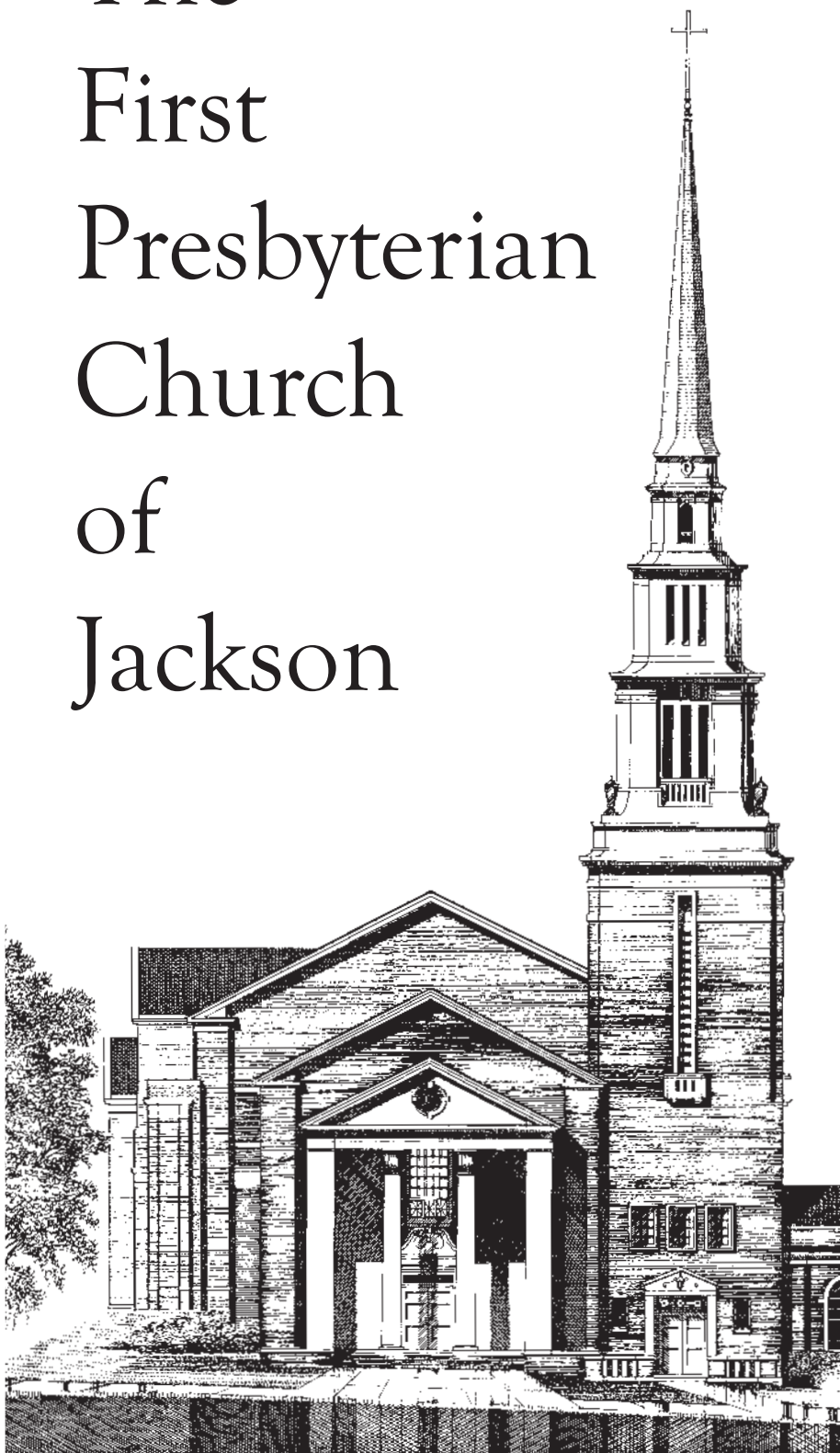


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# THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventeenth Day of June, Two Thousand Eighteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister  
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

**The Greetings and Announcements** (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — Introitus" ..... S. Karg-Elert  
William Wymond, Organ

