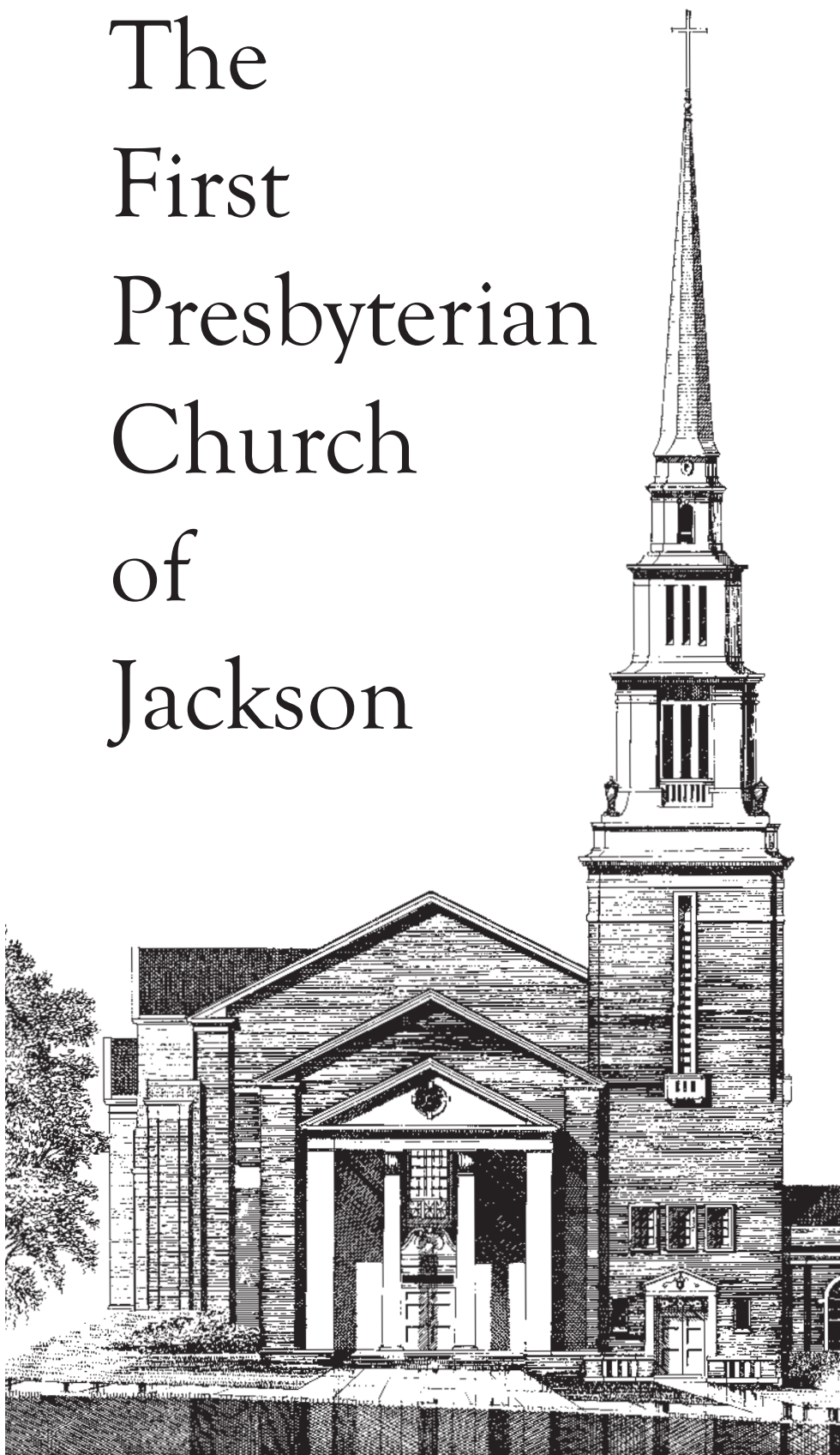


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-sixth 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 Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — Minister of Discipleship

*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, Word of God Incarnate” ..... W. A. Mozart  
Strings and Woodwinds Ensemble

**The Introit** — “Rise Up! Arise!” (*St. Paul*) ..... Felix Mendelssohn

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 1** — “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

**The Solo** — “Alleluia” (*Exultate Jubilate*) ..... W. A. Mozart  
Kristen Gunn, Soprano

**The Scripture Reading** — Mark 14:12-31 (Pew Bible pages 850-851)

**The Pastoral Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 707 (Stzs. 1-4)** — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — “Gloria” (*12th Mass*) ..... W. A. Mozart  
“Glorious is Thy name, Almighty Lord.

