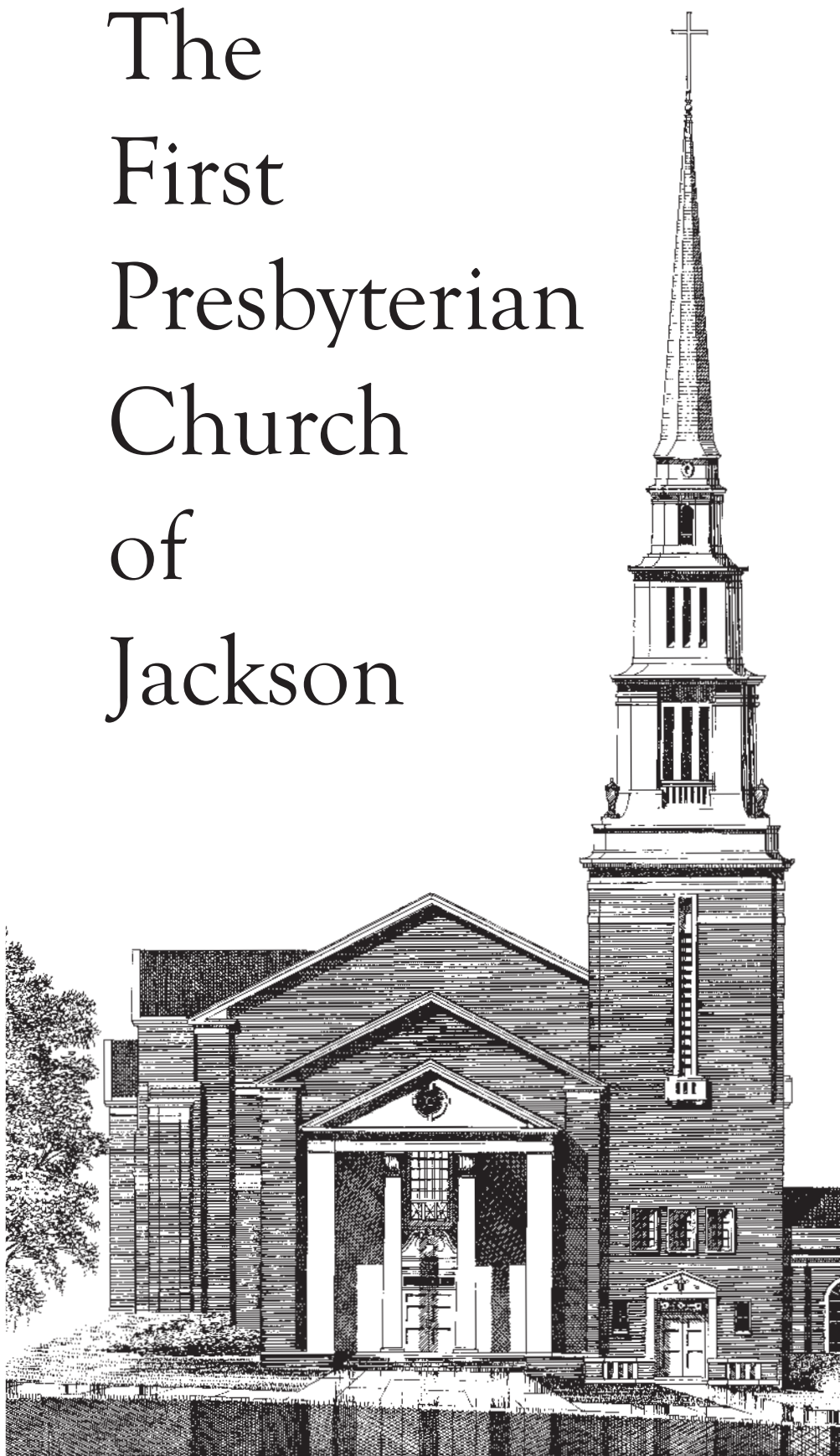


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourteenth Day of June, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Discipleship

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 — Shellie Brown, Violin; Nancy Bateman, Cello
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — “Worthy Is the Lamb” (Messiah) G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 316** — “The Mighty God, the Lord” (from Psalm 50)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **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 Scripture Reading — Ecclesiastes 3:16 – 4:3 (Pew Bible pages 554-555)

The Morning Prayer

The Hymn No. 449 — “We Rest on Thee”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Hallelujah” (Saul) G. F. Handel

“How excellent Thy Name, O Lord, in all the world is known!

