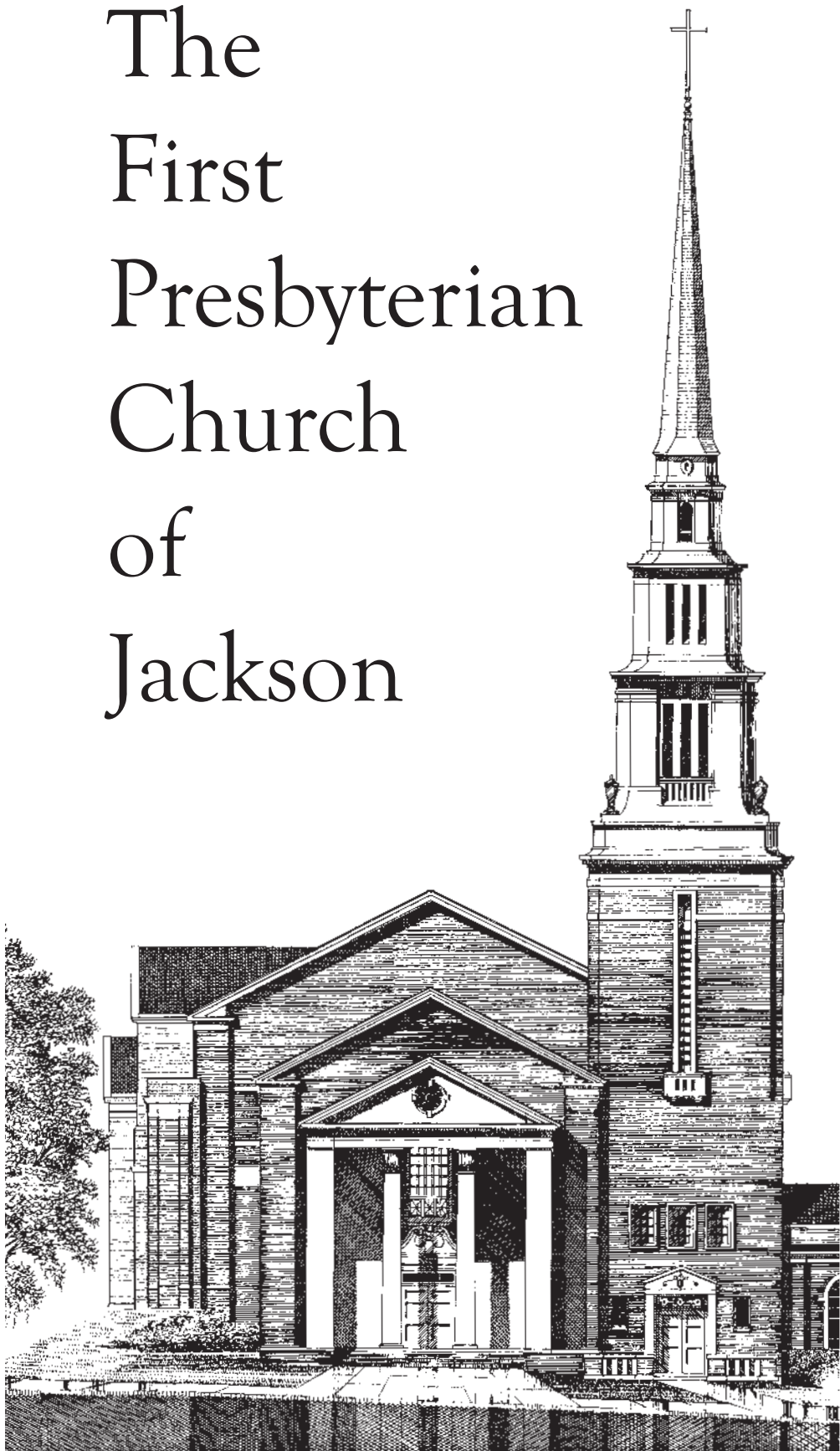


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth 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 — "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Bach/Schreiner
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — "Worthy Is the Lamb"(*Messiah*)G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 100** — "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Doxology**

"All you that fear Jehovah's name, His glory tell, His praise proclaim;
you children of His chosen race, stand in awe before His face,
stand in awe before His face.

The Lord's unfailing righteousness all generations shall confess;
from age to age shall men be taught
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought,
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought."

