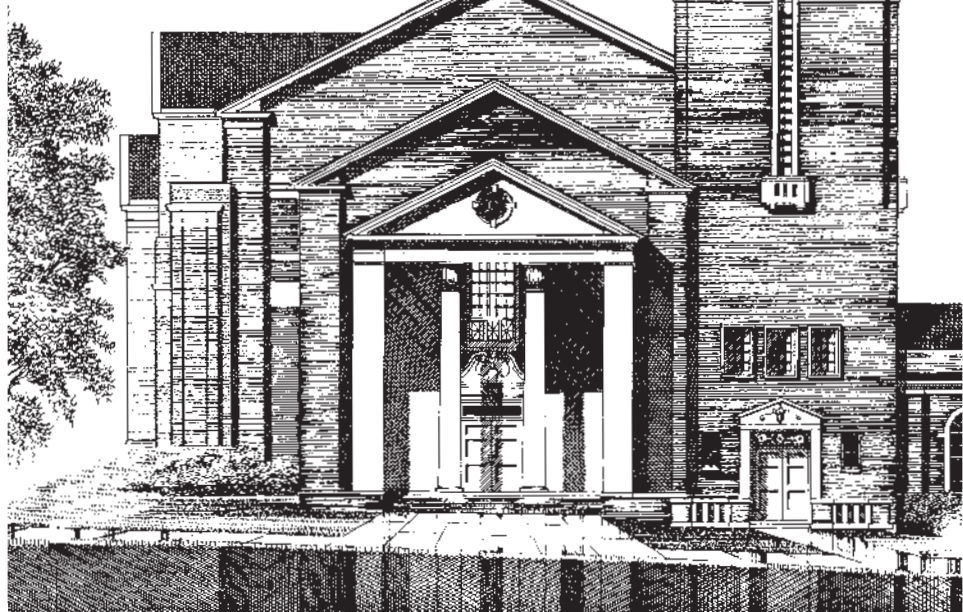


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighteenth Day of March, Two Thousand Eighteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach

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

The Prelude — "Sing Praise to Our Creator" Kevin Norris
Rae Shannon, Organist

The Introit — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Luther/Wymond

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 18 (Stzs. 1-4)** — "You Holy Angels Bright"
(based on Psalm 148)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Doxology**

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory.
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty!"

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 — "Be Not Afraid" (*Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn

"Be not afraid, saith God the Lord; Thy help is near.
Though thousands languish and fall beside thee,
And tens of thousands around thee perish;
Yet still it shall not come nigh thee.
Be not afraid! Thy help is near.
Be not afraid, saith God the Lord."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 15:12-34 (Pew Bible page 961)

The Sermon — *Rewire*: "Christ Has Been Raised" Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 277 (Stzs. 1-4)** — "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

"Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!"

The Postlude — "We're Marching to Zion" Gordon Young

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Young Adults & College
The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 116** — “For the Beauty of the Earth”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Hymn** — Psalm 130 (See Song Sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Terry Levy

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “The Mighty Power of God” Mark Hayes
The Student Choir; Rachael Storey, Accompanist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q118: What is the third petition? A: The third petition is “Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

Q119: What does it mean to pray, “Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”?

A: We are asking God to make us able and willing to serve Him on earth just as He is served in heaven.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**Joe Bynum, Mission & Outreach Intern

‡* **The Hymn (Stzs. 1-3)** — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (See Song Sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 13:1-17 (Pew Bible page 900)

The Sermon — *Entering the Crucible of Unbelief: “Jesus & Our Pride”* ... Mr. Felker

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.”

The Postlude

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‡Congregation standing

**Children dismissed after the prayer

Our Vision

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.

The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

In order for the congregation to more fully enter into the service of the sacrament of baptism and to refresh ourselves on our church membership vow, the following is provided for your convenience and information:

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.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent
Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Needs Coordinator
Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators
Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

THE SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sunday School	9:40 A.M.
Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Senior High Insight	7:30 P.M.
Communion	2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October
Baptism	3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November
New Members Received	1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:00 p.m. in PH

THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING:

Family Night Dinner	Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Children's Activities	Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.
Junior High Discipleship Groups	Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.
The Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.
Discipleship Groups	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

Sunday

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)
Foundations Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133
Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in M135MB
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:30 p.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the Duncan home (2215 Heritage Hill Dr.)

