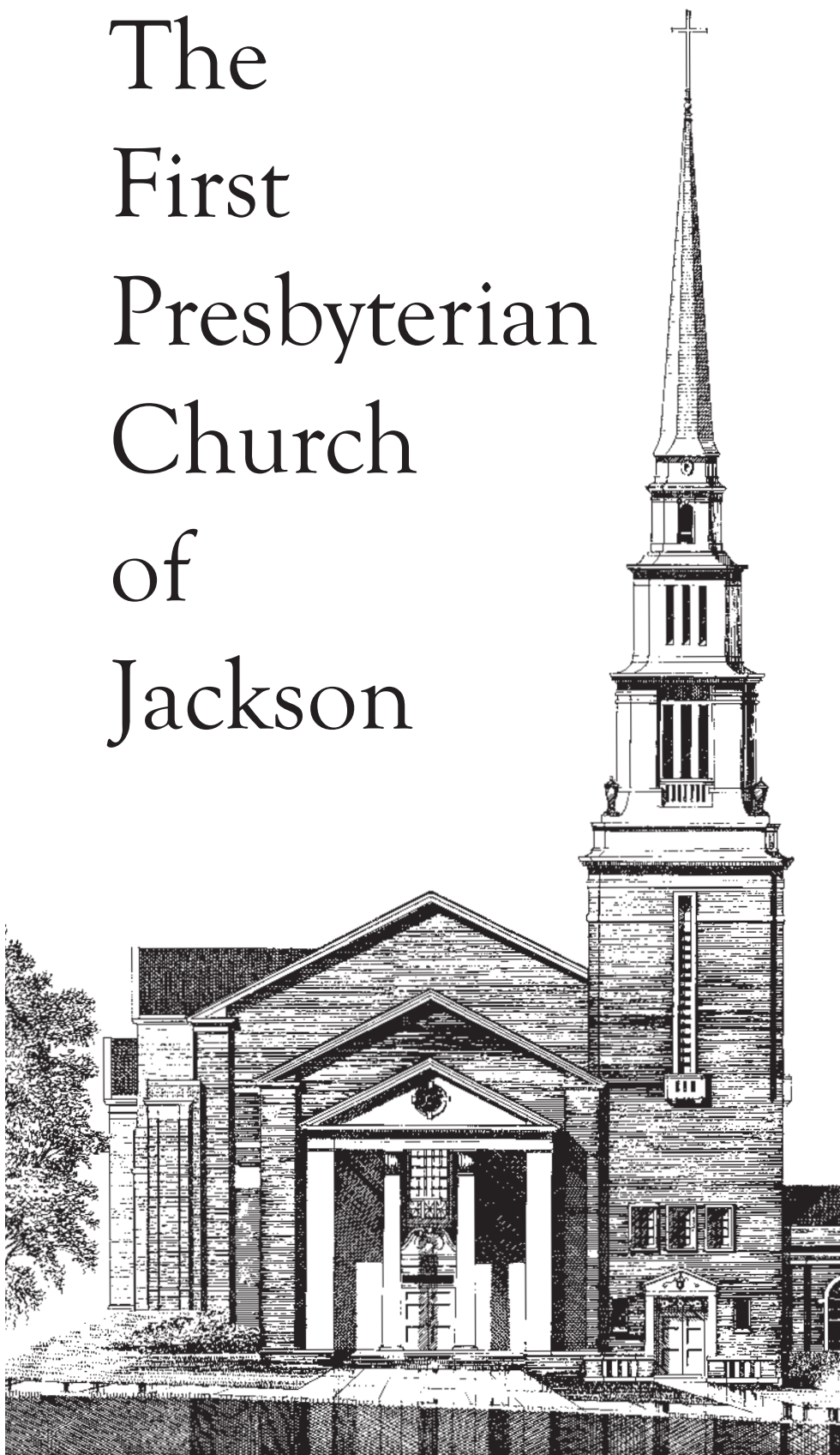


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Nineteenth Day of March, Two Thousand Seventeen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

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

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 — "Pastorale" (on *Forest Green*).....Richard Purvis

The Introit — "He Is Lord"David Clydesdale
Jeff Brown, Guest Director; Kathryn Edwards, Piano

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 19** — "Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Doxology** — "Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity."

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 — "Fairest Lord Jesus"Arr. Charles Forsberg

"Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing!

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — I Corinthians 2:1-5 (Pew Bible pages 952-953)

The Sermon — *Rewire*: "A Trinitarian Theology of Preaching"Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 179** — "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Jesus Shines Brighter. Jesus Shines Purer" Charles Forsberg

The Postlude — "Chorale (*Suite Gothique*)"Leon Boellmann

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — Minister of Discipleship
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — “Canzonetta” Arthur Prichard

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 80** — “Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Evening Hymn No. 111** — “This Is My Father's World”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Steve Edwards

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” Traditional
The FPC Brass

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q16: Who were our first parents? A: Adam and Eve

Q17: How did God create man? A: God created man, male and female, after His own image.

Q18: Of what were our first parents made? A: God made Adam's body out of the ground and Eve's body out of a rib from Adam.

** **The Meditation and Prayer** James Ritchey, Students & Families Assistant

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 94 (Stzs. 1-5)** — “How Firm a Foundation”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 4:13-17 (Pew Bible page 1013)

The Sermon — “The Miracle of Tomorrow” Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

The Postlude — “Tomorrow, Lord, Is Thine” Schumann

* 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1 – “Finally, brethren, pray for us....”