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"Gilbert Martin

"When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!
Amen."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 (Pew Bible page 952)

The Sermon — *Rewire: "The Callings"*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn No. 378** — "Hear, 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. 296 (Stz. 1-3)** —

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Were the Whole Realm of Nature Mine" Martin

The Postlude — "Postlude Festivo" S. Karg-Elert

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrrer — Minister of Discipleship
The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley — Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — “A Norwegian Prelude”Edvard Grieg
William Wymond, Organ

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 Ben Roberson

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “All Hail to Thee My God This Night”Thomas Tallis
The Student Choir

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** Andrew Triolo, Minister of Students & Families

‡ **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. Fluhrrer

‡ **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

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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 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.

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.

JANUARY CIRCLES

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

CIRCLE 2: *Beth Keeler*

10:00 a.m. – home of Mary Dunbar
129 Woodland Circle, Jackson

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. – Patterson Hall

CIRCLE 4: *Bess Corbitt & Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 7: *Marcia Penn*

5:30 p.m. – Miller Hall

CIRCLE 8: *Janie Purvis*

9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

CIRCLE 14: *Susan Turner & Georgia Miller*

12:00 noon – Miller Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

CIRCLE 6: *Rhonda Baird*

6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer
2257 East Northside Drive

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole & Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of Cathy May
4348 N. Honeysuckle Lane, Jackson

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*

10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham
4005 Cabell Lane

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston*

10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine's, Marian Hall

CIRCLE 13: *Elizabeth Fulcher*

5:30 p.m. dinner, 6:00 p.m. meeting –
Corner Bakery, Madison

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 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
Senior High Insight — 3:00 p.m. at the Threadgill lake house
 (124 Lakeview Ct. in Madison)
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

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
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.
Twin Lakes Executive Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Presbytery Mission to the Military — 4:00 p.m. in WH204
Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in MS
First Pres Forum — 5:45 p.m. in MH
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 9:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
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
Working Women's 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 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.
SS Teachers/Officers Training Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. in MH
Presbytery Administrative Committee Meeting — 3:00 p.m.
 in WH204

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....”

Aaron & Rachel Halbert – Serving as church planters with Mission to the World in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Email: honduranhalberts@gmail.com

Brian and Liza Sorgenfrei – Serving as a Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Mississippi State University. Email: brian.sorgenfrei@ruf.org

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.

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 Westminster Hall during the Sunday School hour and will begin today at 9:40 a.m. and conclude on Sunday, January 29. For more information contact the Children’s Ministry Department at 601-973-9105 or email kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org.

FIRST PRES FORUM PART 3—SALVATION: HOW SINNERS ARE RESCUED

The continuation 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 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.” The cost is \$6.00. Please RSVP to Lisa Kim at 601-326-9243 or discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

There are remaining spots for the Senior High Winter Retreat 2017 to be held January 13-16, at Alpine Camp for Boys in Mentone, AL. The cost is \$200. Register online at www.fpcjackson.org/youth, and contact Jenny Sanders with questions or for more information: 601-973-9117.

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.

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, 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. 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 32: *What benefits do those who are effectively called share in this life?*

Answer: In this life those who are effectively called share justification, adoption, sanctification, and the other benefits that either go with or come from them.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 8:28-30

Key Thought: Believers receive benefits from Christ in this life.

Questions:

- Are some blessings provided by Christ reserved for the life to come? What are some examples?
- Are some blessings provided by Christ received in this life?
- When do we become new creatures in Christ? What is new about those who believe?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 5:15-21

Key Thought: In Christ we have a new status.

Questions:

- What is the first benefit listed in the Catechism answer?
- What legal terms are used by Paul in Romans 5:15-21?
- What "righteous act" does Paul refer to in verse 18?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Galatians 4:1-7

Key Thought: In Christ we have a new identity.

Questions:

- Do you know anyone who is adopted?
- How does one who is adopted receive a new identity?
- What is the sign that the Spirit of adoption has come to our hearts? (see v. 6 and Rom. 8:15)
- What privileges do we receive as sons of God?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

Key Thought: In Christ we have a new nature.

Questions:

- Should Christians seek to be holy? What does that mean?
- What commands does Paul give to the Thessalonian Christians?
- Does anyone who has not been converted have the ability to do these things?
- What does the word "sanctify" mean?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Hebrews 10:19-25; Philippians 1:6; Romans 8:30

Key Thought: In Christ we have a new hope.

Questions:

- To whom do we owe thanks for our justification, adoption and sanctification?
- What confidence do we have from Philippians 1:6?
- If our hope was based on what we must do, could we have such confidence?
- What responsibilities do we have? Where do we look for strength?

Prayer