**The Introit** — "Rise Up! Arise! (From St. Paul)..... Felix Mendelssohn  
Jamie Peipon – Music Intern, Director

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 75** — "O Father, You Are Sovereign"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡\* **The Doxology** — "How Great Thou Art"

"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!  
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**The Public Profession of Faith**

The Biblical Basis  
The Introduction of New Members  
The Questions of Membership  
The Prayer  
The Declaration  
The Blessing

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — "When Morning Gilds the Skies" ..... James Biery  
CONGREGATION:

1. "When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
2. To God, the Word, on high the hosts of angels cry, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let mortals, too, upraise their voice in hymns of praise, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

CHOIR:

3. My tongue shall never tire of singing in the choir, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The fairest graces spring in hearts that ever sing, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

CONGREGATION:

4. In heavens eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air, and sea and sky from depth to height reply, 'May Jesus Christ be praised.'
5. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'  
Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'"

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Mark 2:1-12 (Pew Bible page 837)

**The Sermon** — *The Gospel of Mark*:.....Dr. Strain  
"Ransomed, Healed, Restored, Forgiven"

‡ **The Psalm of Response No. 76 (Stzs. 1,2,5)** — (from Psalm 103)  
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Four-Fold Amen" ..... Wymond

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

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Discipleship

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

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

**The Prelude** — “Adagio in D Minor” .....Antonio Tartenelli  
The FPC String Ensemble

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn No. 448** — “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Commissioning of the Peru & Indonesia Mission Teams**

\* **The Hymn** — “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness” (See Guide)

**The Greetings**

**The Prayer** — Ruling Elder George Fair

**The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — Madeleine Case, Horn

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q147: Will the bodies of all the dead be raised again? A: Yes. At the last day some will be raised to everlasting life and others to everlasting death.

Q148: What will God do to unbelievers at the last day? A: He will judge them, and condemn them to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire with Satan and his angels.

Q149: What will God do for believers at the last day? A: He will give them a home with Him in the new heaven and the new earth.

\*\* **The Meditation and Prayer**..... Sebastian Bjernegård, Senior Minister’s Intern

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

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Romans 8:12-17 (Pew Bible page 944)

**The Sermon** — “Sons of God” ..... Mr. Felker

‡ **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**

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed after the prayer



First Presbyterian Church of Jackson exists to glorify God by making disciples on the North State Street corridor, in the greater Jackson area, and around the world.

# My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness



1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness  
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness  
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness



To Him who bore my pain;  
To Him who walks be - side;  
To him who reigns a - bove,



Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace  
Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength  
Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace,



And gave me life a - gain;  
And caus - es fears to fly;  
Whose ev - 'ry thought is love.



Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness  
Whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough  
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth



And clothed me in His light  
For ev - 'ry step I take,  
Is giv - en by the King;



And wrote His law of right - eous - ness  
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love  
So I will give my life, my all,



With pow'r up - on my heart.  
And crown - ing me with grace.  
To love and fol - low him.

Words: Stuart Townend.

Music: Keith Getty.

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## The Introduction of New Members

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

*Why must we be members of a local church?* The Bible uses metaphors to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another (Romans 12:5). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into His community of the Trinity. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption by Whom we are made members of the family (Romans 8:15-17). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. So, why must we become members of a local church? It is because, having been united to Christ, we are necessarily united to all those who are united to Him. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