Monday

MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202A
Mission First Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC 210/213
Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Benevolence Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH204A
Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in SC 213A
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Mission Conference Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202A
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in WH202B
Children’s Playtime — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Gym/Playground
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Junior High D Groups — 6:00 p.m. in YH
Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC210
Mid-Week Bible Study & Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in MH
Adult D-Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various rooms
Christianity Explored — 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor
Working Women’s Bible Study — 6:30 p.m. in WH202B
Senior High Small Group — 6:30 p.m. in Y201
Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Brass Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary

Thursday

Ladies’ Bible Study (Hebrews) — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Young Adults Crawfish & Cornhole — 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson home (4320 Henderson Cir.)

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday

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

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...”

Dale & Susan Ellison – Serving in administration and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru.

Email: daleellison@perumission.org

Mustard Seed – The Mustard Seed is a Christian organization which seeks to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities. Email: del@mustardseedinc.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barb Currie by her family.

BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Madeline Marguerite Adcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max (Kelly) Adcock; Elizabeth Blades Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew (Elisha) Bailey; Elizabeth Louise Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sean (Katie) Douglas; Lyons Jonathan Eveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Elizabeth) Eveland; and Sykes Ygondine Sturdivant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Micajah (Grace) Sturdivant.

SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The spring Foundations Class begins today at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through Sunday, May 6. 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 Caleb Blake at calebb@fpcjackson.org.

2017-2018 MISSION PLEDGES

The mission budget goes from April 1 to March 31. If you made a pledge in response to last year's Mission Conference, the last day to fulfil that pledge will be March 31. Thank you for investing in the spread of Christ's Kingdom.

SENIOR HIGH INSIGHT

Ninth graders are officially invited to be a part of what we consider to be the core weekly event of our Senior High ministry, Insight, beginning tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Duncan home (2215 Heritage Hill Dr.). Come for dinner and bring your friends!

YOUNG ADULTS CRAWFISH & CORN HOLE

Young Adults, we hope you can join us this Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. for Crawfish AND Corn Hole. Please RSVP to David, Joe, or Mackenzie so we can have plenty of crawfish for you and your friends. Bring \$5!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

For the remainder of March, our Children's Sunday School offering will be given to the ministries and missionaries that are supported by FPC. Please be in prayer for the various ministries we support and encourage children to bring money for the offering. For a full list of ministries, visit www.fpcjackson.org/church-life/outreach.

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/alcoholism 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 99: What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

Answer: The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer, but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called The Lord's Prayer.

MONDAY

Scripture: Luke 11:1-4; Romans 8:26-27

Key Thought: We need directions, rules, and helps in prayer.

Questions:

- Why do we need help in order to pray?
- What mistakes do we naturally make regarding the content and regarding the manner of prayer?
- How has God provided help for us?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Psalm 55:16-17; Psalm 18:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Key Thought: Scripture teaches us when to pray.

Questions:

- Does the Bible suggest a regular discipline of daily prayer?
- What particular occasions might call for special prayer?
- What does it mean to "pray without ceasing"?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 10:17; James 1:6-8; 5:16

Key Thought: Scripture teaches us how to pray.

Questions:

- What does it mean to pray with a "true heart"?
- What does it mean to "ask in faith"?
- What is meant by praying "fervently"?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: James 4:3-4; Exodus 33:13; 2 Kings 19:19

Key Thought: Scripture teaches us why to pray.

Questions:

- What should our chief motive be when we pray?
- What blessing should we seek above all others?
- Whose benefit should we seek in all of our prayers?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

Key Thought: Scripture teaches us what to pray.

Questions:

- Can you see a basic structure to the Lord's Prayer?
- What things are mentioned first? What things are mentioned last?
- Did Jesus intend this prayer merely to be memorized and repeated?

Prayer