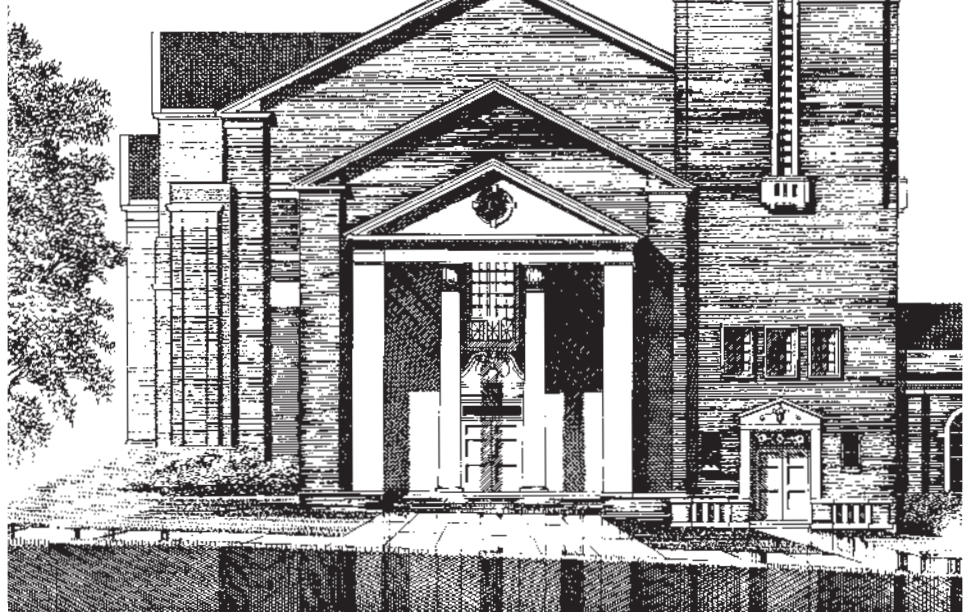


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-eighth 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. Ralph S. Kelley — Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" Arr. John Catchings
Nancy Bateman, Cellist; Rae Shannon, Organist

The Introit — "Sing Praise to God" W. Wymond

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 3** — "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

‡ **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 Scripture Reading — Psalm 19 (Pew Bible page 456)

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

‡* **The Hymn No. 570** — "Faith of Our Fathers!"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "I Will Arise!" Shaw/Parker

"I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten-thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.
Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten-thousand charms."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 14:1-25 (Pew Bible page 960)

The Sermon — *Rewire*: "Building Up and Reaching Out" Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 650** — "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

"We rest on Thee' – our shield and our defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
'We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go,'
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
'We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.'"

The Postlude — "Postlude on 'Regent Square'" Lani Smith

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 535** — “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Evening Hymn** — “Speak, O Lord” (See Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Noel Toler

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q109: What is prayer? A: Prayer is praising God, giving thanks for all His blessings, and asking Him for the things He has promised in the Bible.

Q110: In whose name should we pray? A: Only in the name of Christ.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**..... Hunter Nicholson, Students & Families Assistant

‡* **The Evening Hymn No. 699 [Stzs. 1,2]** — “Like a River Glorious”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Job 3-7 (Pew Bible pages 418-421)

The Sermon — *Affliction in Verse: “Whoever Perished Being Innocent?”*Dr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Every joy or trial falleth from above,
traced upon our dial by the Sun of love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
they who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.”

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.


Speak, O Lord




1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence,
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds;




To re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time




Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness,
In the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty.
That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.




That the light of Christ might be seen to - day
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es,



In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built



All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

A Guide to the Morning Service

Welcome

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God's Word to us this morning.

The Assurance of Pardon

As Christians, we are prone to wander and leave the God we love. But when we come to the knowledge of our straying, we come before God often with a self-reproach that does not look at the mercies of God in Jesus Christ but rather upon ourselves. This is what Scripture calls a "sorrow that leads to death" while Godly sorrow is one that "produces a repentance that leads to salvation" (2 Corinthians 7:10). Godly sorrow is not only a sorrow over sin – indwelling or acted – but also lays a firm gaze upon the promises of God for forgiveness.

What is The Assurance of Pardon? Simply put, The Assurance of Pardon is a reminder of the Scriptural promise that all who trust in Christ are truly forgiven their sins. All believers can personally claim this truth. The Assurance of Pardon soon follows the The Prayer of Adoration and Confession. During the prayer of confession, we join the minister with heartfelt agreement to confess the times we have desired the things of this world that are in opposition to the things of God, left undone those things we ought to have done, and done those things which we ought not to have done. As quick as we are and must be to confess our sin, we are likewise quick to receive the assurance of God's pardoning grace because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Why is it a part of our worship? In order to remove any human barrier to our experience of grace conferred through the Word, prayer, and the sacraments, we confess our sin and receive the assurance of grace. Moreover, gospel-people are a confessing people simply because the gospel convicts of sin, causing us to confess our shortcomings, to rejoice in the God of our salvation, while moving us toward good works for His glory. Hence, just as confession of sin characterizes gospel people, so does laying hold of the promises of God that are yes and amen in Christ Jesus.