Above all heavens, O King, adored, how hast Thou set Thy glorious throne!

Hallelujah.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 3:1–13 (Pew Bible page 977)

The Sermon — “*New Community: The Mystery of the Gospel*”Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 347** — “The Church’s One Foundation”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen” ... S. Marchant

The Postlude — “Postlude” (Op.12, No.7) Serge Prokofieff

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. William K. Wymond

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey

Minister of Discipleship

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

The Prelude — “Fantasy on ‘Kingsfold’ H. Dean Wagner

“Canticle” Arnold Sherman

Credo Handbells

The Introit — “Santo” Mark Burrows

The Exultation Student Choir — First Presbyterian Church, Plano, Texas

Michael King, Director: Sheree Bayless, Accompanist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn No. 478** — “I Love to Tell the Story”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Hymn No. 469 — “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

The Commissioning of the Peru Mission Team

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder David Elkin

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “I Believe” Mark Miller

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 662 (Stz. 1) — “As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams”

The Children's Catechism No. 61

Q. “How were people saved who lived before Christ?”

A. “They believed in the Savior that God would send.”

The Scripture — Genesis 3:15; 22:1-18; Galatians 3:6; Hebrews 11

The Meditation Jason Wegener, Mission and Outreach Intern

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 705 (Stz. 1-4)** — “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 9:1-22 (Pew Bible pages 917-918)

The Sermon — “The Narrative of a Surprising Conversion” Dr. Wymond

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noonday fair,

nor if I'll walk the vale with Him, or 'meet Him in the air.’

But 'I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able

to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day.'”

The Handbell Postlude — “Gaudeamus” Arnold Sherman

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

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.

A GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

I Love to Tell the Story

We begin our service this evening by singing this beloved Gospel song. The words of this familiar song are similar to another hymn, “Tell Me the Old, Old Story,” and both are derived from Katherine Hankey’s “The Old, Old Story.” This expresses what ought to be the heart attitude of every Christian. Is it yours?

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Moving from our time of prayer together, we sing a favorite hymn of our congregation. It sings of the amazing, electing love of God and beautifully combines an unqualified belief on God’s divine sovereignty with a longing to see the lost saved. “Bring the strangers home” is one of the most beautiful ways of describing the Gospel effectual calling of sinners ever penned. This hymn also highlights one of the realities that Paul speaks of in Ephesians 2—that we, who are now the adopted sons and daughters of God, were once dead in sin. The second, third, and fourth stanza ponder the mystery of God’s electing love, that “sweetly drew us in,” and recognize that, had He not reached out to us, we would “rather starve than come.” The hymn is one of Isaac Watts’ many masterpieces.

Watts’ father was a nonconformist imprisoned twice for his religious views. Isaac learned Greek, Latin, and Hebrew in the grammar school in Southampton and showed a taste for verse in early childhood. His promise caused a local doctor and other friends to offer him a university education, assuming he would be ordained in the Church of England. However, Isaac declined and instead entered a nonconformist academy at Stoke Newington in 1690, under the care of Thomas Rowe, pastor of the independent congregation at Girdlers’ Hall. Isaac joined this congregation in 1693.

Watts left the Academy at age 20 and spent two years at home. It was during this period that he wrote the bulk of his Hymns and Spiritual Songs. They were sung from manuscripts in the Southampton Chapel and published 1707-1709. The next six years of his life were again spent at Stoke Newington, working as tutor to the son of eminent Puritan Sir John Hartopp. The intense study of these years is reflected in the theological and philosophical material he subsequently published.

