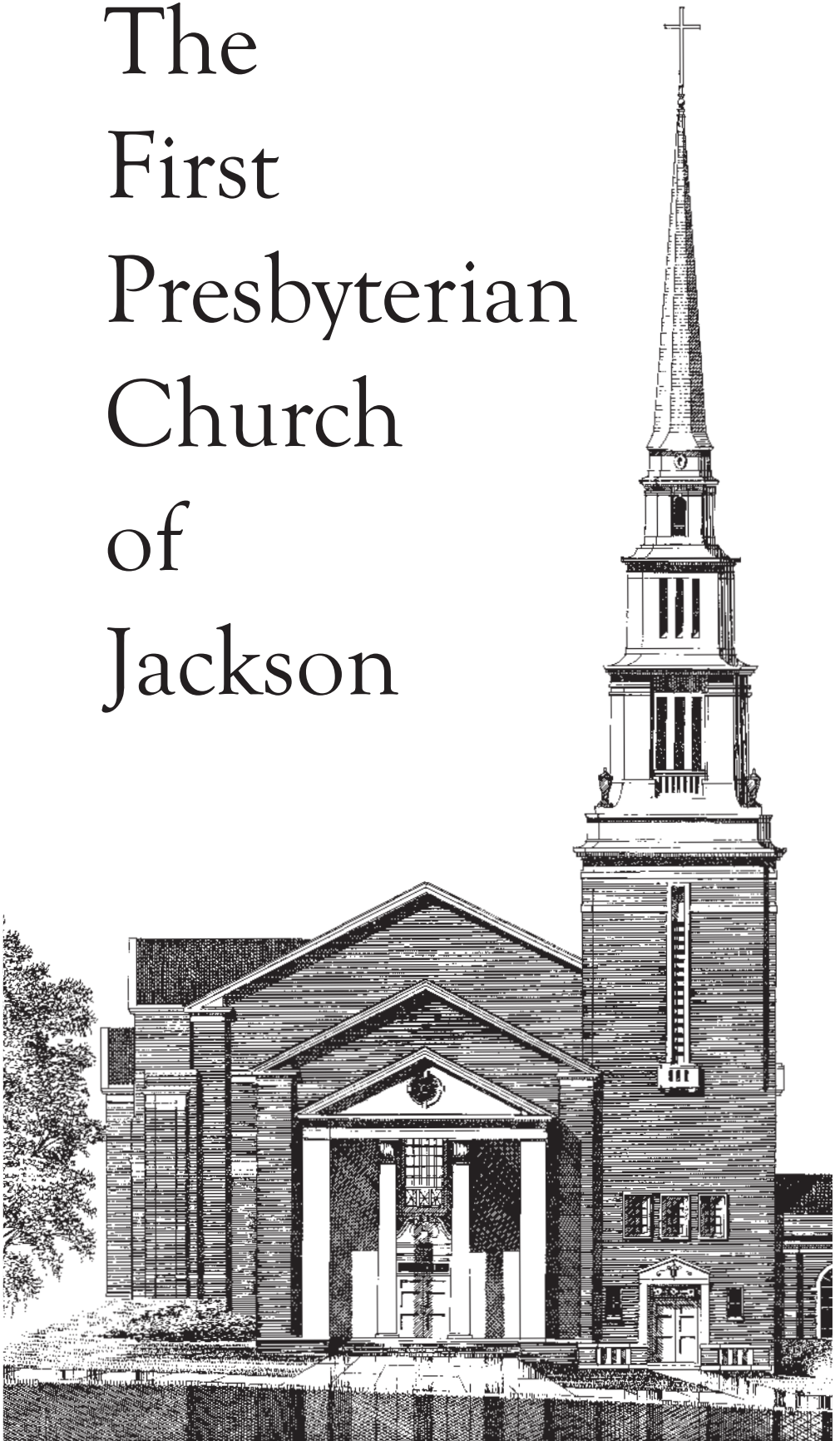


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-second Day of March, Two Thousand Fifteen
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 (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Musette”Jean Dandrieu
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — “Awake, My Heart”Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 83** — “O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good” (Tune: St. Anne)
(Psalm 107:1-9)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **The Doxology** “Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains, He took his seat above.

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.” [Refrain]

The Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 12:1-26 (Pew Bible pages 407- 408)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 606** — “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Fairest Lord Jesus” Charles Forsberg
With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

“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 heaven can boast.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 16:1-21 (Pew Bible page 58)

The Sermon — *God Rescues: “Bread of Heaven - Part I”*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 424** — “Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” William Tomer

The Postlude — “Voluntary in D Major”William Selby

*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. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.)

The Prelude — “Adagio on ‘O Sacred Head Now Wounded’”Antonio Tartini
FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 21** — “Sing Praise to the Lord!” (Psalm 150)

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Noel Toler

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

The First Grade Choir

“Now I Belong To Jesus”

The Second Grade Choir

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 520 (Stz. 1 and 4) — “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

The Children’s Catechism No. 50

Q. “What happens in justification?”

A. “God forgives sinners and accepts them as if they have never sinned.”

The Scripture — Psalm 51:17; Psalm 103:10-14; Psalm 136:1;

Matthew 18:21-22; Romans 5:1; Hebrews 10:11-18

The Meditation.....David Felker, Minister of Young Adults and College

The Prayer.....(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 575** — “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Jude 17-23 (Pew Bible page 1027)

The Sermon — *A Faith Worth Fighting For*: Mr. Strain
“Keep Yourselves in the Love of God”

