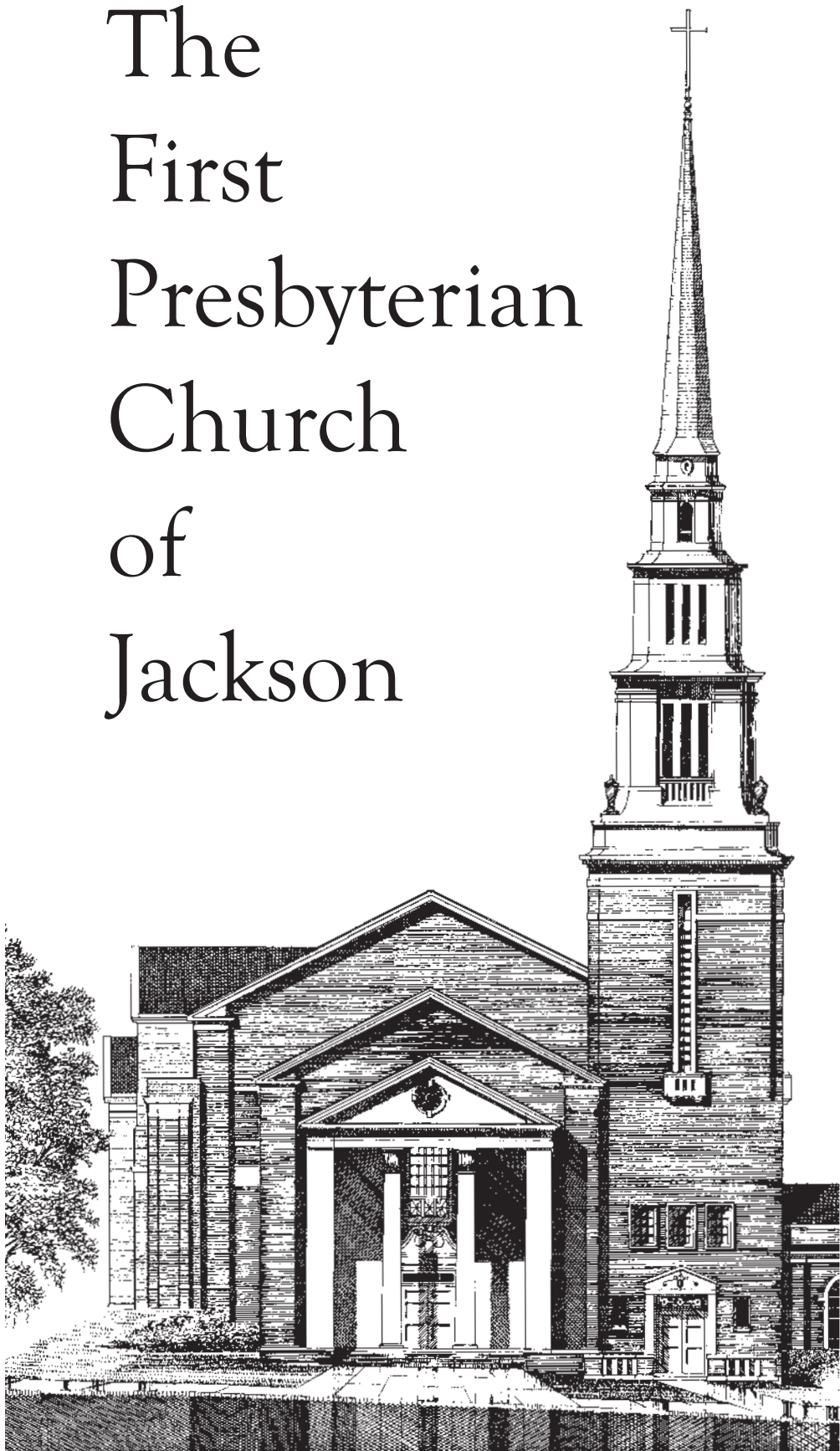


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-second 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. 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 — "Morning Has Broken" James Pethel
Sheila Hess, Guest Organist

The Introit — "Be Exalted, O God" W. Wymond

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 66** — "God Is Known among His People"
(From Psalm 76)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Doxology**

"Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity."

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Joy in the Morning" Natalie Sleeth

"Joy, there'll be joy, there'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy.
There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone.
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.
There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
every heart and voice will then rejoice,
And the glory of the Lord will shine,
and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
and the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
There'll be love, sweet love everywhere. There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy.
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone. There'll be joy!
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.
Every heart, every voice will together rejoice, there'll be peace.
And the glory of the Lord will shine....
There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy."
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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (Pew Bible page 952)

The Sermon — *Rewire: "United We Stand"* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn No. 378 (Stzs. 1-3)** — "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

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. 378 (Stzs. 4-5)** —

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "There Will Be Joy in the Morning" Natalie Sleeth

The Postlude — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Paul Manz

*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. David L. Felker — Minister of Young Adults & College

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

The Prelude — “What Wondrous Love” arr. by Douglas Court
FPC Brass

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 598** — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Evening Hymn No. 533** — “I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Harper Keeler

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” arr. Wymond
The Student Choir, Maleesa Brenchley, Accompanist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q1: Who made you? A: God.

