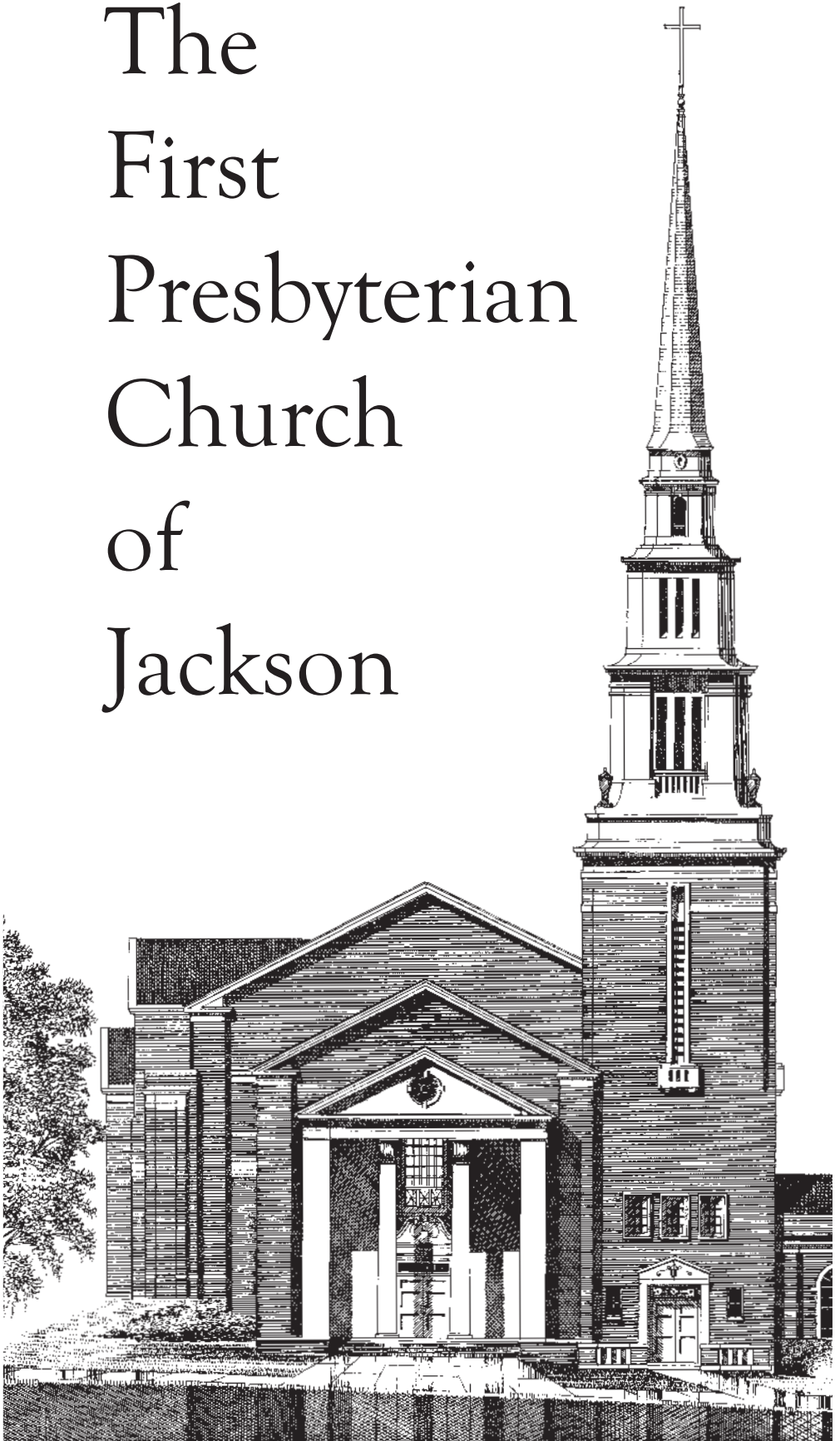


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-ninth 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 Mr. William E. Dempsey
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 (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

The Prelude — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”David Burkhart
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” R. V. Williams

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 598** — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **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 Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 12:27-47 (Pew Bible page 408)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 146** — “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Jesu, Word of God Incarnate”W. A. Mozart

“Jesu, word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born:
On the cross Thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side,
Feed us with thy body broken, now, and in death’s agony.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 16:22-36 (Pew Bible pages 58-59)

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

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 420** — “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

“All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort here by faith in Him to dwell;
For I know, what-e’re befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.
For I know, what-e’re befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.”

