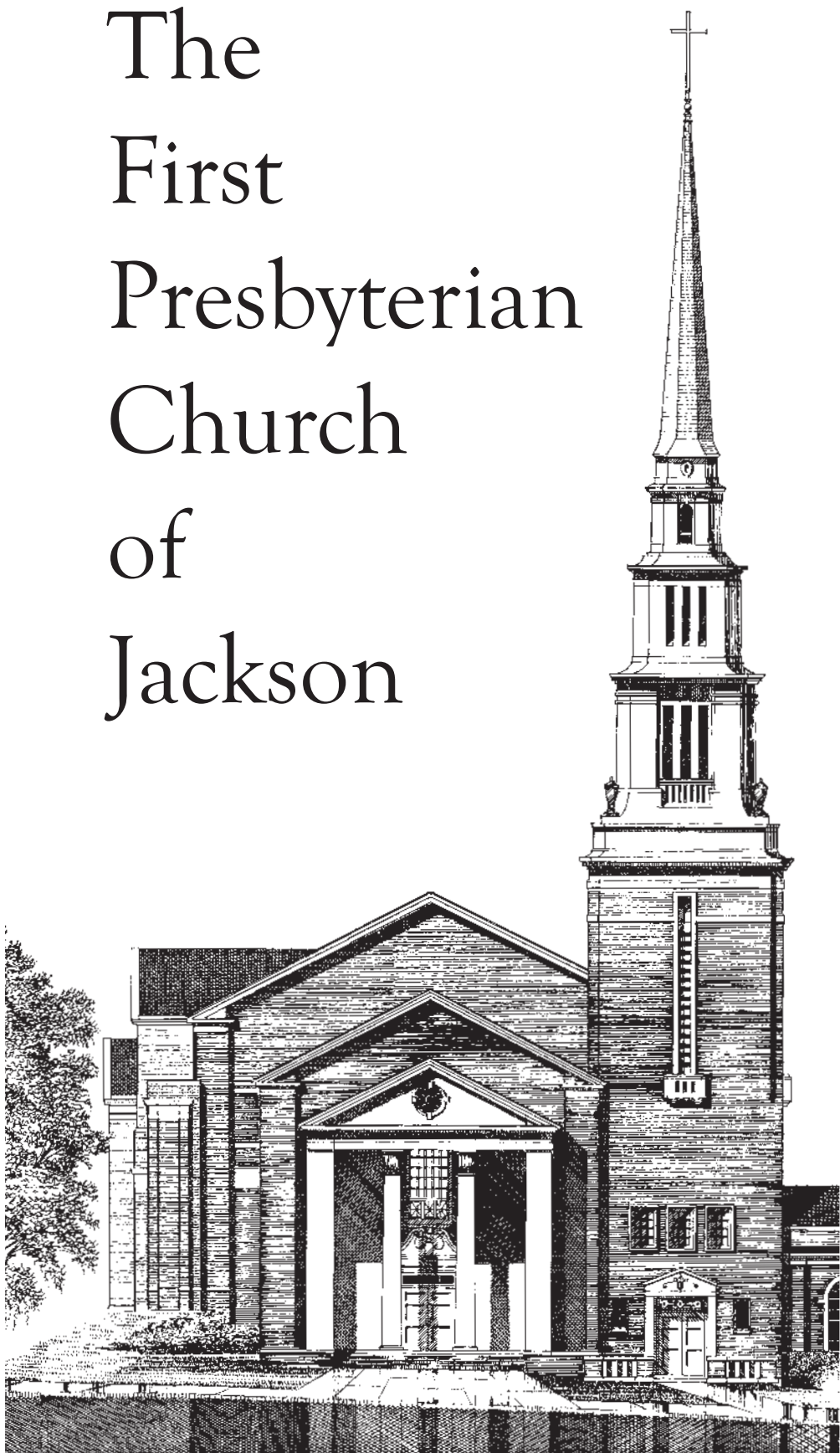


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth Day of January, Two Thousand Seventeen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational 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 — “The Humble Heart” Robert Lau
Rae Shannon, Guest Organist

The Introit — “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”Ludwig van Beethoven

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 119** — “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Doxology**

“O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution

The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families

The Biblical Promise

The Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction

The Congregational Response — “Children of the Heavenly Father”

“Children of the heav’nly Father safely in His bosom gather:
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given.
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “If Ye Love Me” Philip Wilby

“If ye love Me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever,
even the Spirit of Truth.

And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 (Pew Bible page 952)

The Sermon — *Rewire*: “God Is Faithful”Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 465** — “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Four-Fold Amen” Wymond

The Postlude — “Fantasy-Toccata” (*From Partita on “Foundation”*)...Alice Jordan

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhler — 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 Mission Report — Bethany Christian Services

The Prelude — “Prelude on a Gregorian Melody”Arr. Wymond
The FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 571** — “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Evening Hymn** — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (See Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bill Stone

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — Clint Pride, Soloist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q150: What will the new heaven and the new earth be like? A: A glorious and happy place, where the saved will be with Jesus forever.

****The Meditation and Prayer**David Groendyk, Pastoral Care Intern

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 679 (Stzs. 1-3)** — “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 3:1-12 (Pew Bible page 1012)

The Sermon — “Your Own Personal Weapon of Mass Destruction” Dr. Fluhler

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!”

