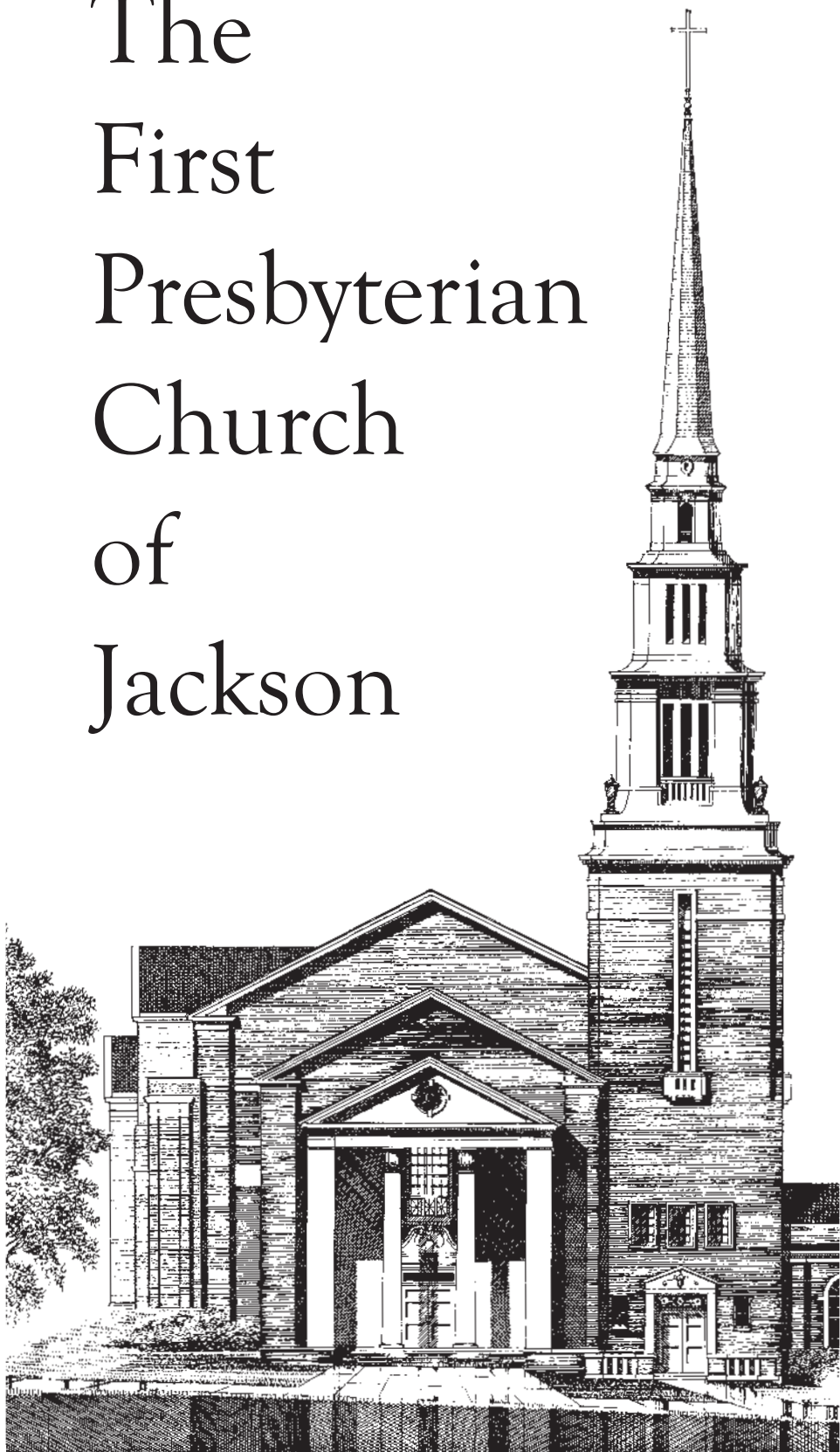


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourteenth Day of January, Two Thousand Eighteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “Fairest Lord Jesus”arr. Dan Forrest
John Sinclair, Cello; David Snyder, Piano

The Introit — “Almighty God of Our Fathers”..... Will James

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**

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “God So Loved the World”John Stainer

“God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
That who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world....”

