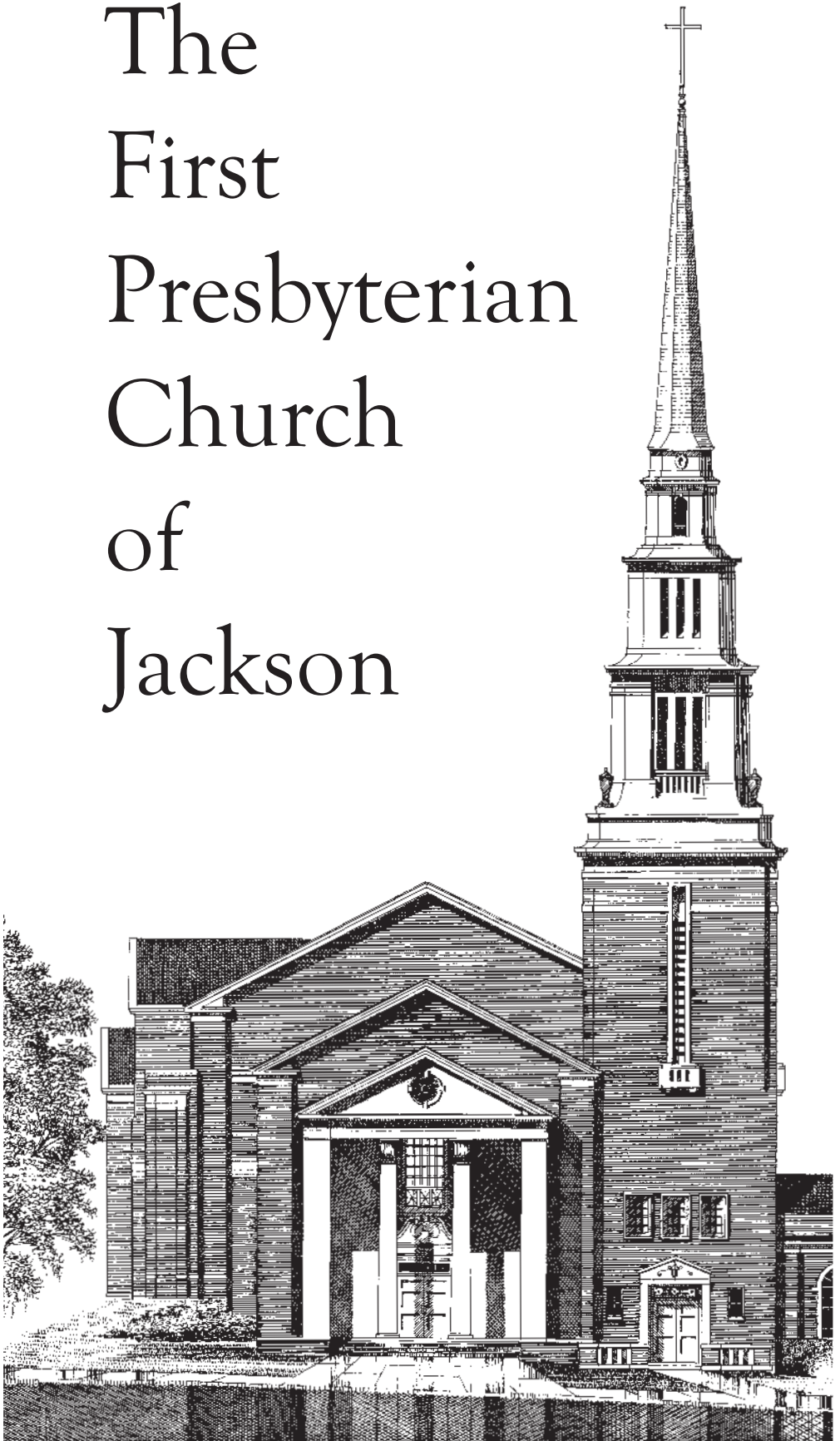


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Tenth Day of July, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

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” American Folk Song
John Sinclair, Cello, William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — “All My Hope On God Is Founded” Herbert Howells
Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern

The Call to Worship

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

‡ **The Prayer of Invocation**

‡ **The Heidelberg Catechism No. 1**

(See Guide)