Britton & Elizabeth Wood – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Stanford. Email: bwood@ruf.org

Clay & Darlene Quarterman – Serving with Mission to the World in Ukraine as a Seminary Professor and Christian Education team leader. Email: cqmission@yahoo.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are from the wedding of Anna Bess Ridgway and William Tyler Fuller. With gratitude for their lives and the Godly heritage set before us, the parents of the bride and groom give the flowers in loving memory of Miss Anna Bess Barwick, great aunt of the bride; and Mr. and Mrs. John Samuel Grant, junior, and Mrs. Charles Robert Ridgway III, grandparents of the bride; and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Guy Fuller, junior, and Dr. and Mrs. James Robert Hatten, grandparents of the groom.

BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Josiah Won-Ann Kermah, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Annon Kermah; Mae Louise Saxon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Joseph Vincent Saxon; Weldon Williamson Doe V, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Williamson Doe IV; Finley Susan Felker, daughter of The Reverend Mr. and Mrs. David Lanier Felker; Katherine Grace Hoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Kern Hoff, Jr.; Margaret Toler Millwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Daniel Millwood; Dempsey Stewart Strange, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clarke Stewart Strange; and Myers Love Sumrall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Myer Sumrall.

COLLEGE CROCK POT LUNCH TODAY

College students, join us today following the 11:00 a.m. service for a free lunch at the Jackson home (1122 Lyncrest Ave.). Come, and bring your friends.

SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The spring *Foundations* class begins today 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — MARCH 26

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

STUDENTS & FAMILIES MINISTRY PARENTS' PRAYER MEETINGS

Parents of all seventh through twelfth graders, please join us on **March 22, 2017, at noon**, so that we can share in a time of prayer for our students. Lunch is provided, so please RSVP to Jenny at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org so we can make arrangements for food. We will also have a prayer breakfast specifically for dads at 6:45 a.m. on **March 24, at Broad Street**.

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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.

WORSHIP • DISCIPLESHIP • OUTREACH

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

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 (across from the bookstore)
Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year-olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in M135
College Crockpot Lunch — 12:00 p.m. at the home of the
 Jacksons (1122 Lyncrest Avenue)
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
No Senior High Insight

Monday

Circle 14 — 12:00 noon in WH 204
Benevolence Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Circle 7 — 5:30 p.m. in WH202

Tuesday

“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Crafts for Missions — 9:00 a.m. in SC 211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Women & Children’s Caring Committee Meeting — 11:30 a.m.
 in WH202
Students & Families Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in WH204
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Church & Member Relations Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m.
 in SC215
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
Parents’ Prayer Lunch — 12:00 noon in YH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A
Children’s Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground
Peru Mission Trip Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH202
VBS Crafts Display Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC211B
Junior High D Groups — 5:45 p.m. in YH
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Engaged/Newly Married Class — 6:30 p.m. in HC
Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Men’s Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

Ladies 1, 2, 3 John Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Ladies “Prophets” Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday School Officers/Teachers’ Training Lunch—11:30 a.m. 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
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 CONTINUED

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.

JUNIOR HIGH SPRING RETREAT

The early bird deadline is this week, March 23, for the Junior High Spring Retreat! The cost for this year's trip to Birmingham (April 21-23) is \$195, but sign up by 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 Sunday School officers & teachers are invited to a lunch this 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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING LUNCHEON

Ladies, please join us for our Spring Luncheon, *In Him Our Hearts Rejoice*, on Tuesday, April 4, from 11:30 - 1:00 in Miller Hall. Shirley Windham will be our speaker. Please bring an item to donate to Ruth's Refuge (bath towels, washcloths, HE laundry detergent, sturdy paper plates, plastic eating utensils, toilet paper, or garbage bags). **A gluten/dairy-free or vegetarian salad from Whole Foods is available upon request at the time of registration.** The cost of the lunch will be taken at the door (\$6.00/\$7.00). Nursery available upon request at the time of registration. Register by Thursday, March 30, by contacting the church at 601-353-8316, receptionist@fpcjackson.org, or by visiting the church website.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 5-9

"The Lord Is My Rock!" This year, we will be rocking at VBS as we learn about Moses, Joshua, and Elijah. Their stories point us to Jesus, our perfect Savior, who rolled away the rock that sealed His tomb and defeated death. Online registration for VBS begins April 1 at www.fpcj.ms/vbs-2017. We are also recruiting member volunteers to help with VBS. If you enjoy working with children, helping with crafts, or preparing snacks for the adult volunteers . . . whatever your interest, we have a spot for you! If you are willing to help, please contact VBS Director, Laura Barbour, at 601-594-4380 or email laurabarbour@comcast.net.

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.

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-dev. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 42: What is the essence of the Ten Commandments?

Answer: The essence of the Ten Commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and to love everyone else as we love ourselves.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Mark 12:28-34

Key Thought: The aim of the commandments is love.

Questions:

- Are the Ten Commandments mostly stated positively (Thou shalt) or negatively (Thou shalt not)? How did Jesus state them?
- Why do we tend to see the commandments as a burden instead of as a guide for how to love God and one another?
- When we break God's commands, who is the supreme object of our love?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Key Thought: We are to love God above all else.

Questions:

- What does it mean to love God?
- Why should we love God?
- How are we to love God? What does this mean?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Psalm 119:161-176

Key Thought: Real love for God bears visible fruit.

Questions:

- Does the Bible speak of love as a feeling or an activity?
- What visible fruits of love for God can you see in the Psalm 119 passage?
- Are these fruits of love for God visible in your heart and life?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Matthew 7:12; Luke 10:25-37; Galatians 6:10

Key Thought: We are to love our neighbor as ourself.

Questions:

- Why should we love our neighbor?
- How are we to love our neighbor? What does this mean?
- Why did the lawyer in Luke 10 ask Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8; John 15:12-14; 1 John 3:16-19

Key Thought: Real love for others is self-sacrificial.

Questions:

- Is love a feeling? How does Paul define love?
- What specific things does love do?
- What specific things does love not do?

Prayer