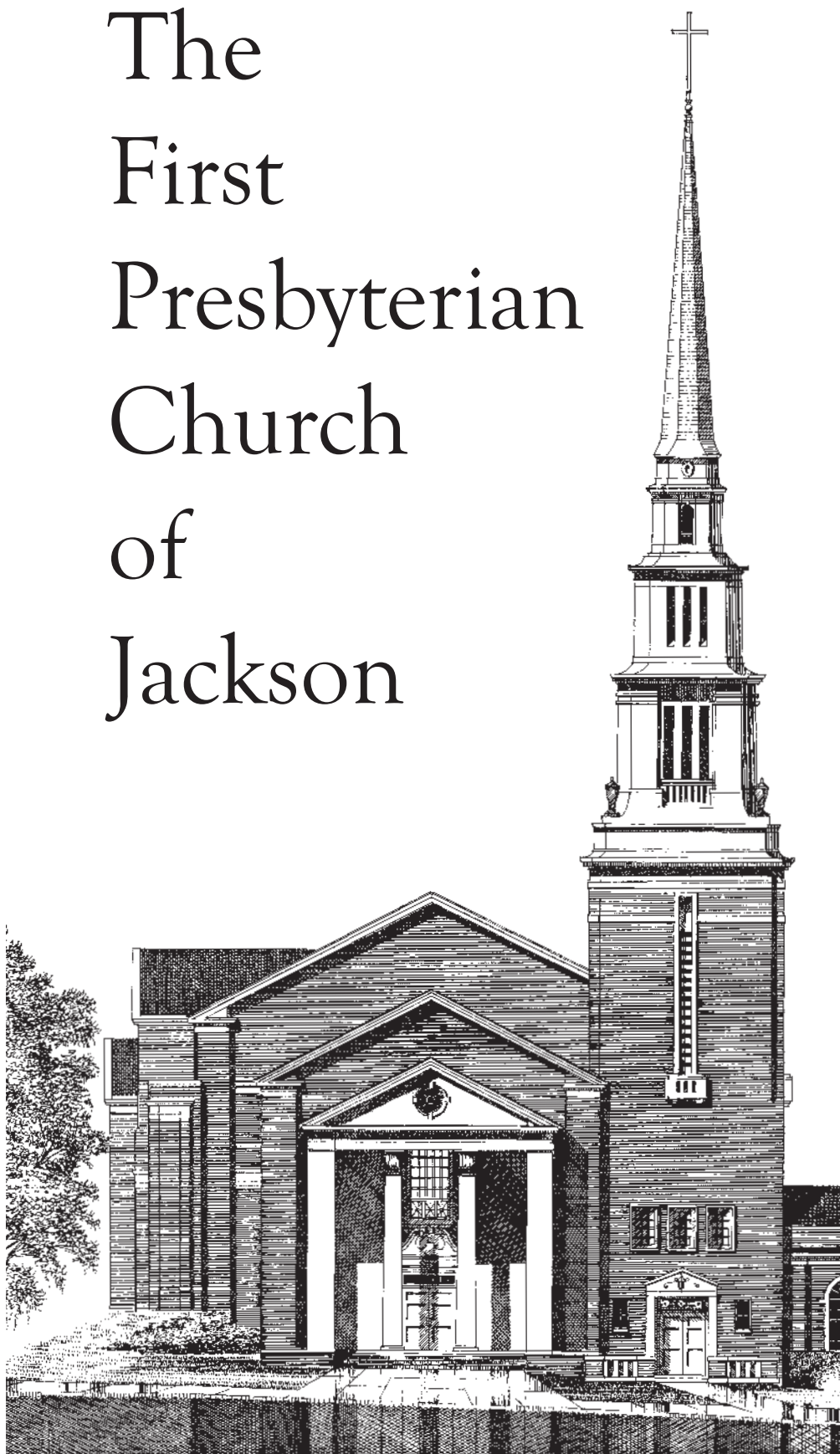


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth Day of March, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley

Executive Minister

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 — "Jesus and the Children" Austin Lovelace
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" 7th Century Palm Sunday Hymn

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 235** — "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Doxology**

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

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 — "Gloria" (From: *Theresien Messe*) Joseph Haydn
"Gloria in excelsis, in excelsis Deo.