All the angels stand, round about Thy throne. Let all nations bow before Thee,  
And declare Thy wondrous works.

We praise Thee, we give thanks to Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee.

Lord, we adore thee. We bless thee. Lord, we thank Thee for Thy great glory.

Heaven is Thy throne, and earth is Thy footstool.

Thou are the King over all the world.

Glorious is Thy name, is Thy name, O Lord.

Blessing and honor be to God, forever and evermore.”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (Pew Bible page 953)

**The Sermon** — *Rewire*: “The Way the Word Works” ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 316** — “The Mighty God, the Lord”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Blessing and Honor Be to God Forever More” ..... W. A. Mozart

**The Postlude** — “Sonata in E $\flat$ , K282” (*Allegro*) ..... W. A. Mozart  
Rae Shannon, Organ

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrrer — Minister of Discipleship  
The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley — Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — “La Rejouissance” ..... G. F. Handel  
The First Presbyterian Day School String Ensemble  
Nancy Bateman, Director

The Call to Worship

‡\* The Hymn No. 100 — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

‡ The Invocation

‡\* The Hymn Medley

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know (Stz. 1) — Trinity Hymnal No. 189

“Seek Ye First”

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu. Hallelujah!  
Ask and it shall be given unto you. Seek and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu. Hallelujah!  
Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of God. Hallelu. Hallelujah!”

“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory” (Stz. 1) — Trinity Hymnal No. 122

The Recognition of Recitation of the Children’s Catechism

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Alan Futvoye

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Air on *Ode to Joy*” .....Arr. Brian Balmages

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q19: What else did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies? A: He gave them souls that will last forever.

Q20: Do you have a soul as well as a body? A: Yes. And my soul is going to last forever.

Q21: How do you know your soul will last forever? A: Because the Bible tells me so.

\*\* The Meditation and Prayer .....Joe Bynum, Senior Minister’s Intern

‡ The Evening Hymn No. 401 (Stzs. 1-5) — “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — James 5:1-6 (Pew Bible page 1013)

The Sermon — “How to Waste Your Life” .....Dr. Fluhrrer

‡ The Benediction

‡ The 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.”

The Postlude — “Allegro” .....Rob Grice

\* 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.

# A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

## Welcome

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God's Word to us this morning.

## The Assurance of Pardon

As Christians, we are prone to wander and leave the God we love. But when we come to the knowledge of our straying, we come before God often with a self-reproach that does not look at the mercies of God in Jesus Christ but rather upon ourselves. This is what Scripture calls a "sorrow that leads to death" while Godly sorrow is one that "produces a repentance that leads to salvation" (2 Corinthians 7:10). Godly sorrow is not only a sorrow over sin – indwelling or acted – but also lays a firm gaze upon the promises of God for forgiveness. This week, we will look at the purpose and placing of *The Assurance of Pardon* during our worship services.

*What is The Assurance of Pardon?* Simply put, *The Assurance of Pardon* is a reminder of the Scriptural promise that all who trust in Christ are truly forgiven their sins. All believers can personally claim this truth. *The Assurance of Pardon* soon follows the *The Prayer of Adoration and Confession*. During the prayer of confession, we join the minister with heartfelt agreement to confess the times we have desired the things of this world that are in opposition to the things of God, left undone those things we ought to have done, and done those things which we ought not to have done. As quick as we are and must be to confess our sin, we are likewise quick to receive the assurance of God's pardoning grace because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Why is it a part of our worship?* In order to remove any human barrier to our experience of grace conferred through the Word, prayer, and the sacraments, we confess our sin and receive the assurance of grace. Moreover, gospel people are confessing people simply because the gospel convicts of sin, causing us to confess our shortcomings, to rejoice in the God of our salvation, while moving us toward good works for His glory. Hence, just as confession of sin characterizes gospel people, so does laying hold of the promises of God that are "yes" and "amen" in Christ Jesus.