The Postlude — “Hosanna in the Highest”David Burkhart

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Assisting — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps

Director of Media

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

The Mission Report — Yakama Mission Team

The Prelude — “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Martin Luther
Martin Antoon, Guitar

The Introit — “Spirit of the Living God” Dan Iverson
The Four-Year-Olds’ Choir

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” Tallis Canon
The Five-Year-Olds’ Choir

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 44** — “How Great Thou Art”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 577 — “Stand Up, My Soul; Shake Off Your Fears”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bebo Elkin

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Like as a Father” Luigi Cherubini
The Student Choir

Elisabeth Sinclair, Violin; Jennifer Biggs, Violin; John Sinclair, Cello; Lydia Jones, Piano

“Like as a father filled with compassion, pities all His children.
so the Lord has mercy on those who fear Him” (Psalm 103:12)

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 537 (Stz. 4) — “Take Time to Be Holy”

The Children’s Catechism No. 51

Q. “What happens in justification?”

A. “God makes the hearts and actions of believers holy.”

The Scripture — Psalm 16:7; Proverbs 23:7; 27:19; Ezekiel 36:26-27;

Acts 15:9; Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 2:13

The Meditation James Ritchey, Student Ministry Assistant

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 705 (Stz. 1 - 4)** — “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Jude 24-25 (Pew Bible page 1027)

The Sermon — *A Faith Worth Fighting For:* Mr. Strain
“Glory to Him Who Is Able”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,
nor if I’ll walk the vale with Him, or ‘meet Him in the air;’

But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He
is able to keep that which I’ve committed unto Him against that day.”

The Postlude — “Trumpet Tune in D” Henry Purcell
William Wymond, Organ

*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.

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

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 12:27–47

Dedication of the city walls: The establishment of the fledgling utopia had begun with an epic feat of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem amid opposition and difficulty. After intervening information about the society that reinhabits the city, we return to the storied wall with an account of its dedication. A good way to progress through the chapter is to imagine oneself present at the events. The exaltation of the ceremony is breathtaking, and we should note the conspicuous attention to evocative place-names like the Water Gate, the Tower of the Ovens, and the Broad Wall. Equally compelling is the detail “the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.” The concluding paragraph further delineates the ways in which ancient worship practices are reinstated. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

One can hardly conceive of a better song to sing in conjunction with a study of the exodus than this hymn. The first stanza of William Williams’s great hymn was originally written in Welsh and then translated into English by Peter Williams. The last two stanzas were also written in Welsh and translated by William Williams himself. The tune “Cwm Rhondda” is a classic. The imagery of the hymn is, of course, drawn from Israel’s march to Canaan.

Break Thou the Bread of Life

After our Scripture reading this morning, we turn in our hymnals to this song, which asks the Lord to reveal Himself through His life-giving Word. Mary A. Lathbury wrote the first two stanzas of this hymn, as well as “Day Is Dying in the West,” on the shores of Lake Chautauqua, New York, in 1877. Verses 3-4 were composed by Alexander Groves and published in the *Wesleyan Methodist* magazine in London in September of 1913. Note that Lathbury originally wrote “Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord” in the third line of the first stanza. Since this could have been misunderstood as expressing a desire for extra-Scriptural revelation and downplaying the central role of the Bible, the editors of our hymnal have changed the language to “throughout the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord.” One word can make a big difference.

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

With this closing hymn, we respond with a clear focus on Christ who is the Bread of Life and our victorious King. In the third stanza we sing, “Mighty victim from the sky, pow’rs of hell beneath thee lie.” What a beautiful depiction of the reality of who Christ is and what He has done! Through His victimization He destroys the powers of hell!

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • MARCH 29, 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. - 10:40 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
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
Yakama Mission Team Report — 7:15 p.m in LH
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Swayzes
 (1721 Howard Street)

Monday

Circle Bible Teachers — 9:00 a.m. in WH202
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
WIC Spring Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. in MH
Young Adults/College Committee — 12:00 p.m. in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. SC215
Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Junior High Large Group — 5:00 p.m. in YH
College Coffee and Conversation — 5:15 p.m. in WH204
Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in LH
Peru Mission Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH202
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground
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
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Men of the Covenant — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Presbytery Mission to Military — 4:00 p.m. in SC215

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..." **Moner & Stenia** – Serving with International Messengers in Europe. For contact information, please call the Mission and Outreach Department. **Elbert & Karen McGowan** – serving as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Jackson State University. Mailing address: 116 Dendron Dr., Jackson, MS 39211 Email: emcgowan@ruf.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Edward J. (Barb) Currie, Jr. — March 24, 2015

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Gene "Via" Spence in honor of her birthday by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

MISSION PLEDGE CARDS

As of last Sunday, 244 cards were received for a total of \$607,457. 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 is held 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.

MEN OF THE COVENANT - THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Men, join us Thursday, April 2, at 11:45 a.m. in Miller Hall for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon where Dr. David Elkin, Psychologist at UMMC, will speak to us. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Invite your friends, co-workers, or neighbors.

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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THE SESSION

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THE DIACONATE

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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.