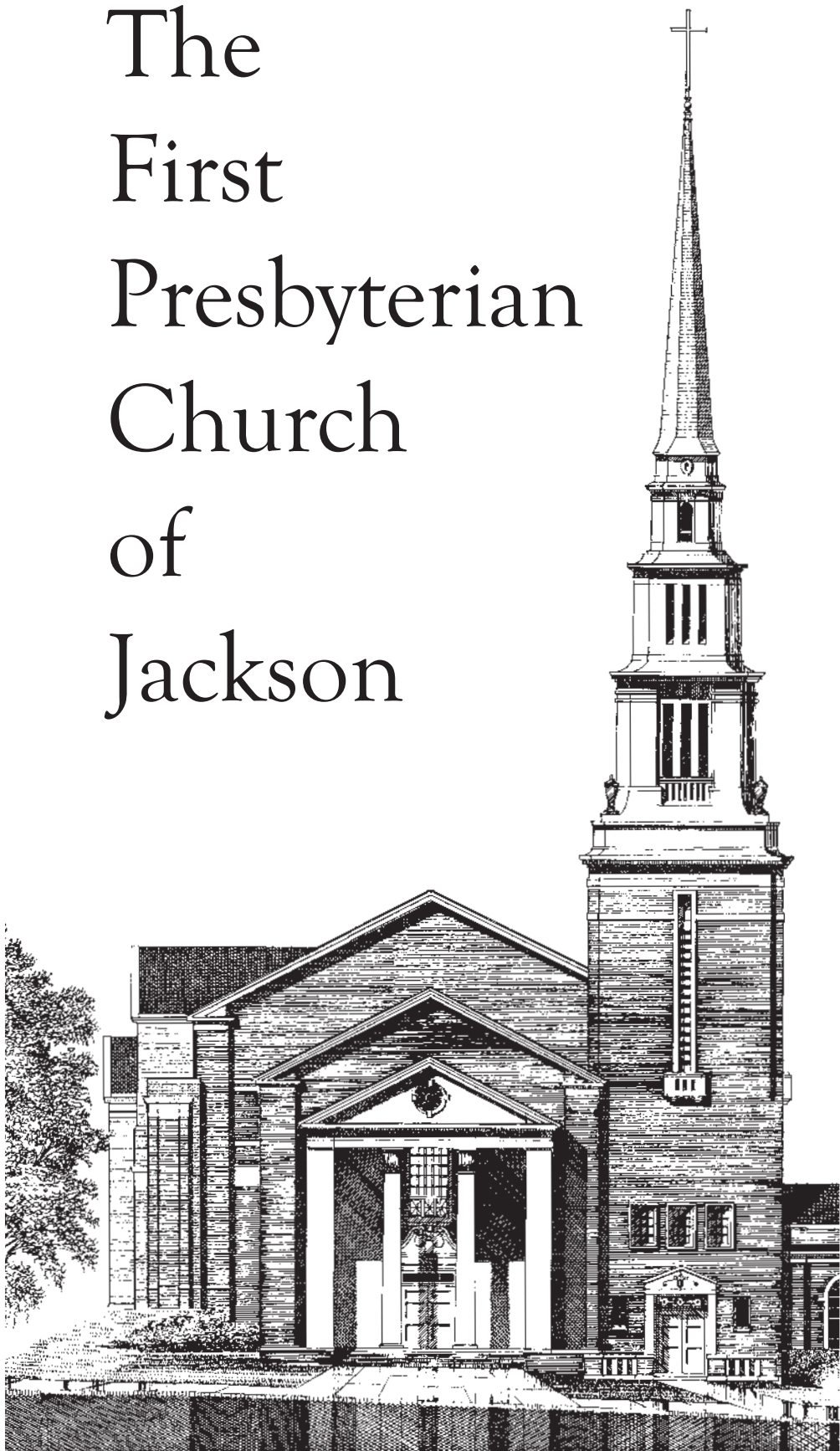


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The First Day of January, Two Thousand Seventeen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Young Adults & College
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 — “What Is This Lovely Fragrance?”Paul Manz
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 30** — “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”
(from Psalm 90)

‡ **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 heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

The Scripture Reading — Mark 13:1-13 (Pew Bible page 849)

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 699** — “Like a River Glorious”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “There Is a Savior”Nelson/Patty
Kristen Gunn, Soloist

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 21:1-19 (Pew Bible page 907)

The Sermon — “A God for Failures” Mr. Felker

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 648** — “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

“Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.”

