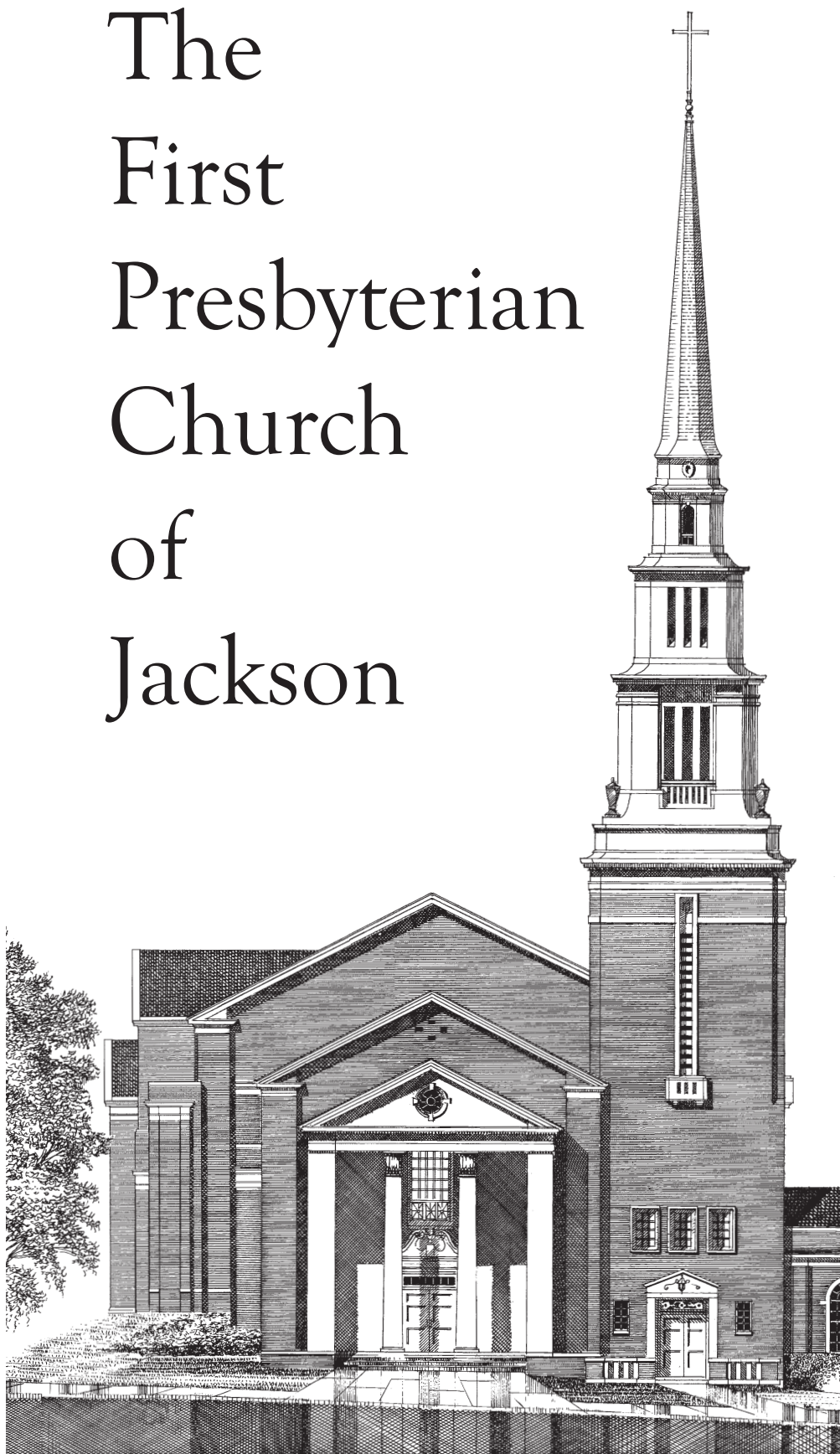


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirty-first Day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Douglas F. Kelly

Richard Jordan Professor of Theology – Reformed Theological Seminary

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

Senior Minister

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 Wondrous Love Is This” Craig Phillips
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?” Caradog Roberts
Jeff Brown, Guest Director

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 302** — “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Gloria Patri**

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.”