John 3:16

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Pew Bible pages 959-960)

The Sermon — *Rewire*: “Love Is the Greatest Thing”Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn No. 597** — “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 296 (Stzs. 1-4)** — “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “Four-Fold Amen”Wymond

The Postlude — “Postlude Festivo”S. Karg-Elert

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

‡* The Hymn No. 55 — "To God Be the Glory"

‡ The Invocation

‡* The Evening Hymn — "O Church Arise" (See Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bill Penn

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Gabriel's Oboe" Ennio Morricone
John Sinclair, Cello

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q105: What is the tenth commandment? A: The tenth commandment is "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Q106: What does the tenth commandment teach you? A: To be content with whatever God chooses to give me.

** The Meditation and Prayer Charles Marchman, College Intern

‡* The Evening Hymn No. 75 (Stzs. 1-3) — "O Father, You Are Sovereign"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Job 1:6-2:13 (Pew Bible pages 417-418)

The Sermon — *Affliction in Verse: "Behind the Scenes"* Dr. Strain

‡ The Benediction

‡ The Response

"O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!"

The Postlude

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**Children dismissed after the prayer

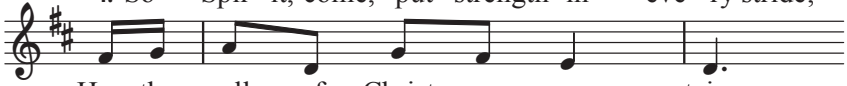
Our Vision

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.

O Church Arise



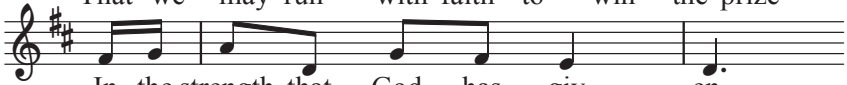
1. O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on;
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul,
3. Come, see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet,
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in eve - ry stride;



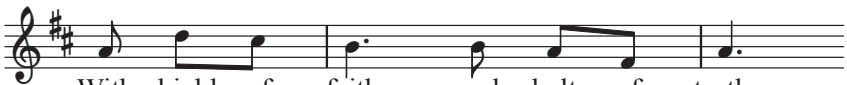
Hear the call of Christ our cap - tain.
But to rage a - gainst the cap - tor;
As the Son of God is strick - en;
Give_ grace for eve - ry hur - dle.



For now the weak can say that they are strong
And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole,
Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet,
That we may run with faith to win the prize



In the strength that God has giv - en.
We will fight with faith and val - or.
For the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
Of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



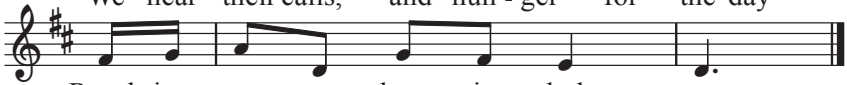
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
When faced with trials on eve - ry side,
And as the stone is rolled a - way,
As saints of old, still line the way,



We'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies.
We know the out - come is se - cure.
And Christ e - merg - es from the grave,
Re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace,



An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is love,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:
This vic - to - ry march con - tin - ues till the
We hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day



Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
An in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
day Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
When with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. St. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

The Lord's Table

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

Christ's Presence

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

JANUARY CIRCLES

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

CIRCLE 2: *Beth Keeler*

10:00 a.m. – home of Beth Threadgill
103 Nancy Place, Ridgeland

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. – Study Center 210

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, JANUARY 16

CIRCLE 9: *Karen Crawford & Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of June McDonald
103 Little Creek Road, Ridgeland

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*

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

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston & Janet Quayle*

10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine's, Marian
Hall, 1st floor Sun Room