*Who can be a member of the church?* Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord’s Table can be a communing member of First Presbyterian Church. Children of believer(s) are, by virtue of their birth in a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant. However, they may not partake of the Lord’s Table as a way to protect them from eating and drinking judgment upon themselves, if they were to do so in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Hence, our children are called non-communing members of the church. We hope that all our covenant children would embrace the gospel and become communing members. While only the communing members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, all members of the church family are, however, entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church. Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The first three of five questions seek to show to us our hellish plight before God, bring us to a point of desperate need for the person and work of Jesus, and rely upon the life-giving power in none but the Holy Spirit alone. We would do well to bring these grand truths of the gospel in our prayers every day. While the first three questions speak of our relation to each person of the Godhead, the next two questions speak of our relation to the Church of God which the Father loves, the Son died and rose to save, and the Spirit now indwells. Since each Person of the Trinity is interested and invested in the Church, we who are called by His name must do likewise. May we who are members of the covenant community pray for the welfare of the Church and of First Presbyterian Church. May we seek to live lives in which the gospel has pervaded every sphere. May we be growing disciples seeking to learn more of our God, His great majesty, and His magnificent Fatherhood. May we grow as committed members by regularly worshiping and seeking to gather with our family as often as opportunities provide us. May we be humble followers submitting to the wise leadership and discipline of those who care for our souls. May we grow to love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Prayer for Worship Service</b> — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.          (Library only)</p> <p><b>Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds</b> — has concluded for the summer</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>No Senior High Insight</b></p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Mission First/NCC Superstars for Christ</b> — 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Junior High Summer Snow Cone Challenge</b> — 3:00 p.m. at Nandy’s Candies</p> <p><b>Student Ministry Parent Event</b> — 7:30 p.m. at the Hurst home (2210 Culleywood Rd.)</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Mission First/NCC Superstars for Christ</b> — 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>French Camp Quilters</b> — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Luncheon</b> — 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p><b>Senior High Girls Supper Club</b> — 6:00 p.m. at Augusta’s house (1740 Howard St. in Belhaven)</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Mission First/NCC Superstars for Christ</b> — 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p><b>Student Ministry Lake Day</b> — 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Elkin home (103 Lakeview Court in Madison)</p> <p><b>Family Night Supper</b> — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p><b>Children’s Playtime</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Gym/Playground</p> <p><b>“Walking with the Wise” Children’s Program</b> — 6:30 p.m. on first floor SC</p> <p><b>No Senior High Small Group</b></p> <p><b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p><b>Chinese Bible Study</b> — 6:00 p.m. in SC210</p> <p><b>First Pres Forum</b> — 6:30 p.m. in MH</p> <p><b>Brass Rehearsal</b> — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Mission First/NCC Superstars for Christ</b> — 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>French Camp Quilters</b> — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MTW Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in WH202</p> <p><b>Young Adults Corn Hole &amp; Cook Out</b> — 6:30 p.m. at the Marchman home (4320 Henderson Cir.)</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Mission First/NCC Superstars for Christ</b> — 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Student Ministry Guys Basketball Tournament</b> — 4:00 p.m. Jr. High, 6:00 p.m. Sr. High</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p><b>Men’s Prayer Breakfast</b></p>

BC - Basement Classroom  
 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...”*

**Alonzo & Esther Ramirez** – Serving in university campus ministry, seminary training and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Cajamarca, Peru.

**Pioneer Ministries** – This ministry seeks to prepare young people spiritually, emotionally, and educationally to serve Christ in their communities and to become self-supporting, upstanding, and contributing citizens.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Helen House and Clay Wooley, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Gully and Mrs. Karolyn Ruth House, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Burton Wooley, grandparents of the groom.

## NEW MEMBERS

On June 3, 2018, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Mr. Nathan Benjamin Sierra Baird, Mr. Charlie Frank Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. (Anne Toy) Gathings, Jr., and Mr. William Lytle Moore.

## PERU MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

The Peru mission team will be commissioned tonight for their trip to Cajamarca, Peru, on June 22 - 30, 2018. 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: Avery Andress, Daniel Atkins, Stephen Atkins, Beau Burrow, Christy Burrow, Hollis Burrow, Rebecca Burrow, Mike Davis, Emison Geiger, Susan Geiger, Kelsey Harmon, Abigail Hartman, Lauren Herring, Genevieve Hurst, Lynn Johnson, Abby Kanicka, Sydney Mann, Cathy May, Brendon McLeod, Peyton Parker, Chandler Pride, Jeff Pride, Frances Royal, Russ Russell, Emily Saxton, Grant Saxton, Pat Stevens, Holly Story, and Jon Watson.

## INDONESIA MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

The Indonesia mission team will also be commissioned tonight for their trip to Jakarta, Indonesia. For safety reason specifics about the trip have been withheld. If you would like more information, please contact the Mission Department at 601-973-9125.