The Postlude — “Faith of Our Fathers” Henri Hemy
FPC Strings

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**Children dismissed after the prayer



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 Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words and Music:
Matheson/Minor



1. O Love that will not let me go,
2. O Light that fol - lows all my way,
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head,



I rest my wea - ry soul in thee;
I yield my flick - 'ring torch to thee;
I can - not close my heart to thee;
I dare not ask to fly from thee;



I give thee back the life I owe,
my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,
I trace the rain - bow through the rain,
I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,



that in thine o - cean depths its flow
that in thy sun - shine's blaze its day
and feel the prom - ise is not vain
and from the ground there blos - soms red



may rich - er, full - er be.
may bright - er, fair - er be.
that morn shall tear - less be.
life that shall end - less be.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent
Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator
Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators
Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

THE SUNDAY SERVICES:

* Sunday School	9:40 A.M.
* Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
* Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Senior High Insight	7:30 P.M.
Communion	2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October
Baptism	3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November
New Members Received	1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:00 p.m. in PH

*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING:

Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.	
Family Night Dinner	Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Children's Activities	Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.
Junior High D Groups	Wednesday, 5:45 P.M.
The Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.
Discipleship Groups	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 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
Presbytery Committee Meeting — 5:00 p.m. in SC215
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
No Senior High Insight

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
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
Church & Member Relations Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m.
 in SC215
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

Discipleship Committee Meeting — 7:00 a.m. in MH
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
Care Team Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH204
Parents' Prayer Lunch — 12:00 noon in YH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:00 p.m. in WH204A
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the
 Gym/Playground
Care Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in MH
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 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.
Men of the Covenant — 11:45 a.m. in MH

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
LR - Learning Resource
 Center
SR - Session Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1 – “Finally, brethren, pray for us....”

Sebastian & Isabel Heck – Serving as church planters in Heidelberg, Germany.
Email: sebheck@mac.com

Seth and Julie Still – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Delta State University. Email: sstill@ruf.org

BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Rebecca Claire Greaves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Peyton Thrower Greaves; Caroline Louise Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Raymond Carter, Jr.; William James Hood, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harrison Barksdale Hood; Michael Cannada Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cannada Andrew Lewis; Laura Elizabeth Starkey, daughter of The Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Seth Timmons Starkey.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY — JANUARY 22

Communion Sunday will be next Sunday, January 22. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free crackers will be available for Communion. 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.

PARENTS' PRAYER MEETINGS

Parents of seventh through twelfth graders, please join us on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at noon, so that we can get to know each other better and share in a time of prayer for our students. Lunch is provided, so please RSVP to Jenny at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org so we can make arrangements for food. We will also have a prayer breakfast specifically for dads at 6:45 a.m. on Friday, January 20, at Broad Street.

MEN OF THE COVENANT — THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Men, join us this Thursday, January 19, for our Men of the Covenant Lunch featuring the Reverend Mr. Les Newsom, RUF Midsouth Area Coordinator. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Lisa Kim at 601-326-9243 or discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT TO LAKE CAVALIER

Young Adult ladies: January 20-21, 2017, is our Young Adults girls retreat at Lake Cavalier. We will be staying the night in lake homes of FPC members with our dear friend Emily Hartman teaching. Her topic is *Rooted: Life in Christ*. She'll unpack how seeing life through the lens of union with Christ can help close that gap between belief and experience. The last day to sign up is tomorrow, Monday, January 16. The cost is \$40. Contact Anna Woodyard at annaw@fpcjackson.org with questions.

MID-SOUTH MEN'S RALLY – JANUARY 27, 2017

Men, please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our annual Mid-South Men's Rally. Our speaker this year will be The Reverend Dr. Carl Trueman, professor of church history at Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenside, PA, and author of more than a dozen books. No advance registration is necessary. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15 p.m., with the first session beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Lisa Kim at 601-326-9243 or discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

ROSARIA BUTTERFIELD — FEBRUARY 10

National best-selling author Dr. Rosaria Butterfield will be coming to FPC on Friday, February 10, 2017, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Her topic is "The Gospel & Sexuality," where she will share her testimony, followed by a time of Q & A. Dr. Butterfield is a sought-after speaker, homemaker, pastor's wife, and former tenured professor of English at Syracuse University. She is the author of *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: An English Professor's Journey into the Christian Faith and Openness Unhindered: Further Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert on Sexual Identity and Union with Christ*, both of which will be available at the event in the bookstore.

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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. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 33: *What is justification?*

Answer: Justification is the act of God's free grace by which He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight. He does so only because He counts the righteousness of Christ as ours. Justification is received by faith alone.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 3:19-28

Key Thought: Justification is an act of God's free grace.

Questions:

- What does it mean to be justified?
- Why do we need to be justified, according to Romans 3:23?
- How are we justified, according to Romans 3:24?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Exodus 34:6-7; Micah 7:14-20

Key Thought: In justification, God pardons all our sins.

Questions:

- What does the word "pardon" mean?
- What does it mean to say that God is "just"?
- How can God be just and still pardon our sins?
- What does it mean that Christ was made to "be sin" for us?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Philippians 3:1-9

Key Thought: In justification, God accepts us as righteous in His sight.

Questions:

- What does it mean to be "righteous"?
- On what grounds did Paul think he was righteous before he knew Christ?
- Does God consider anyone righteous because of what they do?
- What did Paul learn by God's grace?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 2:8-10

Key Thought: In justification, Christ's righteousness is imputed to us.

Questions:

- What does the word "imputed" mean?
- What did we do that was imputed to Christ?
- What did Christ do that was imputed to us?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 4:1-23; Galatians 2:16

Key Thought: Christ's righteousness is received by faith alone.

Questions:

- Who accomplishes and applies our justification?
- What role does faith play in justification?
- Does justification through faith mean that God justifies us because we have faith?
- How would this make faith a work?

Prayer