymond

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 3** — “Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡\* **The Doxology**

“All people that on Earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell,  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.”

**The Scripture Reading** — Mark 13:28-37 (Pew Bible page 850)

**The Pastoral Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 676** — “Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment”

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

**The Offertory** — “I'm Bound for the Promised Land” ..... Arr. Mack Wilberg  
With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

“On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,  
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.  
There gen'rous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow;  
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow.  
I am bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the promised land,  
O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound for the promised land . . .

O the transporting rapt'rous scene that rises to my sight,  
Sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight.  
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest?  
I am bound for the promised land . . .”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (Pew Bible page 952)

**The Sermon** — *Rewire*: “Consider Your Calling” .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 343** — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “I'm Bound for the Promised Land” .....Mack Wilberg

**The Postlude** — “O God Our Help in Ages Past” ..... Charles Callahan

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — Minister of Discipleship  
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

**The Prelude** — “Be Thou My Vision” .....arr. By J. Hunt  
The FPC Brass

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn No. 616** — “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡\* **The Evening Hymn** — “Come Ye Sinners” (See Guide)

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Bob Cunningham

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

**The Offertory** — “Bwana Asifiwe” ..... Traditional Swahili Hymn  
(Swahili for “Praise to the Lord”)  
The Student Choir, Maleesa Brenchley, Piano

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q6: Is there more than one true God? A: No. There is only one true God.

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

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 465 (Stzs. 1-2)** —

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — James 4:6-10 (Pew Bible page 1013)

**The Sermon** — *The Gospel for the Rest of Us: “Amazing Grace!”* ..... Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?

Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today.

Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;

grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.”

**The Postlude** — “Sing to the Lord of the Harvest” .....Bach  
The FPC Brass

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡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.

# Come Ye Sinners



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and wretch-ed,
2. Come, ye need - y, come and wel - come,
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav-y lad - en,
4. Let not con-science make you lin - ger,
5. Lo! th' in-car - nate God, as - cend - ed,



Weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;  
 God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;  
 Bruised and bro - ken by the fall;  
 Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;  
 Pleads the mer - it of his blood;



Je - sus read-y stands to save you,  
 True be - lief and true re - pent - ance,  
 If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
 All the fit - ness he re - quir - eth  
 Ven-ture on him, ven - ture whol - ly,



Full of pit - y joined with pow'r:  
 Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh,  
 You will nev - er come at all:  
 Is to feel your need of him;  
 Let no oth - er trust in - trude:



He is a - ble,	He is a - ble,
With-out mon-ey,	With-out mon-ey,
Not the right-eous,	Not the right-eous,
This he gives you,	This he gives you,
None but Je - sus,	None but Je - sus,



He is will - ing; doubt no more.  
 Come to Je - sus Christ and buy.  
 Sin - ners Je - sus came to call.  
 'Tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.  
 Can do help - less sin - ners good.

Words by Joseph Hart

Music by Matthew Smith

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# The Gospel & Sexuality

with Dr. Rosaria Butterfield  
Guest Speaker

Friday, February 10  
6:30 pm

Among the many challenges facing the church in our generation, possibly the most urgent is widespread confusion regarding questions of sexual orientation. One of the clearest voices articulating a Biblical perspective on these issues belongs to Dr. Rosaria Butterfield.

All are invited to attend a special event on Friday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m., entitled, **The Gospel & Sexuality** with Dr. Butterfield. She will share her remarkable story of conversion to faith in Christ and offer valuable insights for those wrestling with these issues. The event is free and open to the public. A limited nursery will be available by request for children ages 4 and under (To reserve nursery, please contact the church office at 601-353-8316 by February 9.). Please join us for what we pray will be an encouraging and helpful evening.



## Dr. Rosaria Butterfield

She was once a tenured professor of English who identified as a lesbian and worked to advance the cause of LGBT equality. After her conversion to Christ in 1999, she came to see the sinfulness of having any identity apart from Him. Rosaria is married to Kent Butterfield, pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Durham, and is a home-school mother, pastor's wife, author, and speaker. She is helping Christians to better

understand their LGBT neighbors and loved ones so that we can lovingly look past labels of sexual identity and share the gospel effectively. In 2012, she published her conversion memoir, **The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: An English Professor's Journey to Christian Faith**. Her second book, **Openness Unhindered: Further Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert on Sexual Identity and Union with Christ** was published in 2015. She writes about sexuality, identity, Christian community, and seeks to encourage all in faithful Christian living and service.