The Postlude — “Prelude and Fugue in B^b”J. S. Bach

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhner — Minister of Discipleship
The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “Spirit of the Living God” Iverson
Marian Ware, Piano

The Call to Worship

‡* The Hymn No. 500 — “Rock of Ages”

‡ The Invocation

‡* The Evening Hymn — “Jesus, I Come” (See Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Jimmy Armstrong

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”Runyan

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q147: Will the bodies of all the dead be raised again? A: Yes. At the last day some will be raised to everlasting life and others to everlasting death.

Q148: What will God do to unbelievers at the last day? A: He will judge them, and condemn them to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire with Satan and his angels.

Q149: What will God do for believers at the last day? A: He will give them a home with Him in the new heaven and the new earth.

** The Meditation and Prayer Wiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care

‡ The Evening Hymn No. 580 (Stz.1-2) — “Lead On, O King Eternal”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 2:20-26 (Pew Bible page 1012)

The Sermon — *The Gospel for the Rest of Us: “Help for Hypocrites”* Dr. Fluhner

‡ The Benediction

‡ The Response

“Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where-e’er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.”

The Postlude — “Good Christian Men Rejoice” English Carol

*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.

Jesus, I Come

Words by William Sleeper

Music by Greg Thompson



1 Out of my bond - age, sor - row, and night,
2 Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss,
3 Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride,
4 Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,



Je - sus, I come! Je - sus, I come!
Je - sus, I come! Je - sus, I come!
Je - sus, I come! Je - sus, I come!
Je - sus, I come! Je - sus, I come!



In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light,
In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,
In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
In - to the joy and light of Thy home,



Je - sus, I come to Thee!
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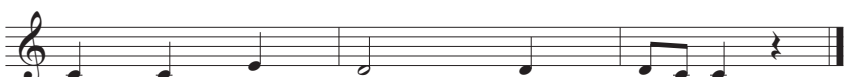
Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health,
Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm,
Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love,
Out of the depths of ru - in un - told,



Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,
Out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm,
Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,



Out of my sin and in - to Thy - self,
Out of dis - tress in - to jub - i - lant psalm,
Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove,
Ev - er Thy glo - rious face to be - hold,



Je - sus, I come to Thee!
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Soul Songs: Exploring Love, Guilt, Fear and Temptation from the Psalms

A small-group Bible study for working women of all ages

Wednesday nights: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (January 11 – February 15)

Contact: Lisa Oswald at 601-973-9115

or lisao@fpcjackson.org to register



1, 2 & 3 John: Living in the Love of God with the Truth of Jesus

A small-group Bible study for women of all ages

Thursdays: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., beginning January 12

Contact: Lisa Oswald at 601-973-9115 or lisao@fpcjackson.org

(Registration is for new members only.)



The Word of the Lord: Hosea through Malachi

A large group lecture Bible study for women of all ages

Thursdays: 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. beginning January 12

Teacher: Laura Husband

Contact: Alice Patterson at 601-906-6755 or alipatte@gmail.com

(Registration is for new members only.)



MOMS Bible Study — Filled with the Fullness of God

A small group / large-group lecture for mothers of children sixth grade and under

Wednesdays: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., beginning January 18

Teacher: Shirley Windham

Contact: Joanna McNeel at 601-807-1596

or joanna.b.mcneel@gmail.com

(Registration is for new members only and begins January 2, 2017.)

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 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
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
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

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday

WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Circle Bible Teacher Training — 10:00 a.m. in WH204
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

Wednesday

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting — 7:00 a.m. in WH 204
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in Basement Classroom
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
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in
 the Sanctuary
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Men’s Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday

Session Finance Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH204

Saturday

Men’s Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH
Joint Officers Meeting — 8:30 a.m. — 12:00 noon 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...”