And on earth give peace to men of good will.

We praise Thee, Lord; we adore Thee, O Lord.

We glorify Thee, Lord. We praise Thee. We adore Thee, Lord.

We glorify Thee, Lord."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 20:1-17 (Pew Bible page 61)

The Sermon — *God Reigns: "Two into One Will Go"* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 536** — "Searcher of Hearts, from Mine Erase"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me! mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me."

The Postlude — "Rondo in G" John Bull

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister— The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “Sing Praise to the Lord”Parry, arr. By J. Hunt
FPC Brass

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 2** — “O Worship the King”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Evening Hymn** — “Before the Throne of God Above” (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder George Fair

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Man of Sorrows”Lloyd Larson
The FPC Student Choir

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q 61. What does it mean to believe in Christ? A: To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.

Q 62. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power? A: No. I cannot repent and believe unless the Holy Spirit changes my heart.

Q 63. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit? A: God has told us to pray for the Holy Spirit's help.

****The Meditation and Prayer**.....Ed Hartman, Minister of Mission and Outreach

‡ **The Hymn No. 38 (Stz 1-2)** — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 1:1-11 (Pew Bible page 1028)

The Sermon — *Behold, A Throne: “A Fourfold Purpose”*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see:
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!”

The Postlude — “O Zion Haste” Walch
FPC Brass

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**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.

Before the Throne of God Above

Charite Bancroft

Vikki Cook

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair
 3. Be - hold Him there! The Ris - en Lamb,

I have a strong and per - fect plea,
 And tells me of the guilt with - in,
 My per - fect, spot - less Right - eous - ness,

A great High Priest whose name is Love,
 Up - ward I look and see Him there
 The great un - chang - a - ble I Am,

Who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
 Who made an end to all my sin.
 The King of Glo - ry and of Grace!

My name is grav - en on His hands;
 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died,
 One with Him - self, I can - not die.

My name is writ - ten on His heart.
 My sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
 My soul is pur - chased by His blood.

I know that while in heav'n He stands,
 For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied
 My life is hid with Christ on high,

No tongue can bid me thence de - part,
 To look on Him and par - don me,
 With Christ, my Sav - ior and my God,

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A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

Thoughts on Baptism

Baptism is a new covenant sign. That is, it points to and confirms the gracious saving promise of God to His people and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. It is to be administered to believers and their children, as can be seen from Genesis 17, Matthew 28, Colossians 2, 1 Corinthians 7, and Acts 16.

To elaborate, Christian baptism is (1) **commanded by Christ** in Matthew 28 (“Go...make disciples...baptizing and...teaching them”). (2) It is **to be applied to believers** as we see in Acts 8 (“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning to see from Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?’ And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ And he ordered the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.”) (3) It is **to be administered** to believers *and their children*, as can be seen from Genesis 17 (“I will establish my covenant between me, and you, and your descendants”) — which shows that the normal order of discipleship in the church is baptism followed by teaching; Colossians 2 (In Christ “you were also circumcised...having been buried with Him in baptism”) — which shows that New Testament water baptism replaces Old Testament circumcision as the sign of membership in the church, 1 Corinthians 7 (“your children are...now...holy”) — which confirms the place of children in the new covenant community, the church; and Acts 16 (“Lydia...was listening, and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And...she and her household [were] baptized”) — which shows us the pattern of the earliest church in covenant baptism.

Baptism (and especially “infant baptism” or covenant baptism) beautifully points to the initiative of God’s love. He reached out to us, when we could not reach out to Him. It is thus a perfect picture of sovereign, saving grace. “Every time we baptize an infant we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for.” (B.B. Warfield)

We, of course, also baptize adult believers (who have never before been baptized.) In this way, they are recognized as disciples of Jesus Christ through the means of baptism and confession of faith (see Acts 2:38, 8:35-37; Romans 10:9), and so it is our great joy and privilege from time to time, to hear new Christians profess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel, and to see them receive the mark of membership in the covenant community.

The Larger Catechism says:

“The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.”