‡ **The Doxology**

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “It Is A Precious Thing” Johann Peter
Kristen Gunn and Paul Bowden, Soloists

“It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed and trusteth in God.
It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed,
through the mercy of God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
My heart is resting, O my Saviour, in Thy loving care.
My trust is ever stayed on Thee;

O hear my earnest prayer that ever faithful I may be, and ever do Thy will.
O grant this in Thy mercy still, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Based on Psalm 51

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 14 (Pew Bible page 453)

The Sermon — “The Old Atheists” Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Hymn No. 253** — “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

‡ **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. 457** — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “Come, Labor On” T. Tertius Noble

The Postlude — “Improvisation on ‘Ora Labora’” Wymond

*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 — Mr. Andrew W. Triolo

Director of Students and Families

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

The Prelude — “Andante” (Water Music) G. F. Handel
The FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 111** — “This Is My Father’s World”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Psalm No. 6**

(See Guide)

The Commissioning of the Virginia Mission Team

The General Assembly Report — Mr. Alan Walters

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Craig Flowers

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Andante” (String Quartet in A)Franz Schubert
The FPC Strings

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q101: What is the eighth commandment? A: The eighth commandment is
“You shall not steal.”

Q102: What does the eighth commandment teach you? A: Not to take
anything that belongs to someone else.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**.....Jason Wegener, Congregational Care Intern

‡ **The Hymn No. 534 (Stz. 1-3)** — “O for a Closer Walk with God”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 1:13-16 (Pew Bible page 1011)

The Sermon — *The Gospel for the Rest of Us*Dr. Fluhrer
“Our Biggest Problem”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.”

The Postlude — “Postlude on ‘Darwall’”John Darwall
The FPC Strings

*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.

Singing through the Psalter

Psalm 6

Tune: Hamburg



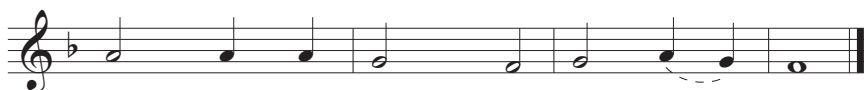
(vs. 1) 1. LORD, in your wrath re - buke me not;
(vs. 3) 2. My soul with an - guish is dis - tressed.
(vs. 5) 3. *No one in death re - mem - bers you;*
(vs. 7) 4. My eye grows weak with tears of grief;
(vs. 9) 5. The LORD has heard my prayer for help;



In an - ger do not chas - ten me.
O LORD, how long will you de - lay?
Who from the grave can give you praise?
It fails be - cause of all my foes.
The LORD has lis - tened to my plea.



(vs. 2) Be grac - ious, LORD, for I am weak;
(vs. 4) Re - turn, O LORD, and res - cue my soul;
(vs. 6) *My groan - ing wear - ies me; at night*
(vs. 8) De - part from me, you e - vil crowd!
(vs. 10) My en - e - mies, dis - graced and shamed,



LORD, heal me for my bones are dis - mayed.
And save me for the sake of Your love.
My bed is drenched with floods of tears.
The LORD has heard my weep - ing voice.
Will turn back then be quick - ly shamed.

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.

The Heidelberg Catechism No. 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY JULY 10, 2016

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-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
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the Skelton Home
 (1230 Belvoir Pl.)

Monday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” —
 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
“When Ordinary People Meet the Savior” Ladies’ Bible Study
 — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the home of Beth Archer
 (2257 E. Northside Drive)
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” —
 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Presbytery Administrative Committee Meeting — 3:00 p.m.
 in WH204
Presbytery Mission to Military Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in WH202
Summer RUF — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Hensons
 (4 Pond Side Drive)

Wednesday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” —
 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Benevolence Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Junior High Skate Rink Night — 5:00 p.m. in YH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Children’s Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the
 Gym/Playground
Children’s “Faithful to All His Promises” Program — 6:30 p.m.
 in M122/123
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Working Moms Bible Study — 6:30 p.m. in WH202
Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 p.m. in WH204
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Thursday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” —
 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in various locations
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” —
 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations

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...”