Watts preached his first sermon at age 24. In the next three years, he preached frequently and in 1702 was ordained as pastor of the Independent congregation in Mark Lane. At that time he moved into the house of a Mr. Hollis in the Minories. His health began to fail the next year, and Samuel Price was appointed as his assistant in the ministry. In 1712, a fever shattered his constitution, and Price became co-pastor of the congregation, which had moved to a new chapel in Bury Street. It was at this time that Isaac became the guest of Sir Thomas Abney. He lived in Abney’s household for the rest of his life.

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Based on Paul’s final word to the church in 2 Timothy 1:12, this hymn by Daniel Whittle is full of assurance and joy. Grace abounds in the strangest of places, and Whittle, who had lost his right arm, ended up in a prisoner-of-war camp. It was there that he found a New Testament. Having been seen reading the New Testament he was called upon one evening to visit a dying man’s bedside in order to pray with him. Whittle explains:

“I dropped on my knees and held the boy’s hand in mine. In a few broken words I confessed my sins and asked Christ to forgive me. I believed right there that He did forgive me. I then prayed earnestly for the boy. He became quiet and pressed my hand as I prayed and pleaded God’s promises. When I arose from my knees, he was dead. A look of peace had come over his troubled face, and I cannot but believe that God, who used him to bring me to the Saviour, used me to lead him to trust Christ’s precious blood and find pardon. I hope to meet him in heaven.”

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

God's Word teaches us that we are people created for worship. Scripture tells us that worship is so innate to us that we are unable to *not* worship (Romans 1:18-25)! Because this is true, what we do in our weekly gathered worship is important. This time is a corporate exercise of the covenant community of God in having our loves shaped and directed away from lesser things and toward what is supremely worthy: God Himself. Since Scripture puts such a high priority on corporate worship, it becomes necessary for us to think through why our Lord's Day worship services look the way they do. Each week we will highlight various aspects of our worship service. This week we will look at '*The Prelude*.'

The Prelude

Following the announcements, we have '*The Prelude*,' which is a musical piece that serves as a transition time from the busy world into the presence of God. It seeks to introduce us into the important act of public worship that the Church – home and abroad – engages in each Lord's Day, and to establish a prayerful, worshipful, and meditative environment. During this time, you may find it beneficial to look at our Scripture reading from Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3 in preparing us for worship. The writer tells us that due to the Fall, sin has pervaded all spheres of life including our relationships. The world is filled with injustice and wickedness. We know that this world cannot ultimately satisfy our needs. Yet, we are so prone to cast our eternal gaze on temporal matters than upon things that are enduring and unending. The various twists and turns in our lives in the past week prove that we have truly cast our gaze upon the lesser things by participating in and thinking less of the rampant wickedness present in this world and clearly evident within ourselves. The writer also tells us that God will judge both the righteous and the unrighteous. The New Testament reveals to us that Jesus Christ is the Judge of the living and the dead (Acts 10:42)." And that, "...we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad (2 Cor 5:10)."

By reflecting upon these truths and realities, let us prepare our hearts in silent prayer thinking upon our unfaithfulness to God and nearsightedness concerning the things of God. Let us bewail our original sin that is at the root of our actual sin. Let us mourn our actual sins –the times we have not fixed our eyes upon God, did not appreciate His mercy toward us, and mocked His work of redemption for us in deliberately sinning against our consciences. Let us repent of the times we have indulged ourselves in busyness so as to excuse ourselves from holy ambitions and spiritual disciplines. May we, in light of all our unfaithfulness, look to God who is ever faithful to His covenant promises. May we, in our preparation for worship through confession of sin, never forget that we are not left without forgiveness. His mercies toward us are constant, sure, and unending. As the prophet Jeremiah exclaims, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23)." And it is His mercy alone that allows us to "... draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16)." James 4:8 encourages us to "draw near to God" with the promise that "he will draw near to you." As we enter a holy time of worship during the *Prelude*, let us go into His presence with thanksgiving and praise Him for His faithfulness to us.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JUNE 14, 2015