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2016

Sunday	<p>Pre-Service Announcements — 8:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Children's Church for 3 and 4-year-olds — during 11:00 a.m. worship service in M135</p> <p>College Luncheon — 12:00 noon in Gym</p> <p>Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in the Music Suite</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>No Senior High Insight</p>
Monday	<p>Circle Bible Teachers Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in WH204</p> <p>Passion Week Bible Study — 12:00 noon in WH202</p> <p>Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210</p>
Tuesday	<p>"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH</p> <p>Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p> <p>Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>Passion Week Bible Study — 12:00 noon in WH202</p> <p>Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210</p> <p>Presbytery Administrative Committee Meeting — 3:00 p.m. in WH204</p> <p>Young Adults Hymn Sing — 6:00 p.m. in HC</p> <p>Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC</p> <p>Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p>Passion Week Bible Study — 12:00 noon in WH202</p> <p>Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p>College Dinner & Discussion — 5:30 p.m. in WH204A</p> <p>Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in WH202</p> <p>VBS Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC211B</p> <p>Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground</p> <p>The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Junior High D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH</p> <p>D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p> <p>Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym</p>
Thursday	<p>"Envy of Eve" Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in PH</p> <p>"Son of God: the Gospel of Matthew" Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH..will meet</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Passion Week Bible Study — 12:00 noon in WH202</p>
Friday	Church Offices Closed
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...." **Larry and Debby Thompson** – Serving as International Director and Vice President of International Ministries for Athletes in Action (A Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International). Email: Larry.Thompson@cru.org **Jon & Marla Payne** – serving as church planters at Christ Church Presbyterian in Charleston, SC. Email: jdpchristchurch@icloud.com

BAPTISM

This morning the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Timothy Frederick Kemp, son of Drs. Ann and Stephen Kemp; George Luther (Louie) Strebeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Heath Strebeck; Caroline Cogan Parks, daughter of Drs. John Light Parks and Laura Parks; Charlotte Lea Wadsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crisler Wadsworth; Grady Hamilton Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Burley Howell III; Adeline Jane Werre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy James Werre, Jr.; Jamie Giles Houston V, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Giles Houston IV; John Logan McMullan and Timothy Wyche McMullan, sons of Mr. and Dr. Kelly Wyche McMullan; Reid Cayce Nicols, daughter of Drs. Lee Montgomery and Amanda Gray Nicols.

PASSION WEEK NOON-TIME BIBLE STUDY

A Bible study will be held this week from 12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday, in WH202. The devotional study, taught by Billy Dempsey, will be based on Jesus' seven sayings on the cross. A meal will be provided at the cost of \$6 per person. To reserve your spot, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org by Monday at 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING — DR. GREGORY BEALE PREACHING

Dr. Gregory K. Beale (PhD, Cambridge) will preach to us in the regular mid-week prayer meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. He will be in Jackson lecturing at RTS. Dr. Beale holds the J. Gresham Machen Chair of New Testament and is professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenside, Pennsylvania. We hope you'll join us, as he speaks to us on *The Temple in 2 Thessalonians*.

RYM

Each summer the Students & Families Ministry takes two groups to RYM, a reformed youth conference that brings together students from across the country. At RYM the gospel is taught, friendships are deepened, and Mega Rec abounds. The early bird deadline for each of the RYM trips is April 1. The Junior High trip will be held June 27-July 1, with speaker, Joey Stewart. The cost is \$305 early and \$475 regular. The Senior High trip will be held July 11-16, with speaker Brian Habig. The cost is \$420 early and \$580 regular. More information including registration and scholarship information, visit www.fpcjackson.org/discipleship/youth/upcoming-trips. Contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org with questions.

SPRING "FOUNDATIONS" CLASS

The Spring "Foundations" Class begins Sunday, April 3, at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through May 8. This class, formerly known as "Inquirers' 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 contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or lisar@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR ADULTS DAY TRIP

Join us for a day trip to The National WWII Museum in New Orleans and Middendorf's Restaurant on Thursday, April 28. We will depart FPC at 7:00 a.m. and return by 7:00 p.m. For more information, check *The First Epistle* or contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Several members of our congregation have benefitted from the hearing devices that are available during our worship services. These devices transmit the sound from the pulpit directly into a small and unobtrusive earpiece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office: 601-353-8316.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent
Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Ed. 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:	Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Family Night Dinner	Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Junior High Large Group	Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.
Children's Activities	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.