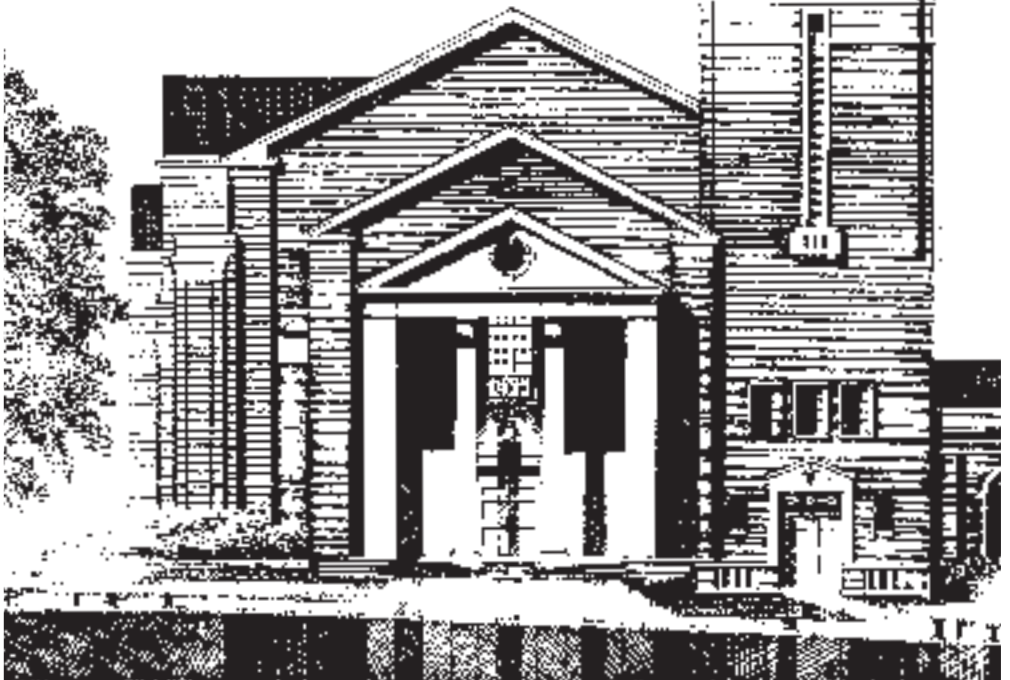


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of February, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Minister of Young Adults

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 (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

The Prelude — “My Jesus, I Love Thee”Herbert Colvin
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — “Rise Up! Arise!” (St. Paul)..... Felix Mendelssohn

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 4** — “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Apostles’ Creed** (See Back Panel)

‡* **The Doxology** — “Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavn’ly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

The Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 11:1-18 (Pew Bible pages 406-407)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Psalm No. 87** — “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (Psalm 23)

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Sing Praise to Christ” J. S. Bach/Adolf Strube
“Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, sing praises. Alleluia!
Sing praise to Christ, our risen Savior and King!
Adore Him forever and worship His name.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 14:15-31 (Pew Bible page 56)

The Sermon — “God Rescues: A Way Through ”Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 38** — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Choral Response — “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” . W. Wymond

The Postlude — “Sonata in C”Alessandro Scarlatti

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman

Minister-elect of Mission and Outreach

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley

Executive Minister

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.)

The Prelude — “Gabriel’s Oboe” Ennio Morricone
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — “Oh, Shout for Joy” (The New Hundredth)....Getty/Barra/Fettke
The First Presbyterian and First Baptist Student Choirs

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 164 — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 642 — “Be Thou My Vision”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Mark Windham

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Open Up the Heavens” Andrews/Garrard
Eva Hart, Director

“We’ve waited for this day, we’re gathered in Your name calling out to You.

Your glory like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with truth.

You’re the reason we’re here. You’re the reason we’re singing.

Open up the heavens! We want to see You! Open up the floodgates,

a mighty river flowing from Your heart, filling every part of our praise!

Your presence in the place, Your glory on our face; we’re looking to the sky.

Descending like a cloud, You’re standing with us now, Lord, unveil our eyes.

You’re the reason we’re here. Open up the heavens. Show us Your glory, Lord!”

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 76 (Stz. 1) — “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

The Children’s Catechism No. 47

Q. “How did the Son of God suffer?”

A. “By becoming human and making atonement for our sins..”

The Scripture — Proverbs 16:6; John 18:37-38; Philippians 2:7-8; Hebrews 9:22

The Meditation Greg Meyer, Student Ministry Assistant

The Prayer.....(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn — “O Church, Arise”** (See Evening Guide)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (Pew Bible page 966)

The Sermon — “Persuaded by the Gospel”Dr. Hartman

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response No. 701 (Stz. 3) — “Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

“I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long;

I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.

Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;

Redeemed, redeemed thro’ His infinite mercy, His child, and forever I am.”

The Postlude — “Postlude in the Dorian Mode”Flor Peeters

*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.