‡ **The Benediction and Response** —

“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 Postlude — “Postlude on the Old 100th”Genevan Psalter

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

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.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Bill Moore



1. Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken, All to leave and fol -
 2. Let the world de - spise and leave me; They have left my Sav -
 *3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'Twill but drive me to
 4. Go then earth - ly fame and trea - sure, Come di - sas - ter, scorn
 5. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry, Armed by faith and winged



low Thee. Des - ti - tute, des - spised, for - sa - ken,
 ior too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me,
 *Thy breast. Life with tri - als hard may press me,
 and pain. In Thy ser - vice pain is plea - sure,
 by prayer. Heaven's e - ter - nal day's be - fore thee,



Thou from hence my all shall be. Per - ish ev - ery fond
 Thou art not like them un - true. Oh while Thou doest smile
 *Heaven will bring me sweet - er rest. Oh 'tis not in grief
 with Thy fa - vor loss is gain. I have called Thee A -
 God's own hand shall guide thee there. Soon shall close thy earth -



am - bi - tion. All I've sought or hoped or known.
 u - pon me, God of wis - dom love and might.
 *to harm me, While Thy love is left to me.
 - bba Fa - ther. I have stayed my heart on Thee.
 - ly mission. Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days.



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and heaven are still
 Foes may hate and friends dis - own me, Show Thy face and all
 *Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy un - mixed
 Storms may howl and clouds may ga - ther, All must work for good
 Hope shall changeto glad fru - i - tion, Faith to sight, and prayer



my own
 is bright.
 *with Thee.
 to me.
 to praise.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 12: 1-26 *The resettlement of Jerusalem and its suburbs.* The book of Nehemiah has affinities with utopian literature, which portrays a good society and highlights the institutional key that makes the society good. The renewing of the covenant in the preceding chapters pictures the institutional key that underlies the good society that Ezra and Nehemiah help to reestablish. The lists of clan leaders who repopled Jerusalem and the surrounding territory in this present unit build up a cumulative picture of a well-ordered society. As we look at the categories of people who are named, it is obvious that the author regards the religious leaders (such as priests and Levites) as having special prominence in this holy commonwealth. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

We begin our congregational singing this Lord's Day by using this beautiful metrical paraphrase of Psalm 107. A familiar Call to Worship, you are likely familiar with this Psalm's opening verses: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south." Let us sing the words of this Psalm back to God with joy and gladness in our heart for the great redemption He has accomplished for His people.

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Transitioning from our Morning Prayer, we now join together to sing this hymn that addresses our great need for the Lord to teach us His way. The second and third stanzas do not attempt to hide the real struggles that often plague the believer's soul. Oh, what great need we have for the Lord to "shine through the cloud and rain, thro' sorrow, toil, and pain" so that we might truly be taught His way! May the Lord encourage our hearts to pray this as we sing together.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • MARCH 22, 2015

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 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. – 10:45 a.m.
 (Library only)
Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in YH
Inquirers' Class — 9:40 a.m. in Session Room
College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
College Lunch — 12:00 noon in PH
The Student Choir — 4:40 p.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Byrds
 (2689 Lake Circle)

Monday

Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in SR/PH

Tuesday

Men's "Truth at Dawn" Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Presbytery Administrative Committee Meeting — 3:00 p.m.
 in WH204
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH
Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
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
College Coffee & Conversation — 5:00 p.m. in WH204
Junior High Large Group — 5:00 p.m. in YH
Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in LH
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
 in the Company Room/Gym/Playground
VBS Craft Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in various locations
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC & WH
Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in Scout Room/Gym
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH

Thursday

"12 Extraordinary Women" Ladies Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in SC
Genesis Ladies Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday

Sew and Sow 9:00 SC211

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...” **Filemon S.** – Serving with International Messengers in Europe. For contact information, please call the Mission and Outreach Department. **Lantern Medical Clinic** – Lantern Medical Clinic is an after-hours medical clinic that is supported through Mission to Jackson. They seek to glorify Christ by providing medical care to qualified working, uninsured individuals and families. Mailing address: 3218 Service Drive, Pearl, MS 39208. Email: hcrews@lanternclinic.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. William “Bee” Stricklin III - February 11, 2015

COLLEGE LUNCH TODAY

All college students are invited to join us for a free lunch today following the 11:00 a.m. service. We will have food and fellowship in Patterson Hall; bring your friends!

MISSION PLEDGE CARDS

As of last Sunday, 220 cards were received for a total of \$588,047. If you have not turned in your Mission Pledge card, we encourage you to bring it next Sunday and place it in the regular offering plate as an act of worship.

SPRING INQUIRERS’ CLASS

The Spring Inquirers’ class begins today at 9:40 a.m. in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) and meets each Sunday during this Sunday School quarter. The 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. We hope you’ll join us this morning. Or, to sign up, please contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or omegas@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 12. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, April 1. Any forms received after April 1, will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained from Lisa Walters or 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.

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 ear piece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office: 601-353-8316.

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, monthly 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, every month a group of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) 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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ECLIPSE

5 BARRIERS TO FAITH IN JESUS

SUNDAY EVENINGS | 6 PM

APRIL 5 | MONEY
APRIL 12 | SEX
APRIL 19 | RACE
APRIL 26 | POLITICS
MAY 3 | RELIGION

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OBSTACLES THAT OFTEN COME BETWEEN US AND FAITH. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US ON SUNDAY EVENINGS APRIL 5 - MAY 3 AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS WE EXPLORE HOW THE GOSPEL ADDRESSES 5 OF THEM.

5-PART SUNDAY EVENING SERMON SERIES