The Scripture Reading — Mark 1:29-45 (Pew Bible pages 836-837)

The Morning Prayer

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

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “He that Shall Endure to the End” Felix Mendelssohn
“He that shall endure to the end shall be saved.”
Matthew 10:22

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 17:1-9 (Pew Bible page 903)

The Sermon — “The Beauty of Christ” Dr. Kelly

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 441** — “Jesus Shall Reign” (from Psalm 72)

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “The Five-Fold Amen” W. Wymond

The Postlude — “These Are the Holy Ten Commands” J.S. Bach

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer
Minister of Discipleship

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

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

The Prelude — “Sarabande”George F. Handel
The FPC String Ensemble

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 457 — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn — “O Church, Arise”** (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Stuart Clarke

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Evening Prayer” Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
The String Ensemble

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q 50. How could Christ suffer? A: Christ, the Son of God, became a man so
that he could obey and suffer in our place.

Q 51. For whom did Christ obey and suffer? A: For all whom God the Father
gave to Christ.

** **The Meditation and Prayer** Wil Nettleton, College Intern

‡ **The Hymn No. 648 (Stz. 1-3) — “My Jesus, I Love Thee”**

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (Pew Bible page 987)

The Sermon — “Grace for the Sexually Broken”Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.”

The Postlude — “Postlude in D”Eric Thiman

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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.

O Church, Arise

Words and music by Keith and Kristyn Getty



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 ev - '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 ev - '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 ev' - 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 - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day
 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.
 Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
 When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Psalms in Worship

The Bible is our roadmap to reality. And if the Bible is truly the Word of God [and it is], this statement is not only true for the Christian, but for every single person on the earth. While our first parents in Eden had no need of a written Bible (since God always spoke directly to them), they nevertheless stood in need of His Word to them. Even before one page of sacred Scripture was ever penned, human beings were still dependent on the Word of God to understand who they were, what their purpose was, and how they were to fulfill that purpose (Gen. 1:26-31). But God's Word not only articulates what we should believe and do, but it also illuminates for us the full range of human emotional life and experience in a fallen world. Many passages could be referenced, but it is specifically in the Psalms where we find displayed a model for emotions. This is one of the many reasons why we intentionally choose to sing various settings of Psalms in our worship services at First Presbyterian Church.

The Psalms Train our Hearts

In our modern western culture we are often taught that emotions are dangerous and are better left unengaged. This is not the Bible's view of a healthy, emotional life. And thoroughly Biblical worship should never be emotionless and cold, but instead should produce people who are trained by the Scriptures to think and feel in ways that most honor the Lord. When this happens, we are able to experience freedom and liberation in the truest sense. Singing Psalms each Lord's Day is an aspect of this kind of training where our emotions and affections are being stirred anew and fixed upon the one who made them for His glory. This is what led St. Ambrose of Milan, in the 4th Century A.D., to describe the Psalms as "a gymnasium for the soul" when they are used as the church's prayers and songs. Whether we are singing about our souls being cast down to a place where "darkness is our only companion" (Ps. 88), or about our hearts being so glad that our "whole being rejoices" (Ps. 16), the Psalms teach us what to do with our emotions and they urge us to bring them before the Lord in worship. Old Testament commentator, Derek Kidner, says "the Psalms have among other roles in Scripture one which is peculiarly their own: to touch and kindle us rather than simply to address us."

The Bible urges us in Ephesians 5:19 to make melody with our hearts through the use of "psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." According to this verse, this is not only a good strategy for us as individuals, but it is also a way to encourage our brothers and sisters in the faith. This is what we desire to do in our worship services each Lord's Day morning and evening. We seek to use all of the rich resources that God has given us to train our emotions and affections to be redirected from the idols that always enslave, to the God who always offers true freedom. May we sense God's freedom this morning as we use the singing of Psalms to give Him glory!