## STUDENT MINISTRY PARENT FELLOWSHIP

Parents of rising seventh through 12th graders, join the Students & Families Staff at the home of Paul and Fair Hurst (2210 Culleywood Rd.) for a Parent Fellowship, tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Come meet new staff members Stephen Biggs and Austin Lenox; and learn about the FPCYM schedule for the summer and fall. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

## FPCYM LAKE DAY

Junior and Senior High Students, join us Wednesday, June 20, at 3:30 p.m. for a Lake Day at the Elkin home on Lake Lorman in Madison (103 Lakeview Court). There will be boat rides, tubing, and outdoor games (like spikeball) for everyone to enjoy. Plus, we'll have snacks and dinner. If you need a ride there, meet at the Youth House at 3:00 p.m., and we will return to the Youth House by 7:15 p.m.

## CHURCHWIDE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Are you looking for a good book to read this summer? Join us in reading *The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship* by author Jonathan Holmes. We will meet to share a meal and discuss on July 24 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Patterson Hall. Shirley Windham will moderate. The books are available in the FPC Bookstore for \$7.00. You may register through the FPC app or by contacting Lisa Oswald at [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org) or 601-973-9115.

## BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, July 15, 2018. To make your reservation, please contact Marie Phillips at [mariep@fpcjackson.org](mailto:mariep@fpcjackson.org) or 601-973-9101.

## THE FIRST EPISTLE

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# MIDWEEK

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | SUMMER 2018

Join us at First Presbyterian Church this summer on Wednesday nights for special programming for Adults, Youth, and Children.

### FOR EVERYONE

**Family Night Dinner** - beginning at 5:00 p.m.; served until 6:15 p.m.

### FOR ADULTS

**First Pres Forum (FPF)** is a new summer teaching series on Wednesday nights in Miller Hall at 6:30 p.m. that seeks to ground the sometimes lofty theological topics in an easy, accessible, and applicable way for our late-modern, busy lives. Formerly a well-loved teaching series exclusively for Young Adults at First Pres, FPF is now for all adults and the highlight of our Midweek program for adults this summer. Come join with our whole church family as we take six weeks to look at the mystery of Union with Christ. What does this mystery, which is the heart of our salvation, mean for our identity, our guilt, our hopes, our desires, and our loves?

This summer's FPF series will be led by our new Minister of Young Adults & College, Cory Brock, and David Strain.

### FOR CHILDREN

This summer's program for children will aim to teach them to walk wisely with God, using the instructions of Proverbs. **Walking with the Wise** will connect the moral truths of Proverbs to the life and teachings of Jesus, from whom true wisdom comes. A companion book to our curriculum, entitled *Wise Up* by Marty Machoswski, is available in the bookstore. Working through this family devotional at home is a great way to partner with the church in teaching these important truths to our young ones. The summer program will meet at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings, and all children currently in the

three-year-old Sunday school up to the fifth grade Sunday school are invited to attend.

Nursery is provided for children age three and younger from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

### FOR YOUTH

During the summer, Junior High takes a break from D Groups. With so many new rising seventh graders joining us, we want to take the time during the summer to make sure everyone gets to know each other and make the Youth House a comfortable and welcoming place. The Summer Schedule below lists a few Wednesday evenings to be spent off site. Otherwise we will follow our normal schedule:

#### *Junior High Wednesday Night Schedule:*

- 5:30 p.m. Open Youth House
- 6:00 p.m. Pizza (\$3)
- 6:30 p.m. Large-Group Teaching
- 7:30 p.m. Depart

#### *Youth Summer Schedule:*

- June 6: No Wednesday Night Activities
- June 13: Junior High Cook Out
- June 20: FPCYM Lake Day
- June 27: Junior High Large Group
- July 4: No Wednesday Night Activities
- July 11: Junior High Large Group
- July 18: Junior High Large Group
- July 25: Junior High Mini Golf

A small group for senior high students, all grades and genders, led by Ann Lowrey Forster, Hunter Nicholson, and Nathan Oakley, will continue to meet at the church on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer at 6:30 in Y201.