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. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary</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>
Monday	<p>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>College Open Gym — 7:30 p.m. in gym</p>
Tuesday	<p>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>WIC Mother/ Daughter/Sister/Friend Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. in MH</p> <p>Credentials Committee Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in WH202</p> <p>Shepherding Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215</p>
Wednesday	<p>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” — 8:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m. in various locations</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>Student Ministry Parents Prayer — 11:45 a.m. in YH</p> <p>Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p>Junior High D-Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH</p> <p>“First Plates” Delivery to Shut-Ins — 5:15 p.m.</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>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p> <p>Children’s “Fruit of the Spirit” Program — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in M122/123</p> <p>Young Adults Men’s Basketball— 8:00 p.m. in the Gym</p>
Thursday	<p>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” — 8:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Student Ministry Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p>Thursday Night Fellowship — 7:00 p.m. at the Wade home (2417 Eastover Drive)</p>
Friday	<p>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” — 8:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m.in various locations</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..." **Mike & Andrea** - serving with English Language Institute in Asia. For more information, please contact the Mission Department. **Ben & Marianna Shaw** - serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at The University of Southern Mississippi. Mailing address: 2806 Williamsburg Rd, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Email address: benshaw12@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Charles M. Broad, Jr. — May 28, 2015

Mrs. Ruth Kendrick — June 4, 2015

PERU MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

The Peru mission team will be commissioned tonight for their trip to Cajamarca, Peru on June 19-27, 2015. 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: Bill Payne and Danny Story. Team Members: Jessica Arnold, Kathryn Breeland, Lynn Broomfield, Beau Burrow, Doug Byrd, Betsy Byrd, Adam Crawford, Vann Crawford, Paul Davis, John Keeler, Janet Mann, Sydney Mann, Mary Ball Markow, Cathy May, Jared Moffett, Jeff Pride, Patrick Reed, Anna Bess Ridgway, Melissa Ridgway, Frances Royal, Dotsie Stevens, Pat Stevens, Janie Story, Maryanna Story, Daniel Teh, Cameron Lee Trussell, Donna Trussell, Amy Wegener, Jason Wegener, Jeremiah Wegener, John Wegener, Beth Whitehead, Kary Whitehead, Mary Claire Whitehead, and Anna Woodyard.

CHURCH TIME FOR CHILDREN

Church Time has concluded for children currently in the 4-Year-Old Sunday School class. These children need to be picked up from Sunday School by 10:40 a.m. to sit with their parent(s) in the worship service.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER/SISTER/FRIEND LUNCHEON

The Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Luncheon - "*Hope in God's Faithfulness*" - is June 16, 2015, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Miller Hall. Cost is \$6 per person. Panelists Ginger Cotten, Rhonda Baird, and Deborah Oakley, led by moderator Tricia Walters, will explore the riches of our relationships as we center them on Gospel goals. What difference does the Gospel make in all our relationships? Nursery available by request (ages 4 and under) at the time of registration. To register, call or email the church: 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

FPCYM SUMMER EVENTS: CANOE THE OKATOMA

The Student Ministry will hold summer events on Tuesdays. This week, Tuesday, June 16, beginning at 1:00 p.m., we'll canoe the Okatoma! The cost is \$25 per person and includes dinner on the way home. To sign up, please visit www.fpcjackson.org/discipleship/youth/upcoming-trips. If you have questions, contact youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

SUMMER RUF

College students, join us for Summer RUF! We are going through a series titled, "The Fruit of the Spirit." Jeff Jordan will speak on Tuesday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Hensons (4 Pond Side Drive). If you are interested in helping with food for Summer RUF, contact collegehouse@fpcjackson.org.

THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

TNF is the Young Adults Ministry's mid-week, large-group Bible study, with teaching, singing, and fellowship, and is perhaps the most visible dimension of the Young Adults ministry at FPC. This summer we'll be going through a series on Community. We were made in the image of a God who is in community. We depend on it during trials. We long for it. Where do we find it? What does it look like? How do we get it? Join us Thursday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wade home (2417 Eastover Drive). For more information, contact youngadults@fpcjackson.org.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY/YEARBOOK

We are updating information for the 2015-16 edition of the WIC Directory. If there have been any changes to your information (address, phone, email, or Circle membership), please contact the Women and Children's Ministry Department at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org by July 1. Thank you for helping us make the directory as accurate as possible!

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