

"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twelfth Day of March, Two Thousand Seventeen MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Young Adults & College

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.)
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The Introit — "Rise Up! Shine! The Glory of the Lord Is Upon You" ... F. Mendelssohn Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern, Director

The Call to Worship

- ‡* The Hymn of Praise No. 521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
- **‡** The Prayer of Adoration and Confession
- **‡** The Assurance of Pardon
- ‡* The Doxology

"Laud and honor to the Father. Laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One. One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run."

The Mission Challenge — Ruling Elder John Buchanan

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ The Hymn No. 246 — "Man of Sorrows! What a Name"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

"O Redeemer Divine, our sole hope of salvation,

Eternal light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration,

O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye.

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming,

Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,

And rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illumining,

That they may waken Thy mercy to tell!

O Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,

Who here are gathered on penitent knee,

Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory,

And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 26:36-46 (Pew Bible page 832)

- ‡ The Hymn of Response No. 498 (Stzs. 1-2) "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"
- **‡** The Benediction
- **‡** The Response

"Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find; He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end."

The Postlude — "Sonata III (Con mote maestoso)"......Felix Mendelssohn

^{*}The ushers may seat latecomers ‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Jeffrey R. Jordan — Guest Minister
RUF Campus Minister — Mississippi College
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — "Prelude on 'Come, Holy Spirit'"...... Alec Rowley William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

- ***** The Hymn No. 588 "Who Is on the Lord's Side?"
- **‡** The Invocation
- **†* The Evening Hymn No. 674** "I Need Thee Every Hour"

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Buz Lowry

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — Clint Pride, Soloist

The Young Children's Devotional

For children currently in 4-year-old through 3rd grade Sunday School *The Children's Catechism*

Q14: Where do you learn how to love and obey God? A: In the Bible alone.

Q15: Who wrote the Bible? A: Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

** The Meditation and Prayer Hunter Nicholson, Students and Families Assistant

‡ The Evening Hymn No. 629 — "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 32 (Pew Bible pages 462-463)

The Sermon — "A Time When You May Be Found"...... Mr. Jordan

- **‡** The Benediction
- **‡** The Response

"Bold shall I stand in Thy great day; for who aught to my charge lay? Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame."

- * The ushers may seat latecomers
- **‡** Congregation standing
- ** Children dismissed

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.

2017 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR WORLD MISSION

What if no one had told your family about the Gospel? And what if there was no Gospel presence anywhere in our city, state or even our entire country? No preachers, no churches, no seminaries, no missionaries, no Bibles, no Gospel presence anywhere. How would you and your children be saved if there was no one that would come and share the Gospel? There are thousands of places like that around the world, and our church is joining other like-minded churches to begin to take God's word to these unreached people groups. After much prayer and deliberation, the Session of FPC has developed two mission objectives: the continued support of our current missionaries, and raising an equal amount of new support to fund missionaries and partnerships engaged in strategic ministry to unreached people groups. We're committed to doing all we can to finish the mission, which will require reaching the remaining unreached people groups of the world. This will call us to fervent and faithful prayer, generous and sacrificial giving, and a humble willingness to declare with Isaiah, "Here am I, send me." Please join us by making a mission pledge and experience the excitement of being a part of this great effort.

MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS

MONDAY, March 13

CIRCLE 3: Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten 10:00 a.m – home of Bonnie Brannan 132 Oakhurst Trail, Ridgeland

CIRCLE 4: Bess Corbitt & Rebecca Redman 10:00 a.m.– Church Parlor

CIRCLE 6: *Rhonda Baird* 6:00 p.m. – home of Beth Archer 2257 East Northside Drive

CIRCLE 8: *Janie Purvis* 9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

TUESDAY, March 14

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole & Grace Toler* 10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie* 10:00 a.m. – home of Kathryn Edwards 71 St. Andrews Drive

CIRCLE 11: Frenchie Graham 10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham 4005 Cabell Lane

CIRCLE 12: Nina Johnston 10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine's, Marian Hall, 1st floor Sun Room

CIRCLE 13: *Elizabeth Fulcher* 6:00 p.m. – home of Elizabeth Fulcher 559 Brookstone Circle, Madison

MONDAY, March 20

CIRCLE 2: *Beth Keeler* 10:00 a.m. – home of Marie Rickels 4050 Crane Blvd

CIRCLE 7: *Marcia Penn* 5:30 – Miller Hall

CIRCLE 14: Susan Turner & Georgia Miller 12:00 noon – Miller Hall

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FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

(Library only)

 $\textbf{Children's Church for 3- and 4-year-olds} \ -- \ \text{during } 11:00 \ \text{a.m.}$

worship service in M135

Presbytery Committee Meeting — 5:00 p.m. in SC215

The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.