Q2: What else did God make? A: God made all things.

Q3: Why did God make you and all things? A: For His own glory.

****The Meditation and Prayer**..... Martin Antoon, Students & Families Intern

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 674 (Stz. 1-4)** — “I Need Thee Every Hour”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 3:13-18 (Pew Bible page 1012)

The Sermon — “Genuine Wisdom for Daily Life”Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.
I need Thee, O I need Thee, ev'ry hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.”

The Postlude — “Thy Words to Me Are Life and Health”arr. by J. Hunt
FPC Brass

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‡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.



Mid-South Men's Rally

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

The Reverend Dr. Carl Trueman

Reverend Dr. Carl R. Trueman (PhD, Aberdeen) is a gifted pastor, theologian, and church historian. He holds the Paul Woolley Chair of Church History and is Professor of Church History at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA. He has written more than a dozen books, and is currently co-editing (with Bruce Gordon) the *Oxford Handbook of Calvin and Calvinism*, due in 2017. In addition to his academic work, he pastors Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Ambler, PA.

Dr. Trueman's academic interests include Reformation church history, focusing specifically on the life and work of men like Martin Luther and John Owen. He has authored titles such as *Republocrat*, *The Creedal Imperative*, and *Luther on the Christian Life*.

Dr. Trueman also writes online regularly at firstthings.com on contemporary issues such as religious freedom, identity politics, and the state of the church, and co-hosts the Mortification of Sin podcast (alliancenet.org/mos). He is married to Catriona, and they have two adult sons, John and Peter.

Schedule

5:15—6:30 p.m. Dinner served in Miller Hall,
bookstore open

6:30—7:30 p.m. Session 1

7:30—8:00 p.m. Break, refreshments in Miller Hall,
bookstore open

8:00—9:00 p.m. Session 2

- No advance registration is necessary.
- No charge for the Rally or Dinner.
- A freewill offering will be taken during the service.

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.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 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)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the Hederman home
 (125 Cherry Laurel Circle in Ridgeland)

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.
Young Adults & College Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon
 in MH
Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
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
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
Congregational Care Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC211B
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.
MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202
Session Finance Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH204
MNA Presbytery Committee Meeting — 1:30 p.m. in SC211

Friday

Mid-South Men's Rally — 5:15 p.m. MH/Sanctuary

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....”

Jonathan and Tracy Eide – Serving as country director and church planter with MTW in Ukraine. Email: jeide3@gmail.com

Way & Amy Rutherford – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Baylor University in Waco, TX.
Email: wayrutherford@gmail.com

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.

MID-SOUTH MEN’S RALLY — JANUARY 27, 2017

Men, please 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, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. to discuss “The Gospel & Sexuality.” She will share her testimony, and offer a time of Q & A. Dr. Butterfield is a former tenured professor of English at Syracuse University, 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 an identity apart from Him. 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. Dr. Butterfield will be available to sign copies. Limited nursery available upon request. Contact Lisa Kim at lisak@fpcjackson.org.

2017 MISSION CONFERENCE — SAVE THE DATE

February 26 – March 5, 2017

The Session has adopted a new strategic plan for foreign missions and are 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 beginning Sunday, January 29, in the Parlor at 5:30 p.m. and continuing each Sunday evening until February 26. **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.**

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 5. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, January 25. Any forms received after January 25 will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained from Lisa Walters or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa at lisaw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9102.

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 34: *What is adoption?*

Answer: Adoption is the act of God's free grace by which we become His sons with all the rights and privileges of being His.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read John 1:1-13

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

Questions:

- Who is it, according to John, that gives us the right to become children of God?
- Is there anything in us that makes God want to adopt us?
- What was the price of our adoption?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read 1 John 3:1-10

Key Thought: Through adoption we receive a new Father.

Questions:

- Is there a sense in which God is the Father of all men? (Acts 17:28)
- How did sin change that relationship? (John 8:44)
- How do Satan's children become God's children? (John 1:12-13)
- According to 1 John 3:1-10, how can we tell the difference between the children of the devil and the children of God?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 8:1-17

Key Thought: Through adoption we receive a new Spirit.

Questions:

- What spirit did we receive if we are indeed God's children?
- How does the Spirit of adoption change our view of God?
- How does the Spirit assure us that we are God's children?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Colossians 1:3-14

Key Thought: Through adoption we receive great privileges.

Questions:

- What is the "hope laid up in heaven" for the children of God?
- How does this hope affect our view of earthly sufferings?
- What privileges and benefits of adoption do we receive in this life?
- What is the "inheritance of the saints in light"?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Ephesians 5:1-10

Key Thought: Through adoption we receive a new nature.

Questions:

- How can you know if you are an adopted child of God?
- What does it mean for us to be "imitators of God"?
- What does it mean to "walk as children of light"?

Prayer