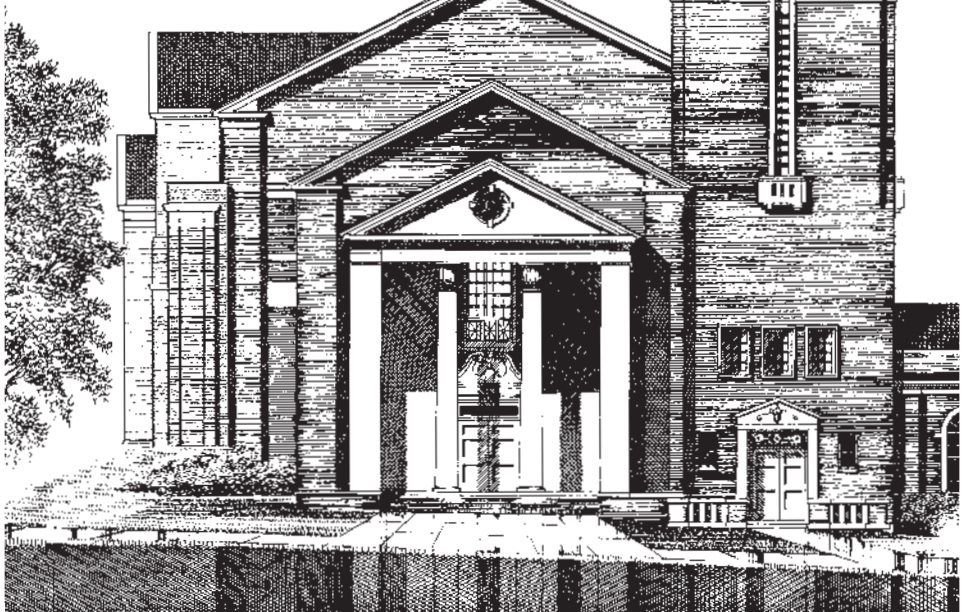


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fifth Day of March, Two Thousand Eighteen

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III — Guest Minister

The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley — Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — “Spirit of the Living God” Iverson

The FPC Brass, Jamie Peipon, Director

The Introit — “Be Thou Exalted, O Lord” Wymond

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 172** — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

‡ **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 heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 24 (Pew Bible pages 458-459)

The Pastoral Prayer

‡* **The Psalm No. 198** — “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

(based on Psalm 24)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates” William Mathias

“Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors

And the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in Battle

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors

And the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts is the King of Glory.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 21:1-11 (Pew Bible page 826)

The Sermon — “Why Palm Sunday?” Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Psalm of Response No. 235** — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “As It Was in the Beginning” William Mathias

The Postlude — “The God of Abraham Praise” Ancient Hebrew Melody

*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. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude

The Introit — The Four- and Five-Year Olds' Choir

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 38** — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Hymn No. 457** — "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Wayne Husband

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Psalm 126" Isaac Wardell
Martin Antoon, Laura Rutledge and Augusta Fair

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q120: What is the fourth petition? A: The fourth petition is "Give us this day our daily bread."

Q121: What does it mean to pray "Give us this day our daily bread?" A: We are asking God to provide us with all that we really need.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**..... Wiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care

‡* **The Hymn (Stzs. 1-3)** — "In Christ Alone" (See Guide)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 20:24-29 (Pew Bible page 907)

The Sermon — *Entering the Crucible of Our Unbelief: "Jesus & Our Doubt"* Mr. Felker

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

"No guilt in life, no fear in death: This is the pow'r of Christ in me.

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."

The Postlude

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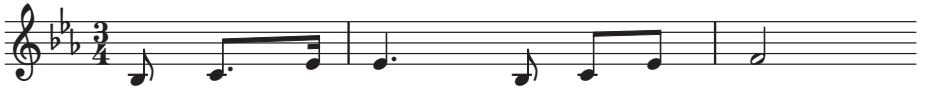
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**Children dismissed after the prayer

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.

In Christ Alone



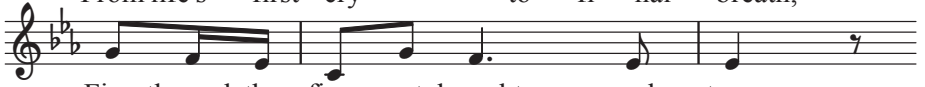
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found,
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh,
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay,
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death:



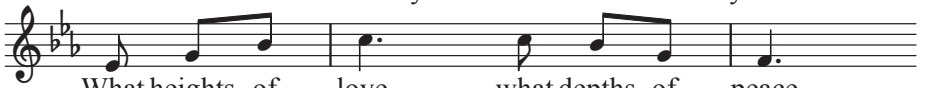
He is my light, my strength, my song.
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain.
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me.