The Scottish minister, Robert Murray M'Cheyne, is noted to have said, "For every look at self, take ten looks at Christ." May we, in having a look at ourselves in The Prayer of Confession, gaze upon the wonderful work that Christ has wrought for us in the words of The Assurance of Pardon that we may have true joy in our heavenly Father.

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever."

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

Sunday

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)
Communicants Class — 9:40 a.m. in MH
Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in M135MB
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:39 p.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the Biggs home
 (4025 Crane Blvd.)

Monday

Circle Bible Teachers Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in WH204
Mission First Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in various rooms

Tuesday

“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in MB132
Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in SC 213A
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m
Stewardship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202B
Mission Conference Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon
 in WH202A
Students & Families Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon
 in WH204A
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in WH202B
Children’s Playtime — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Gym/Playground
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Junior High D Groups — 6:00 p.m. in YH
Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC210
Post-Holiday Survival Guide: Debt — 6:30 p.m. in MH
Senior High Small Group — 6:30 p.m. in Y201
Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Brass Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary

Thursday

Ladies’ Bible Study (“Growing in Godliness”) — 9:30 a.m.
 in PH/SC
Ladies’ Bible Study (Hebrews) — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Discipleship Leader Training — 11:45 a.m. in WH204A
Young Adults Girls’ Retreat — 6:30 p.m. at Lake Cavalier

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....”

Virginia – Serving with International Xchange Organization in Asia. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Tim & Lana Higginbotham – Tim serves as the Operations Director of North American Indigenous Ministries (NAIM) overseeing field directors and ministries. Email: timhiggy@shaw.ca

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Richard Buford — January 14, 2018

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Laura Katherine Lindell and Christopher Scott Sells.

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.

POST-HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE

The holidays are a difficult time for many. Please join us for the next lecture in the Post-Holiday Survival Guide Series this Wednesday, January 31, as we take a closer look at one of the things people struggle with most around the holidays: 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, 2018. 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.

WORKING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Unable to attend weekday ladies' Bible studies due to work? Then join us for *Standing Firm in Truth - A Study of 2 Timothy* on Wednesday nights 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. beginning February 14 in WH202B. To register, contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9115.

2018 MISSION CONFERENCE: FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 4

If you are interested in hosting any of our missionaries for a meal, providing housing, allowing a missionary to borrow your car, or if you have an airbnb or a VRBO in which a missionary could stay please contact Beth Archer 601-668-2581 or missbetharcher@yahoo.com.

EVANGELISM D GROUP BEGINNING FEBRUARY 14

Do you have trouble sharing your faith? Wish you could learn from people who have been doing evangelism a long time? We have a Discipleship Group devoted to training people in sharing the good news of Jesus with others! If you have ever wanted to learn from others how to do evangelism, there will be an introductory meeting February 14 at 6:30 p.m. in WH 202A. Please email Lisa Kim if you are interested or have questions at lisak@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR ADULTS DAY TRIP TO LAUREL, MS — FEBRUARY 23

Seniors, we'll be offering a day trip by bus to the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in beautiful downtown Laurel. Following our museum tour there will be time for lunch and browsing around the downtown area. Cost will be \$20, plus lunch. Please register by contacting Lisa Kim at lisak@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9102 by February 15.

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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 91: How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

Answer: The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his spirit in them that by faith receive them.

MONDAY

Scripture: Acts 8:5-23

Key Thought: The sacraments are not made effective by any power in themselves.

Questions:

- Does the act of sprinkling or pouring water in baptism save?
- Is there any magical power in the bread and wine of communion?
- What is the danger in thinking that these things have power in themselves?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-6

Key Thought: The sacraments are not made effective by any power in the minister.

Questions:

- Can a minister change a person's heart?
- Can a minister give grace to men by his own power?
- Can a minister make the sacraments ineffective by his own sin?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Matthew 26:26-28; Matthew 28:18-20

Key Thought: The sacraments are made effective by the blessing of Christ.

Questions:

- Why is the blessing of Christ necessary for the communication of grace?
- Is Christ present in the administration of the sacraments? How?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: John 14:1-18; 1 Corinthians 12:13

Key Thought: The sacraments are made effective by the working of the Holy Spirit.

Questions:

- How is Jesus present in the midst of His Church?
- Can anyone receive grace apart from the work of the Holy Spirit?
- How does the Holy Spirit give grace through the sacraments?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:27-31; Colossians 2:11-12

Key Thought: The sacraments are made effective to those who receive them by faith.

Questions:

- Do all who receive the sacraments receive grace?
- What is required on man's part for grace to be received?
- What does it mean to receive the sacraments by faith?

Prayer