(Library only)

No Senior High Insight

Monday Circles Meet This Week

Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday Spring Break Service Projects — 9:30 a.m. in YH

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Twin Lakes Executive Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

Wednesday The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS

No Wednesday Night Supper or Activities

No Student Ministry Activities

FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Thursday The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Congregational Care Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

Friday No Scheduled Activities

Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

BC - Basement Classroom

CH - College House **LH** - Lowe Hall

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 HC - Hutton Chapel
LRC - Learning
Resource Center
SR - Session Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1 — "Finally, brethren, pray for us...."

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

Jon and Olya Powell — Serving with Mission to the World in Ukraine with a church planting team. Email: jpowell2407@gmail.com

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, March 19. Space is available for the 8:30 a.m. service only. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The spring Foundations class begins Sunday, March 19, at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through April 30. This class is for members and visitors who want to know more about our church and its ministries, our denomination, Presbyterian doctrine and beliefs, church history, and church government. To sign up, please email Lisa Walters at lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, April 2. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, March 22. Any forms received after March 22, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — MARCH 26

Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service on March 26, we will have a congregational meeting to vote on the recommendation to renovate Miller Hall.

JUNIOR HIGH SPRING RETREAT

7th-9th graders are invited to join FPCYM for a very special Junior High Spring Retreat in Birmingham on April 21-23, 2017. The cost is \$195, but sign up by the early bird deadline, March 23, and pay \$150. The cost includes all meals and snacks, lodging, special events for the weekend, and a t-shirt. The deadline to register is April 6. To sign up, visit the Upcoming Trips page at www.fpcjackson.org/youth. Contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org with questions or for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS & TEACHERS LUNCH THURSDAY, MARCH 23

All adult Sunday School officers & teachers are invited to a lunch on Thursday, March 23, at 11:30 a.m. in Miller Hall for a training opportunity with Gabe Fluhrer. The cost is \$6.00. Please RSVP to Lisa Kim at 601-326-9243 or discipleship@fpcjackson.org.

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, weekly 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, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones 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 fpcj.ms/fam-devo. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 41: Where is the moral law summarized?

Answer: The moral law is summarized in the Ten Commandments.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Exodus 20:1-17; 31:18; Deuteronomy 10:1-4 *Key Thought:* God has given us a summary of His moral law. **Questions:**

How are the Ten Commandments divided?

Can you think of any sin that is not forbidden by them?

• Is there an even shorter summary of the moral law given in the Scripture?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read James 2:8-12

Key Thought: The Ten Commandments are comprehensive.

Questions

- Can you think of examples in which one act of sin breaks more than one commandment?
- How many of the Ten Commandments did Adam and Eve break when they ate the forbidden fruit? (see Gen. 3)
- How does this aspect of the Law show you the depth of your sinfulness?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Galatians 3:21; Ezekiel 36:27; Hebrews 8:10; 1 John 2:3-8 *Key Thought:* The Ten Commandments are not outdated. **Questions:**

- Are the followers of Jesus required to obey the Ten Commandments?
 - How does obeying the Commandments perfect the love of God in us?
 - Why do the followers of Jesus obey the Ten Commandments?

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THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Hebrews 10:1-9; Acts 10:9-16

Key Thought: God gave Israel ceremonial laws, which have all been fulfilled in Christ.

Questions:

- Are there some laws that God gave to Israel in the Old Testament that we are not expected to obey today? Which ones? Why?
- What was the purpose of the ceremonial worship laws?
- How were these ceremonial laws fulfilled in Christ?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Deuteronomy 4:5-8; Exodus 22:1-28

Key Thought: God gave Israel judicial laws, which provide a standard of righteousness for nations according to God's wisdom.

Questions:

- What did Moses say about these laws in Deuteronomy 4:5-8?
- What were some of these civil or political laws?
- Are these laws based on eternal principles of justice?

Prayer