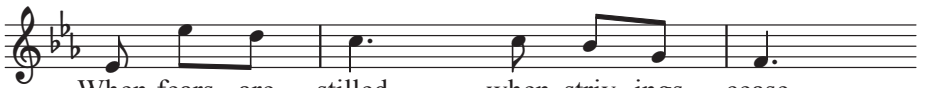
This Cor - ner-stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right-eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - r'ous day,
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Up from the grave He rose a - gain.
 Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny.



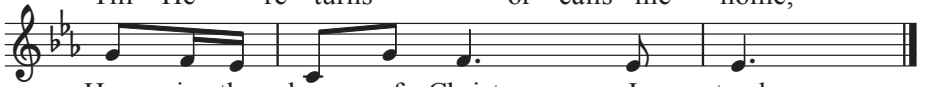
What heights of love, what depths of peace
 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease.
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied.
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 Can ev - er pluck me from His hand.



My Com - fort - er, my All in All,
 For eve - ry sin on Him was laid.
 For I am His and He is mine,
 Till He re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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:	Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
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 25, 2018

Sunday	<p>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 New Members Received — 4:45 in PH The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only) Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers home (414 Greenwood Ln. in Ridgeland)</p>
Monday	<p>Circle Bible Teachers Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in WH 204 Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH204A Mission First Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC 210/213</p>
Tuesday	<p>“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. Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH204A Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in SC 213A Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>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 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</p>
Thursday	<p>Ladies’ Bible Study (Hebrews) — 9:45 a.m. in MH The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in WH204A Outreach Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202A</p>
Friday	Church Offices Closed
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....”

Way & Amy Rutherford – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Baylor University in Waco, TX. Email: wayrutherford@gmail.com

Rick & Terri Herr – Serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators as international field systems customer relations and instructor in the Internationals Communications Course. Email: rick-terri_herr@sil.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Doris Aultman — March 18, 2018

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Laura Katherine Blurton and Stephen Alanson Biggs are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Joe Brown Blurton, grandfather of the bride, and Mr. Barger Denham “Denny” Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alanson Biggs, Jr., grandparents of the groom.

SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The spring Foundations Class meets 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 extends 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.

REGIONAL PCA WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

“ONE” Conference: One Hope...One Faith...One Church — April 13-14

FPC is hosting the first of the four “ONE” PCA Women’s Conferences that will be offered in 2018. Many women will attend from local churches, as well as from outside of our area, and will be challenged to think biblically rather than emotively about oneness from truths found in John 17. All ages are invited as we study God’s Word together. Visit the ONE Conference website to read full workshop descriptions and to register (www.pcacdm.org - the website is also accessible through the FPC app and website). Registration ends March 30.

BROADCAST MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FPC broadcasts our services live on the internet each Sunday and records the services for broadcast on television and radio in several markets. We need new volunteers to serve in this vital, growing ministry. You do not need any experience at all! We will provide all the training necessary. All you need is a desire to help share the Gospel with our viewers around the nation. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. If you are interested, please contact Trey Porter at tvroom@fpcjackson.org or 601-213-7449.

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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 100: What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

Answer: The preface of the Lord's Prayer (which is, Our Father which art in heaven) teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

MONDAY

Scripture: Romans 8:14-30

Key Thought: The preface to the Lord's Prayer teaches us to draw near to God through Christ.

Questions:

- Why is the first Person of the Trinity known as "the Father"?
- Why does God teach us to call upon Him as "Father" first?
- Can all men call God their father? Explain.

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

Key Thought: The preface to the Lord's Prayer teaches us of our childlike relationship to God.

Questions:

- How is the affection of a child toward his father demonstrated?
- How are the characteristics of a father seen in his children?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Key Thought: The preface to the Lord's Prayer teaches us of His fatherly love toward us.

Questions:

- What benefits does a father provide for his children?
- How do the perfections of God make Him the best Father to His children?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Hebrews 2:10-18

Key Thought: The preface to the Lord's Prayer teaches us to appreciate the benefits that we have as sons of God.

Questions:

- What honors does God bestow on His children?
- What particular blessings does God give to His children?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-13

Key Thought: The preface to the Lord's Prayer teaches us of the transcendence of God.

Questions:

- What is "transcendence"?
- What are we to learn by praying that our Father is in heaven?

Prayer