Rick & Terri Herr — Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in logistics and administration with Jungle Aviation and Radio Service (JAARS). Email: rick-terri_herr@sil.org

Young Life of Jackson — Young Life seeks to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. This ministry is supported by FPC through Mission to Jackson. Email: nenon@att.net

VIRGINIA MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

The Virginia mission team will be commissioned tonight for their trip to the First Asian Indian Presbyterian Church on July 16 - 23, 2016. One of our most privileged responsibilities as a “sending body” is to pray for our summer short-term mission teams as they go out from our midst to be of gospel service to others. Team Leaders: John Rakshith & Kelley Beth Prabhakar. Team Members: Diana Howie, Becky Ivison, Phoebe Kruger, and Petula Sinclair

SUMMER RUF

College students: Join us for Summer RUF this Tuesday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Hensons (4 Pond Side Drive). We’ll hear from Jeff Jordan, RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi College, as he continues our series on the parables of Jesus.

SKATE RINK NIGHT

Junior High students: Join FPCYM for a night at Funtime Skateland in Clinton, Wednesday, July 13, 2016. We’ll meet at the church at 5:45 p.m., ride together to the skate rink, and be back by 9:00 p.m. for pick up. The cost is \$15 and covers skating and dinner. Please sign up online at www.fpcjackson.org/youth. For more information, contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, July 17. Space is available for both services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Children’s Ministry Department is currently recruiting volunteers for the upcoming children’s Sunday School term beginning September 4th. If you enjoy working with 2-year olds through 6th grade, playing the piano, leading singing, teaching Bible stories or being a table teacher, please contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or call 601-973-9105.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

MOMS is a weekly Bible study for mothers of children 6th grade and under. Join us on Wednesdays in Patterson Hall beginning September 14, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., for a study of 1, 2, and 3 John entitled, *What We Know and Believe About Christ Really Matters*. The format is small groups and large group lecture. Nursery available, but space is limited. Registration begins August 1. Please contact Joanna McNeel at 601-807-1596.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE MISSISSIPPI BRAVES GAME

Please make plans to join us on Friday, August 5, at Trustmark Park for a Family Fun Night at the Braves Game. The ticket cost is \$5.00 and must be paid in advance. You can pay for tickets either by mail or at the church office during normal business hours. Reserve a spot by calling the church office at (601) 353-8316 or by an email to receptionist@fpcjackson.org. Deadline to sign up is July 25. You may pick up your tickets on game night at the ballpark’s main gate. Just look for the FPC table. Come on out to the ballgame!

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, August 7. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, July 27. Any forms received after July 27, will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained 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.

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 <http://fpcj.ms/fam-devo>. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

QUESTION 6: How many persons are in the one God?

ANSWER: Three persons are in the one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, the same in substance and equal in power and glory.

MONDAY

READ: 1 John 5:1-13

Key Thought: There are three Persons in the Godhead.

Questions:

- Is it possible for one God to exist in three Persons?
- If something is hard for us to understand, does that mean it cannot be true?
- What does 1 John 5:7 say about God?

Prayer

TUESDAY

READ: Psalm 89:19-29

Key Thought: The Father is the first Person of the Trinity.

Questions:

- When most people think of God, which Person do they think of first?
- Why do you think God reveals Himself to us as a Father?
- How is the Father unique compared with the Son and Holy Spirit?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

READ: Isaiah 9:1-7; John 20:24-29

Key Thought: The Son is the second Person of the Trinity.

Questions:

- Do some people deny that Jesus Christ is God?
- What is unique about the Son compared with the Father and the Holy Spirit?
- How should you respond to God the Son?

Prayer

THURSDAY

READ: John 16:7-14; Acts 5:1-10

Key Thought: The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity.

Questions:

- Does Jesus identify the Holy Spirit as a "force" or as a Person?
- How is the Spirit unique compared with the Son and the Father?
- How should you respond to God the Holy Spirit?

Prayer

FRIDAY

READ: Ephesians 4:1-6; Matthew 28:18-20

Key Thought: All three are one God, equal in power and glory.

Questions:

- How many Gods are there?
- Does the one true God exist in three unique Persons?
- Are any of these Persons more important than the others?
- Did any of the Persons of the Trinity create the others?
- Are any more powerful than the others?

Prayer