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JANUARY 31, 2016

Sunday	<p>Pre-Service Announcements — 8:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p>Communicants' Class — 9:40 a.m. in LH</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Children's Church for 3 and 4-year-olds — during 11:00 a.m. worship service in M135</p> <p>Student Choir — 4:40 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Prayer for Mission Conference — 5:15 p.m. in the Church Parlor</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Keelers (1024 Euclid Ave)</p>
Monday	<p>WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH</p> <p>Deacons Executive Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p>Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210</p>
Tuesday	<p>"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH</p> <p>Crafts for Missions — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p> <p>Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210</p> <p>Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215</p> <p>Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC</p> <p>Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p>CARE Team Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in Basement Classroom</p> <p>Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p>Orphan Care Meeting — 5:15 p.m. in SC215</p> <p>College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A</p> <p>Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in WH202</p> <p>Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground</p> <p>The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Junior High D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH</p> <p>D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p> <p>Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym</p>
Thursday	<p>"The Envy of Eve: Pursuit of Contentment" Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in PH</p> <p>"Son of God: the Gospel of Matthew" Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
Friday	<p>RUF Midsouth Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in PH/MH</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

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...." **Alanzo & Esther Ramirez** – Serving in university campus ministry, seminary training and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Cajamarca, Peru. Mailing address: Jr. Los Alamos 158, Urbanizacion El Ingenio, Cajamarca, Peru. Email: ssagustin21@yahoo.com. **Jeff & Dominique Jordan** – serving as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Mississippi College in Clinton, MS. Mailing address: 9 Pond Side Drive, Jackson MS 39211. Email: jjordan@ruf.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rachel Elizabeth Kipp by her family.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

What goes deepest to our hearts goes widest to the world. *Christianity Explored*: The gospel for you — The gospel for your neighbor. Because we never outgrow the gospel, would you consider joining us one evening a week for 10 weeks to explore the depths of the gospel for the first time or all over again? You may choose to attend Tuesdays at noon at Whole Foods, beginning February 2; or Wednesday evenings 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the church, beginning February 3. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Christina Meenan in the Mission and Outreach Department at 601-973-9125 or missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org.

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 7, 2016. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and **turn it in by Wednesday, February 3**. Any forms received after February 3, 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 Walters at lisaw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9102.

MEN'S WEEKLY EMAIL DEVOTIONALS

Men, start each week off with God's Word in your inbox with our new "Monday Morning Quarterback" devotionals. Each Monday, beginning February 8, you'll receive an emailed devotional from Dr. Gabe Fluhrer. To sign up, go to <http://fpcj.ms/mendevo>.

FPC YOUNG ADULTS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date for the Young Adults Women's Retreat Friday evening March 4 through Saturday afternoon March 5, at Twin Lakes with guest speaker, Casey Cockrum. More information and registration details will follow.

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.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Several members of our congregation have benefitted from the hearing devices that are available during our worship services. These devices transmit the sound from the pulpit directly into a small and unobtrusive earpiece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office: 601-353-8316.

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RUF SUNDAY

February 28, 2016

JASON STERLING, *Ole Miss*

Preaching Morning

LES NEWSOM, *Mid-South Area Coordinator*

Preaching Evening

CAMPUS MINISTERS

JEFF JORDAN, *Mississippi College*

BEN SHAW, *USM*

BRIAN SORGENFREI, *Mississippi State*

SETH STARKEY, *Belhaven University*

11th and 12th grade students and parents are invited to join the campus ministers for lunch. There will be panels for parents and students covering *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about RUF but Were Afraid to Ask* as well as a time for questions and answers. Meet in the Gym following the 11:00 a.m. service.

MISSION CONFERENCE

March 2-6, 2016

PRAYER FOR THE MISSION CONFERENCE

Please join us for a time of prayer for the upcoming Mission Conference beginning this evening in the Parlor at 5:15 p.m. and continuing until February 28.

FACULTY

Dave & Jan

Bo Bowen

Daniel & Katy Brink

Bassam Chedid
(*Children of Abraham*)

Dale & Susan Ellison

Rick Holbert (*CMDA*)

Coby McGinty

Clarke & Krystya Norton

Kyle Parker

Josh & Gina Rieger

Michael & Roxanne
Winebrenner

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.