

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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The Nineteenth Day of June, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman
Minister of Mission and Outreach

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 — “Largo” (*Xerxes*)..... G.F. Handel
Shellie Brown, Violin and John Sinclair, Cello

The Introit — “Almighty God of our Fathers”Will James
Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern, Director

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 34** — “The God of Abraham Praise”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

The Solo — “How Deep the Father’s Love” Getty/Townend
Clint Pride, Soloist

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 — “Put on the Whole Armor of God” John Ness Beck
Choir: “Put on the full armor of God.. “

Congregation: “Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armor on, strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son; strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in His mighty power, who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror. From strength to strength go on, stand firm, prevail and pray: tread all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day. Still let the Spirit cry in all His Soldiers, ‘Come!’ Till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home.”

Choir: “Amen! Amen!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Malachi 2:17-3:12 (Pew Bible page 802)

The Sermon — *Collision: “God Unchanging”*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 532** — “Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “Amen! Amen” John Ness Beck

The Postlude — “Allegro” (*Te Deum*)..... Charpentier

*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. J. Kelly D. Jackson

College Coordinator

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

The Prelude — “Prelude” (*Songs Without Words*) Felix Mendelssohn
FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 12** — “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Psalm No. 4** (See Guide)

The Commissioning of the Peru Mission Team

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder William Harper

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “There Is an Everlasting Kindness” Getty/Townend
Genneysa Case, Soloist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q: What is the sixth commandment? A: The sixth commandment is “You shall not murder.”

Q: What does the sixth commandment teach you? A: Not to take anyone's life unjustly and not to sin when I am angry.

** **The Meditation and Prayer** Wes Strebeck, Senior Minister's Intern

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 649 (Stz. 1-3)** — “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 1:9-12 (Pew Bible page 1011)

The Sermon — *The Gospel for the Rest of Us: “Our Favorite Idol”* ...Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise,
this still its prayer shall be,
more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee,
more love to thee!”

The Postlude — “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!” Oliver Holden

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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.

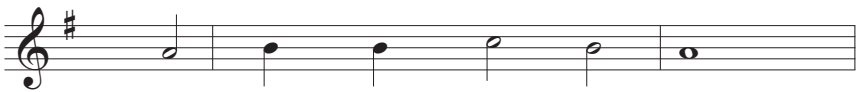
Singing through the Psalter

Psalm 4

Tune: Azmon



(vs. 1) 1. An - swer my call, my right - eous God.
(vs. 2) 2. O sons of men how long shall my
(vs. 3) 3. *Know that the LORD has set a - part*
(vs. 4) 4. Sin not, but trem - bling Med - i - tate,
(vs. 6) 5. "O, who can show us an - y good?"
(vs. 7) 6. You've placed great joy with - in my heart;



Re - lieve me; I'm dis - tressed.
glor - y be turned to shame?
the god - ly as his own;
be still up - on your bed.
I hear so man - y say.
Great joy with - in my heart.



Dis - play your grace un - to me now,
How long will you love what is vain,
The LORD will hear me when I call
(vs. 5) Pre - sent a right - eous sacr - i - fice,
Up - on us, now, lift up the light
More joy than ev - en oth - ers have



and hear me when I pray.
and strive for what are lies?
to Him and Him a - lone.
and trust up - on the LORD.
of Your coun - te - nance O LORD.
who a - bound in grain and wine.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

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. As we are highlighting various aspects of our worship service each week, let us focus on church membership today:

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 worshipping 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 19, 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
 Sew & Sow Camp — 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in SC210/211
 “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)

Tuesday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
 Sew & Sow Camp — 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SC210/211
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 WIC Mother/Daughter Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. in MH
 Students & Families Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
 Shepherding Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
 Summer RUF — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Pickerings (4793 Crestwood Drive)

Wednesday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
 Sew & Sow Camp — 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in SC210/211
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
 Benevolence Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
 Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
 Children’s Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground
 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
 Children’s “Faithful to All His Promises” Program — 6:30 p.m. in M122/123
 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
 Sew & Sow Camp — 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in SC210/211
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Internationals Class Planning Luncheon — 12:00 noon in MH
 Thursday Night Fellowship — 6:00 p.m. in HC

Friday

Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars” — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations
 Sew & Sow Camp — 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in SC210/211

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....”

Foster & Laura Gullett – Serving in campus ministry at the University of Bologna with Campus Crusade for Christ in Bologna, Italy. Email: fgullett@gmail.com

Joel & Holly Wallace – Serving as the Associate Director for Mission to North America’s Special Needs Ministry. Email: jwallace@pcanet.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Manning in observance of their 65 years of marriage by their children and families.

EVENING COMMUNION — JUNE 26

Please note that on Sunday, June 26, we will celebrate communion in the evening service.