Dale & Susan Ellison – Serving in administration and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru. Email: daleellison@perumission.org

Ben and Marianna Shaw – Serving as a campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at the University of Southern Mississippi. Email: bshaw@ruf.org

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion Sunday will be next Sunday, January 8. 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.

UPCOMING MORNING SERMON SERIES: “RE-WIRE”

Everybody wants to change. We often seek “quick tips” and self-help strategies in hopes that they will produce the lasting change we need, but the problem is these solutions are too superficial. Because sin affects us at the core of our being, we need a solution that does, too. We need more than surface change; we need a total re-wiring. Join us Sunday mornings, beginning January 8, as we work through the book of 1 Corinthians and discover the lasting solutions that only the Gospel can bring.

2017 COMMUNICANT CLASS

A new Communicant Class will be offered to students 6th grade and older who are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church. The four classes will be held in Miller Hall during the Sunday School hour and will begin on Sunday, January 8, and conclude on Sunday, January 29. For more information, contact the Children's Ministry Department at 601-973-9105 or email kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, January 15. Space is available for both services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters by January 11, at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

FIRST PRES FORUM PART 3—JESUS: GOD & MAN

Part 3 of the First Pres Forum series **Send Out Your Light & Your Truth Part 3—*Salvation: How Sinners Are Rescued*** is Tuesday, January 10, at 5:45 p.m. FPF includes two hour-long teaching sessions by Dr. Derek Thomas, the Robert Strong Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology at RTS-Atlanta and Minister of Preaching and Teaching at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina. Dinner will be provided by Broad Street in between sessions in Miller Hall at a cost of \$10. All are welcome to attend, though our target is college through 30s. You may register online at www.fpcjackson.org/firstpf. Nursery for children four and younger is available by request at registration. For more information, contact Jenny Sanders at 601-973-9117.

SS TEACHERS, OFFICERS, & LEADERS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

All Sunday School officers, teachers, and D group leaders are invited to a lunch on Thursday, January 12, at 11:30 a.m. in Miller Hall, for a training opportunity with Gabe Fluhrer on “Basics of Biblical Counseling (cont'd).” The cost is \$6.00. Please RSVP to Lisa Kim at 601-326-9243 or discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

MEN OF THE COVENANT — THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Men, join us 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.

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, Pastor and 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.

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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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 31: *What is effective calling?*

Answer: Effective calling is the work of God's Spirit, Who convinces us that we are sinful and miserable, Who enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and Who renews our wills. This is how He persuades and makes us able to receive Jesus Christ, Who is freely offered to us in the gospel.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

Key Thought: Effective calling is the work of God's Spirit.

Questions:

- What does the word "effective" mean?
- How does the Holy Spirit "call" people to believe in Christ?
- What is it that enables some to respond to the gospel with faith?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Acts 2:29-37

Key Thought: The Spirit convinces us of our sin and misery.

Questions:

- According to the *Catechism* answer, what is the first step in effective calling?
- What means does the Spirit use to convince us of our sin and misery?
- Have you been convinced of your own sin and misery?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-7; Acts 26:18

Key Thought: The Spirit enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ.

Questions:

- What is the second step in effective calling?
- If we were only made to see our sin and misery, would we have hope or despair?
- How does the Holy Spirit give us hope?
- What "knowledge of Christ" must we have in order to be saved?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Psalm 110:1-3; Ezekiel 26:36-37; Philippians 2:12-13

Key Thought: The Spirit renews our wills.

Questions:

- What is your "will"? What is wrong with it?
- How does the Holy Spirit renew our wills?
- Can a man "choose Christ" before the Holy Spirit renews our wills?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read John 6:44-71; 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Key Thought: The Spirit persuades and enables us to receive Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Questions:

- What is the fourth step in effective calling?
- What does it mean to "receive Christ"?

Prayer