O Church, Arise



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your
2. Our call to war, to love the
3. Come see the cross, where love and
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in



ar - mor on, hear the call of Christ our Cap -
cap - tive soul, but rage a - gainst the cap -
mer - cy meet, As the Son of God is strick -
ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry lun -



tain. For now the weak can say that
for, and with the sword that makes the
en: Then see His foes he crushed be -
die, that we may run with faith to



they are strong, in the strength that God has giv -
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
neath His feet, For the Con - quer - or has ris -
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith -



on. With shield of faith and belt of
on. When fenced with truth on ev - 'ry
en: And as the stone as rolled a -
ful. As saints of old still line the



truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
side, we know the out - come is se -
way, and Christ e - mer - ges from the
way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His



lies; an ar - ray bold, whose bat - tle -
cure, and Christ will have the prize for
grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
peace, we bear their calls, and hun - ger



cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness,
which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions,
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him,
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

This Lord's Day morning we lift our voices with this great Lutheran song of praise which provided the title for Paul Settle's book on the history of the PCA "To God All Praise and Glory"—expressing the reformational sentiment of soli Deo gloria. The hymn's German lyrics were translated by the Englishwoman Frances Elizabeth Cox of Oxford, England. Martin Luther himself wrote an alternative tune to this text. The hymn moves, phrase by phrase, supplying the Christian with reasons to praise God. Contemplate them as you sing this exuberant tune, and give God all praise and glory!

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

We move from our morning prayer into a hymn based on the twenty-third Psalm, probably the best known Psalm in the entire Psalter. It depicts for us four great scenes of life: green-pastures where everything seems to be going wonderfully well and God is our Shepherd; the valley of the shadow of death in which God's presence reassures; in the presence of enemies where a table is furnished with everything that we need; and the house of God where the believer rests in eternal peace and assurance of a love that will not let him go.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

For our song of Response we turn to this beloved hymn that is based, in part, on 1 Timothy 1:17 ("Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.") and Psalm 104:2 ("He [God] wraps himself in light as with a garment....").

February Circles

MONDAY, February 9, 2015

Circle 2: *Fair Hurst*

10:00 a.m. - home of Beth Crasto
4030 Dogwood Drive, Jackson

Circle 3: *Tot Bailey and Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. - home of Alice Reilly
4815 Northampton Drive

Circle 4: *Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. - Church Parlor

Circle 5: *Laura Blaylock and Bess Corbitt*

9:45 a.m. - Church Library

Circle 6: *Fran Askew*

6:00 p.m. - Fellowship
6:30 p.m. - Meeting: home of
Beth Archer
2257 East Northside Drive

Circle 7: *Marian Ware*

5:30 p.m. (dinner) - Miller Hall

Circle 8: *Janet Davis*

9:30 a.m. - the Orchard

Circle 14: *Marty May and Susan Turner*

12:00 noon - Miller Hall (brown bag)

TUESDAY, February 10, 2015

Circle 9: *Gayle Poole and Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. - Church Parlor

Circle 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. - home of Emily Dear
142 Green Glades, Ridgeland

Circle 11: *Frenchie Graham and*

Ruth Tant

10:30 a.m. - home of Frenchie Graham
4005 Cabell Lane

Circle 12: *Nina Johnston and*

Rachel Bonner

10:00 a.m. - St. Catherine's Village

Circle 13: *Karen Crawford*

12:00 noon - Miller Hall (please call
Karen at 601-668-5299 to
reserve lunch)

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 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. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)
Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations
College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
WIC Leadership Committee Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor
The Student Choir — 4:40 p.m. in MS
Prayer for the Mission Conference — 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Meenas
 (4764 E. Massena Drive)

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS
Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in SR/PH

Tuesday

Men's "Truth at Dawn" Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
Crafts for Missions — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
Scout Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Congregational Care Subcommittee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC

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.
WIC Leadership Committee Meeting — 11:00 a.m. in SC210
MTJ Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/
 Company Room
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on the 1st Floor SC
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC & WH
Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in Scout Room/Gym
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH

Thursday

"12 Extraordinary Women" Ladies Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in SC
Genesis Ladies Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in PH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MTW Committee Meeting — 1:00 p.m. in MH

Friday

Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211A/B

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..." **Clay & Darlene Quarterman** - Serving in church planting and education with Mission to the World in Ukraine. US Mailing address: 1163 Winnrose St., Jackson, MS 39211. Email: cqmission@yahoo.com. **Sarah Grafton** - Working with international students in the Jackson area through First Presbyterian Church and other area churches. Mailing address: 56 Northgate Dr. Laurel, MS 39440. Email: shgrifton@bellsouth.net.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Tom A. Harris — January 28, 2015

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roberta (Bert) and George Feild by their children, Barbara Linn, Candy Pace, and Robert Feild.

PRAYER FOR THE MISSION CONFERENCE

Please join us this evening and next Sunday, February 15, in the Parlor at 5:30 p.m. as we pray for the upcoming Mission Conference.

2015 MISSION CONFERENCE

February 22 – March 1, 2015

Jonathan Eide, Guest Preacher: Sunday, February 22, 2015

Dr. Michael Campbell, Guest Preacher: Sunday, March 1, 2015

Missions Conference Faculty: Latasha Allston, Leon Brown, Ric Cannada with the Indonesia Partnership, Mark Casson, Jegar & Jemima Chinnavan, Jon & Tracy Eide, Jeff & Dominique Jordan, Carrie Jussely, Alonzo & Esther Ramirez, Ben & Marianna Shaw, Karen Stewart with Bethany Christian Services, and Barry & Val Vickery with African Scholarship Exchange.

MISSION CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY

We still need people to sign up to host our missionaries for meals or provide a car for a faculty member to use while they are in town. If you would like to sign up, please call Laura Husband at 601-605-9237 or email her at wwhusband@comcast.net.

Dinner on the Grounds & Gateway Canned Food Drive

Sunday, February 22, 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 – M: Vegetables; N – S: Salads; T – Z: Desserts.

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!

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 meets of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction. This is 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 Earl Davis in the church office at 601-353-8316.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles' Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its author, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is "Apostolic" in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: "Ghost" is employed where we would use "Spirit," the word "quick" where we would use "living," and "catholic" where we would use "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.