PERU MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

The Peru mission team will be commissioned tonight for their trip to Cajamarca, Peru on June 24 - July 2, 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: Bill Payne and Danny Story. Team Members: Lynn Broomfield, Beau Burrow, Courtney Burrow, Betsy Byrd, Elkin Crews, Holt Crews, Rachel Crim, Sam Denney, Darnell Dye, Emily Ellison, Craig Flowers, Pat Flowers, Emison Geiger, Susan Geiger, Ed Hartman, Emily Hartman, Jennybeth Hendrick, Carey Johnston, John Keeler, Steven Kruger, Janet Mann, Sydney Mann, Cathy May, Lee Meena, Luci Moore, Anna Bess Ridgway, Frances Royal, Pat Stevens, Holly Story, Ginger Tramel, Mike Tramel, Cameron Lee Trussell, Donna Trussell, Anna Wright, and Julia Wright.

NEW MEMBERS

On June 5, 2016, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Miss Anna Elizabeth Crawford, Mr. Charles Richard Galloway, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harrison B. (Jeannie) Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patrick (Lacy) Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Annan (Elena) Kermah, Mr. Harrison Williams Matheny, Mr. Benjamin Davidson McBride, Mr. Lampton Alexander Moore, Miss Olivia Ann Moore, Miss Catherine Craig Mounger, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Owen (Carlee) Nicholson, Miss Madeline Dyar Page, Mr. Larry Donald Patterson, Miss Amy Claire Smith, Mr. Nathan Tanner Smith, Miss Olivia Ansley Smith, Mr. Thomas Wade Wasson, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Powell (Becky) Yarborough.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Please be in prayer for the men from FPCJ who will attend the 44th PCA General Assembly, June 20-24, in Mobile, Alabama. **Ruling Elders:** Bud Bratley, Crane Kipp, Bill Moore, Jim Tohill, Alan Walters, and Mark Windham. **Teaching Elders:** Billy Dempsey, Gabe Fluhrer, Ralph Kelley, Wiley Lowry, and David Strain.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

For Working Moms: Recognizing that time is at a premium for working moms, we are offering a short Bible study for the summer, on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. It will be in the format of a book club, studying *The Envy of Eve: Finding Contentment in a Covetous World*, led by Shirley Windham. Wednesday nights offer supper, nursery, and children and youth programs for your family. If you are interested, please contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

For Men: Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m., as Gabe Fluhrer leads a study on being a Biblical husband and father. For more information or to sign up, please contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or lisar@fpcjackson.org.

SUMMER RUF

College students: Join us for Summer RUF this Tuesday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Pringles (4121 Crane Blvd). We’ll hear from Cyril Chavis, RUF Intern at Jackson State, as he continues our series on the parables of Jesus.

YOUNG ADULTS THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

New to Jackson? Recent college graduate? The Young Adult ministry of FPC Jackson is a place primarily for 22-28 year olds, both single and married, from recent college graduate to married with kids. We would love to have you join us June 23 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. 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.

MLB TRIP TO ST. LOUIS TO WATCH THE CARDINALS

Men, join us for a fun father-son trip to the Gateway City to catch a couple of Cards games. Dates are Wednesday, July 20 – Friday, July 22. We will catch games Wednesday and Thursday nights, with Thursday free to enjoy local sights like the Arch, The City Museum (a museum like nothing else you’ve ever seen), or a visit to Six Flags. The cost is \$150 per person, which covers transportation, lodging, and game tickets. Food and Thursday’s daytime activities are not included. To sign up, call or email Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org by June 30.

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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 3: What does the Bible primarily teach?

ANSWER: The Bible primarily teaches what man must believe about God, and what God requires of man.

MONDAY:

READ: Deuteronomy 30:9-20

Key Thought: The Word is very near to you.

Questions:

- Are there some things that are clear and easy to understand?
- What should you do if you don't understand what you read?
- Why did God give us the Scriptures?

Prayer

TUESDAY:

READ: John 20:30-31

Key Thought: The Word brings faith and life.

Questions:

- What does it mean that Jesus is the "Christ"?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the "Son of God"?
- What does it mean to "believe" these things?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY:

READ: Romans 15:4-7

Key Thought: Glorify God with one mind and one mouth.

Questions:

- Why does Paul say the Bible was written?
- What is the "patience and comfort of the Scriptures"?
- How does the Bible give us hope?

Prayer

THURSDAY:

READ: Deuteronomy 4:1-8

Key Thought: Do not add or subtract from the Word.

Questions:

- Why can't we add to the Word of God or subtract from it?
- How does this principle apply especially to worshiping God?
- Do people see the beauty and wisdom of God's Word in your life?

Prayer

FRIDAY:

READ: James 1:21-25

Key Thought: Be doers of the Word.

Questions:

- Have you ever been a "hearer" of the Word without being a "doer"?
- How does someone who hears the Word without putting it into practice deceive himself?
- What does it mean that the Bible is the "perfect law of liberty"?

Prayer