

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventeenth Day of July, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock
Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman
Minister of Mission and Outreach
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 — "It Is Well with My Soul" Arr. Howard Helvey
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

The Introit — "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Ludwig van Beethoven
Jeff Brown, Guest Director

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 76** — "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
(from Psalm 103)

‡ **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 Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families
The Biblical Promise
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
The Prayer of Consecration
The Baptism
The Baptismal Benediction

The Congregational Response — "Children of the Heavenly Father"

"Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather:
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy."

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "The Last Words of David" Randall Thompson

"He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,
even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass
springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.
Alleluia, Amen."
2 Samuel 23:3,4

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 31 (Pew Bible pages 461-462)

The Sermon — "Let Me Not Be Put to Shame" Dr. Hartman

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 684** — "My Times Are in Thy Hand"
(Tune: Dennis)

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

"Have Thine own way Lord, have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still."

The Postlude — "Trumpet Tune" Frederick Swan

*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. Ralph S. Kelley

Executive Minister

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

The Missionary Report

The Prelude — "I Thank You, Dear Lord" Bach
FPC Brass

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 588** — "Who Is on the Lord's Side?"

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Psalm No. 7A** (See Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Doyle Moorhead

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "God So Loved the World" John Stainer, arr. by J. Hunt
FPC Brass

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q103: What is the ninth commandment? A: The ninth commandment is "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Q104: What does the ninth commandment teach you? A: Never to lie, but to tell the truth at all times.

** **The Meditation and Prayer** Wiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care

‡ **The Hymn No. 75 (Stz. 1-3)** — "O Father, You Are Sovereign"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 1:17-18 (Pew Bible page 1011)

The Sermon — *The Gospel for the Rest of Us*: Dr. Fluhrer
"The God Who Never Stops Giving"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

"O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
but soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.

With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!"

The Postlude — "Come, Thou Fount" Nettleton, 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.

Singing through the Psalter

Psalm 7A

Tune: Morecambe



(vs. 1) 1. O LORD my God, my re - fuge is in you;
(vs. 3) 2. O LORD my God, if such a thing I've done,
(vs. 5) 3. *Then let my foe pur-sue re - lent-less - ly*
(vs. 6) 4. A - rise, O LORD, in an - ger that's Di - vine,
5. Rule o - ver all the na - tions from on high;



Save and de - li - ver from those who pur - sue,
If there's in - just - ice, wrong done by my hands
And o - ver - take my soul suc - cess - ful - ly.
A - rise a - gainst the rage of all my foes,
(vs. 8) Je - ho - vah judg - es peo - ple right-eous - ly.



(vs. 2) Lest, li - on - like, they tear my soul a - part,
(vs. 4) If I have wronged the one at peace with me,
Then let him stomp my life in - to the ground;
A - wake, O Lord, ap - point a judge - ment true.
Judge me ac - cord - ing to my right - eous - ness;



While there is no one to de - li - ver me.
Or with - out cause have robbed my en - e - my.
O cause my glo - ry to be found in dust.
(vs. 7) Let all as - sem - bled na - tions gath - er round.
And my in - teg - ri - ty that is in me.

The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

To the parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

And

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

First Presbyterian Church purposes to stand as a Reformed witness to Jackson, to the surrounding community, and ultimately to the world through the proclamation of the whole counsel of God as written in the verbally inspired, infallible Scriptures.

WORSHIP • DISCIPLESHIP • OUTREACH

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY JULY 17, 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
No Senior High Insight

Monday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
Worship Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting — 7:30 a.m. in WH204
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.
Stewardship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Shepherding Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Summer RUF — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Clarkes (622 Broadway Avenue)

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.
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
Junior High D Groups — 6:15 p.m. in YH
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.
MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Thursday Night Fellowship — 7:00 p.m. in Hutton Chapel

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...”

Per & Beth Almquist – Serving as church planters with Mission to North America in Lewiston, ME.

Email: per.almquist@freegrace.us

John & Kathy Lesondak – Serving as administrators and church planters with Mission to the World in Slovakia. Email: lesondak@mac.com

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Edith (Edie) Pierce Williams — June 20, 2016

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Lorraine York and Andrew Van Hersh, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Neva Cook Benton and Mr. Frank Snyder York, junior, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Cates and Mr. and Mrs. William Van Hersh, grandparents of the groom.

BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Jonathan “Jack” Ashley Blossom, Jr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Ashley (Mary Catherine) Blossom; Chatham Davis Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Michael (Ann) Howard; Charlotte Ann Nicholson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter (Carlee) Nicholson.

GREETERS NEEDED

Our Congregational Care ministry is seeking individuals and couples who can help us fill out our Greeter staff. We want to give our visitors the warmest, most cordial welcome possible, so we are searching for volunteers who can help us accomplish that. To register as a Greeter volunteer, or for more information, please contact Lisa Walters at lisaw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9102.

SUMMER RUF

College students: Join us for Summer RUF this Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Clarkes (622 Broadway Avenue). We'll hear from Kelly Jackson, College Coordinator here at FPC, as he continues our series on the parables of Jesus.

YOUNG ADULTS THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

New to Jackson? Recent college graduate? The Young Adults ministry of FPC Jackson is a place primarily for 22- to 28-year olds, both single and married, from recent college graduate to married with kids. We would love to have you join us July 21, at 7:00 p.m., in Hutton Chapel for Thursday Night Fellowship which consists of teaching, singing, and fellowship, and has an RUF-feel to it. This summer we are going through a series on Jonah, a man called to a particular city but struggles to find peace with what God is doing. This week Jason Sterling, RUF Campus Minister at Ole Miss, will be teaching. It will be a great opportunity to cultivate friendships and get stitched into community. Contact David Felker, our Minister of Young Adults (davidf@fpcjackson.org) for more details, bring some friends, and come join us.

PERU MISSION TRIP REPORT

At the end of June a team from FPC went to Cajamarca, Peru, in support of our missionaries. Now that they have returned, it is our privilege to hear a report on their labors. Following the evening service on July 31, an extended presentation will be made in Lowe Hall, and all are invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT M-BRAVES GAME

Please make plans to join us on Friday, August 5, at Trustmark Park for a Family Fun Night at the M-Braves Game. The ticket cost is \$5.00. Please call the church office at 601-353-8316 to sign up by Monday, July 25. Sign up for this event is required due to the advance purchase of tickets. You may pick up your tickets on game night at the ballpark's main gate. Just look for the FPC table.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry Department is currently recruiting member volunteers for the upcoming children's Sunday School term beginning September 4. 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.

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*. 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 for more information.

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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 7: What are the decrees of God?

Answer: The decrees of God are His eternal plan based on the purpose of His will, by which, for His own glory, He has foreordained everything that happens.

Monday

Scripture: Read Ephesians 3:8-19; 1 Peter 1:17-21

Key Thought: *God has an eternal purpose for His creation.*

Questions:

- Do you usually think of the purpose before you make an object?
- If God's purpose in Christ is eternal, did He decide to save man before or after Adam fell into sin?
- Does this mean that God thought about you before He made the world?

Prayer

Tuesday

Scripture: Read Isaiah 40:13-18

Key Thought: *God's decrees proceed from His own counsel.*

Questions:

- Did God ever need to ask anyone for advice? Why not?
- Do the Persons of the Trinity ever disagree with each other?
- How should you respond to the wise plans of God?

Prayer

Wednesday

Scripture: Read Ephesians 1:1-11

Key Thought: *The decrees of God are for His own glory.*

Questions:

- What does the word "predestined" mean?
- If God saved you because you decided to accept Him, who would deserve the credit?
- Does God's eternal purpose sometimes include His allowing or directing bad things to happen? Why is this?

Prayer

Thursday

Scripture: Read Romans 9:9-23

Key Thought: God has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Questions:

- Is God under any obligation to save anyone?
- Why did God choose to show mercy to some of His creatures?
- As God's creatures, can we accuse Him of being unfair?

Prayer

Friday

Scripture: Read Jeremiah 18:1-11

Key Thought: *God's decrees do not cancel your responsibility.*

Questions:

- Do God's decrees mean that we are not responsible to obey Him or to seek to change our ways?
- What did God promise to His people if they repented?
- What is your responsibility before God?

Prayer