The Scottish minister, Robert Murray M'Cheyne, is noted to have said, "For every look at self, take ten looks at Christ." May we, in having a look at ourselves in *The Prayer of Confession*, gaze upon the wonderful work that Christ has wrought for us in the words of *The Assurance of Pardon* that we may have true joy in our heavenly Father.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Michael & Roxanne Winebrenner**– Serving as a church planter with Mission to North America in Horn Lake, MS.

Email: [mike@hornlakepca.org](mailto:mike@hornlakepca.org)

**Alonzo & Esther Ramirez** – Serving in university campus ministry, seminary training, and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Cajamarca, Peru. Email: [ssagustin21@yahoo.com](mailto:ssagustin21@yahoo.com)

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann (Betsy) Furr Kimbriel — March 16, 2017

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Gene “Dean” Via Spence, our mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, by the Spence family.

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

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

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

## SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The spring *Foundations* class meets 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.

## 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](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org), or by visiting the church website.

## PASSION WEEK NOON-TIME BIBLE STUDY

Join Billy Dempsey as he teaches on John 13-17, “The Upper Room Discourse.” It will run Monday through Thursday, April 10-13, 12:00 noon – 12:45 p.m. A box lunch will be provided at a cost of \$6. To reserve your spot, contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9201 or [lisaw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisaw@fpcjackson.org) by Monday morning, April 10.

## 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](http://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](mailto:laurabarbour@comcast.net).

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# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 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  
**Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary** — after 11:00 service  
**Student Choir Rehearsal** — 4:40 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 Boyd home (2689 Lake Circle)

**Monday**

**Circle Bible Teacher Training** — 9:00 a.m. in WH204  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

**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.  
**Presbytery MTW Committee Meeting** — 11:30 a.m. in WH204B  
**Young Adults & College Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH205A  
**Twin Lakes Board Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH202A  
**History Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH202B  
**Stewardship Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon. in WH204A  
**Presbytery Administrative Committee Meeting** — 3:00 p.m. in WH204  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**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 WH20  
**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  
**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  
**Adult D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**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.  
**Joint Officers’ Meeting** — 6:00 p.m. in MH

**Friday**

No Scheduled Activities

**Saturday**

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast** — 7:30 a.m. in MH  
**Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal** — 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary & LH

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

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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.
Children's Activities .....	Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.
Junior High D Groups .....	Wednesday, 5:45 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.

# 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](mailto:fpcj.ms/fam-devo). Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

## **THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:**

**Question 43: What introduces the Ten Commandments?**

**Answer:** These words introduce the Ten Commandments: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

**Question 44: What does the introduction to the Ten Commandments teach us?**

**Answer:** The introduction to the Ten Commandments teaches us that, because God is Lord and is our God and Redeemer, we must keep all His commandments.

## **MONDAY**

**Scripture:** Read Exodus 20:1-2; Deuteronomy 5:1-6

**Key Thought:** The Ten Commandments have an introduction.

**Questions:**

- What is a covenant?
- Who initiates covenants between God and men? Why is this so?
- What do we learn about God from the fact that He enters into covenant with sinful men?

**Prayer**

## **TUESDAY**

**Scripture:** Read Exodus 3:1-14

**Key Thought:** God introduces Himself as "the LORD."

**Questions:**

- What does He mean when He calls Himself "I AM"?
- What does this name, used in the preface to the ten commandments, tell us about the law of God?
- What does it tell us about our responsibility?

**Prayer**

## **WEDNESDAY**

**Scripture:** Read Exodus 6:1-7

**Key Thought:** God introduces Himself as the LORD "thy God."

**Questions:**

- How does the Lord become your God?
- What do the words "thy God" tell us about our duty?
- How can we know that God is our God?

**Prayer**

## **THURSDAY**

**Scripture:** Read Deuteronomy 5:1-6; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**Key Thought:** God makes Himself known through deliverance.

**Questions:**

- By what prior act does God identify Himself in the preface to the ten commandments?
- By saying, "out of the land of Egypt," what were they to remember?
- Why did God remind them of their freedom before giving them His law?

**Prayer**

## **FRIDAY**

**Scripture:** Read Luke 1:68-75

**Key Thought:** God's greatness and goodness promote obedience.

**Questions:**

- What three things does God show us in this introduction?
- How do each of these things show us God's greatness?
- How do these things inspire us to obey Him?

**Prayer**