CIRCLE 13: *Elizabeth Fulcher*

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

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

Sunday	<p>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)</p> <p>Communicants Class — 9:40 a.m. in Gym</p> <p>Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m. worship service in M135MB</p> <p>Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:39 p.m. in MS</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p>No Senior High Insight</p>
Monday	Circles Meet This Week
Tuesday	<p>“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH</p> <p>Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p> <p>French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in MB132</p> <p>Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in SC213A</p> <p>Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH</p> <p>Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p>Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p>College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in WH202B</p> <p>Children’s Playtime — 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in Gym/Playground</p> <p>Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Junior High D Groups — 6:00 p.m. in YH</p> <p>Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC210A</p> <p>Post-Holiday Survival Guide: Depression — 6:30 p.m. in MH</p> <p>Working Women’s Bible Study — 6:30 p.m. in Parlor</p> <p>Sr. High Small Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH201</p> <p>Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Brass Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary</p>
Thursday	<p>Ladies’ Bible Study (“Growing in Godliness”) — 9:30 a.m. in PH/SC</p> <p>Ladies’ Bible Study (Hebrews) — 9:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
Friday	No Scheduled Activities
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...”

Gateway Rescue Mission – Gateway Rescue Mission is supported through Mission to Jackson and has offered meals and shelter to the poor and homeless of Jackson since 1948. Email: info@gatewaymission.org

Moner and Stenia Shaded – Serving with International Messengers in Warsaw, Poland in pastoral ministry and outreach. Email: mshaded@data.pl

COMMUNION TODAY

For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free crackers will be available for Communion today. They will be placed on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard. Please pick up a piece on the way into the morning worship service.

NEW EVENING SERMON SERIES

AFFLICTION IN VERSE: A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JOB

Why do we trust God? How do we respond when the Giver of our good gifts chooses to take them away from us? The book of Job addresses these questions in poetic form by allowing us to witness a true story of dramatic loss in the life of a faithful servant of God. Through Job's affliction, we're given a window into the glory and majesty of a God who is forever sufficient for His people. Join us Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m., as Senior Minister David Strain unpacks the book of Job for us.

“TRUTH AT DAWN” MEN’S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES — JANUARY 16

Men, Gary Sinclair will be leading a morning Bible Study through the book of Hosea this Spring. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity for learning and fellowship. The study will resume on Tuesday mornings from 6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. in Patterson Hall beginning January 16. A breakfast will be served each week for \$3.00. Contact discipleship@fpcjackson.org or call Lisa Kim at 601-973-9102 with any questions.

POST-HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE

The holidays are a difficult time for many. Please join us for the Post-Holiday Survival Guide Series Wednesday, January 17, 24, and 31, as we take a closer look at the things people struggle with most around the holidays; Depression, Grief, and Debt. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the newly renovated Miller Hall.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, February 11. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, January 31. Any forms received after January 31 will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained at the information desk in the Greeting Courtyard after the worship services or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard). If you have any questions, please contact Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9101.

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, weekly 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, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism 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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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 90: How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

Answer: That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

MONDAY

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-3; Psalm 119:18

Key Thought: You must attend to the Word with preparation and prayer.

Questions:

- Is the Bible to be read like every other book?
- How should the heart be prepared for hearing and reading the Word?
- What must we lay aside in order to prepare to hear or read the Word?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Proverbs 8:34; Hebrews 5:12-14

Key Thought: You must attend to the Word with diligence.

Questions:

- Is the Word of God only to be sought out occasionally?
- Is daily searching of Scripture an option for the Christian?
- How does spiritual maturity and discernment develop?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Hebrews 4:1-2; Psalm 119:97, 165

Key Thought: You must receive the Word with faith and love.

Questions:

- What does it mean to receive the Word with faith?
- Why are we to receive the Word with love?
- How is our love for the Word recognized?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Psalm 119:9-11; 97-99

Key Thought: You must lay up the Word in your heart.

Questions:

- What does it mean to lay up the Word in your heart?
- Why is it good to memorize Scripture?
- What does it mean to meditate on God's Word?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Luke 8:4-15; Colossians 1:5-6; James 1:22-25

Key Thought: You must practice the Word in your life.

Questions:

- What do the first three portions of seed in the parable have in common?
- What interfered with the productivity of the seed in each case?
- What made the fourth part of the seed grow and bear fruit?

Prayer