# FPC THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

### 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  
**Communicant Class** — 9:40 a.m. in MH  
**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 MS  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Mission Conference Prayer Time** — 5:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Graves  
 (204 Morningside S in Ridgeland)

### Monday

**WIC Council Meeting** — 9:30 a.m. in PH  
**Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in MH  
**Worship Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon 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.  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Management 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  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 9:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Men's Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in WH202  
**Insight Team Meeting** — 11:30 a.m. in the YH  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**College Dinner & Discussion** — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A  
**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  
**Working Women's "Soul Songs" Bible Study** — 6:30 p.m. in  
 WH202  
**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 the Gym

### Thursday

**Ladies 1, 2, 3 John Bible Study** — 9:30 a.m. in PH  
**Ladies "Prophets" Bible Study** — 9:45 a.m. in MH  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**1, 2, 3 John Ministry Team Meeting** — 11:15 a.m. in MH  
**Mission Conference Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Open Gym/Youth** — 6:30 p.m. in the Gym

### Friday

**Rosaria Butterfield "The Gospel & Sexuality"** — 6:30 p.m.  
 in the Sanctuary

### 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....”*

**Rick & Terri Herr** – Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators as international field systems customer relations and instructor in the Internationals Communications Course. Email: rick-terri\_herr@sil.org

**Young Life of Jackson** – Young Life seeks to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. This ministry is supported by FPC through Mission to Jackson. Email: nenon@att.net

## EVENING COMMUNION — FEBRUARY 19

Please note that we will observe Communion in the evening worship service on February 19.

## 2017 MISSION CONFERENCE — SAVE THE DATE

**February 26 – March 5, 2017**

The Session has adopted a new strategic plan for foreign missions and is eager to share it with you at the 2017 Mission Conference. Scott Moore, Senior Minister at Trinity Family in Mobile, AL, will preach Sunday February 26. John Leonard, author of *Get Real: Sharing Your Everyday Faith Every Day*, will preach Sunday, March 5. Please join us for a time of prayer for the upcoming Mission Conference in the Parlor at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday evening until February 26, 2016. **If you are interested in hosting any of our missionaries for a meal, or providing housing, please contact Beth Archer 601-668-2581 or missbetharcher@yahoo.com.**

## GET REAL: EVANGELISM TRAINING SEMINAR

**Sharing Your Everyday Faith Every Day**

**Saturday, March 4, 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.**

Join us on Saturday morning, March 4, as John Leonard, Mission Conference keynote speaker and former missionary to Muslims in Paris, gives practical training on loving people toward Jesus and introducing them to faith in Christ. A light breakfast will be served. **To request childcare (through age 4), please contact the receptionist at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.**

## BROADCAST MINISTRY — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The church is looking for volunteers interested in participating in the Broadcast Ministry. We need volunteers to assist in the broadcast of our services on television and livestream on Sunday. Experience is welcomed but not required, and training will be provided. Work will include the operations of video and audio equipment during the 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., or 6 p.m. worship hours on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Trey Porter at tvroom@fpcjackson.org or 601-213-7449.

## 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.

## HEARING ASSISTANCE

Several members of our congregation have benefitted from the hearing devices that are available during our worship services. These devices transmit the sound from the pulpit directly into a small and unobtrusive ear piece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Cliff Ford in the church office: 601-353-8316.

## 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 36:** *What benefits in this life go with or come from justification, adoption, and sanctification?*

**Answer:** The benefits that in this life go with or come from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are: the assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, and growing and persevering in grace to the end of our lives.

## **MONDAY**

**Scripture:** Read Romans 5:1-5; Isaiah 32:17

**Key Thought:** Believers can be assured of God's love.

### **Questions:**

- What are the three main benefits that those who are effectually called partake of in this life?
- What benefits does Romans 5:1-5 list as flowing from justification?
- What is meant by "assurance of God's love"?
- Do all believers, at all times, have assurance of God's love? Why?

**Prayer**

## **TUESDAY**

**Scripture:** Read Romans 2:14-15; Hebrews 9:11-14; 10:14-23

**Key Thought:** Believers can have peace of conscience.

### **Questions:**

- Can a person have true peace apart from Christ?
- What is wrong with the conscience of Adam's descendants?
- What must happen for our conscience to be at peace?

**Prayer**

## **WEDNESDAY**

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

**Key Thought:** Believers can have joy in the Holy Spirit.

### **Questions:**

- How is "joy in the Holy Spirit" different from worldly joy?
- Where does a believer find his greatest joy? (see Ps. 43:4)
- What kinds of things take away our joy?

**Prayer**

## **THURSDAY**

**Scripture:** Read Proverbs 4:18; 2 Peter 3:14-18; Matthew 13:18-23

**Key Thought:** Believers can have increase of grace.

### **Questions:**

- What kinds of things interfere with the growth of grace?
- What signs of growth in grace should we look for in our lives?
- What means does God use to cause us to grow in grace?
- Is growth in grace automatic for the Christian? If not, how does it happen?

**Prayer**

## **FRIDAY**

**Scripture:** Read 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Key Thought:** Believers will persevere in grace unto the end.

### **Questions:**

- Does our salvation depend upon anything that we do?
- Can we do anything to lose our salvation?
- What does Peter mean when he says we are "kept by the power of God through faith for salvation"? How does He keep us?

**Prayer**