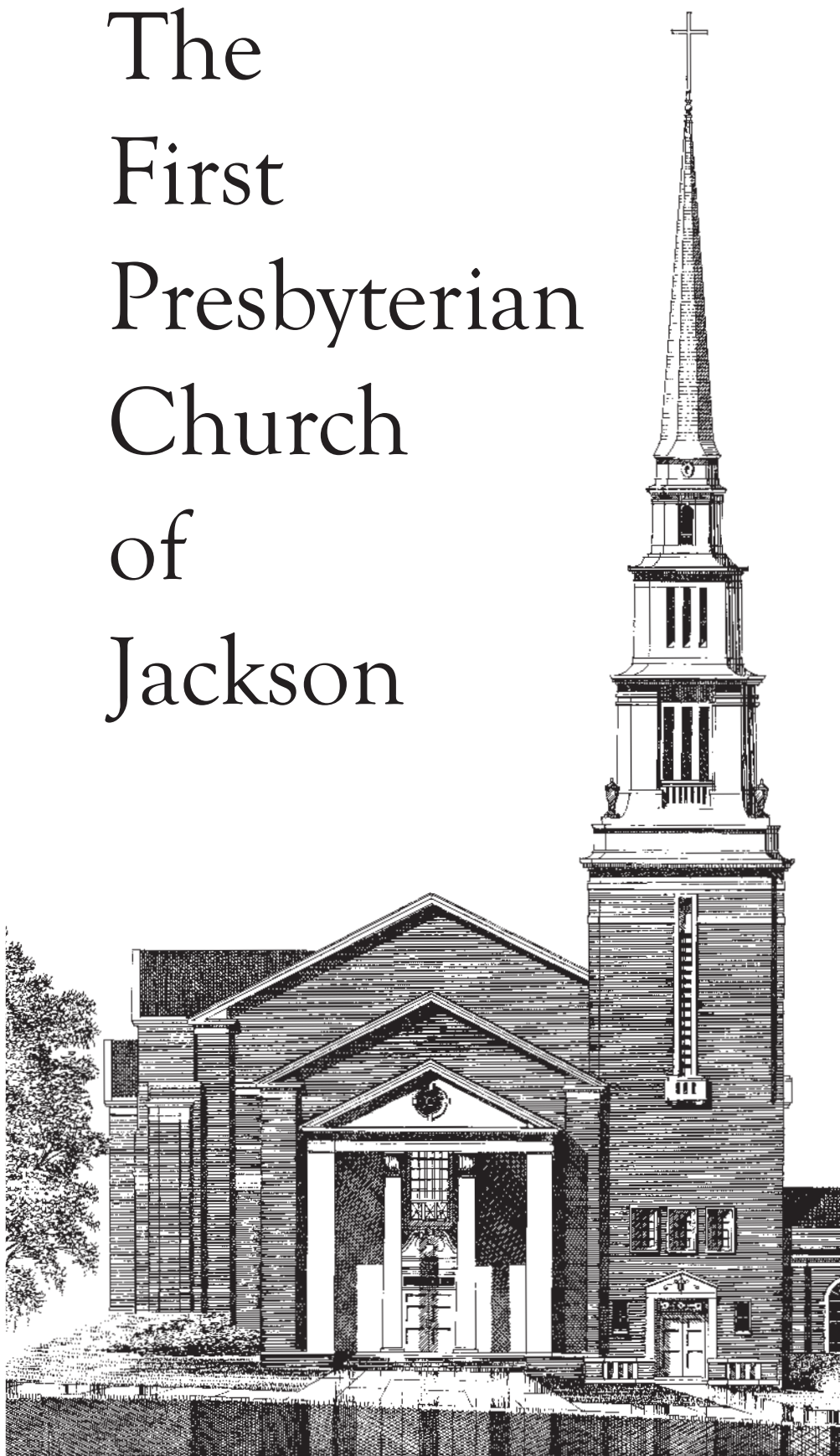


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of March, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Discipleship

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minister of Pastoral Care

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 — “Flight of Angels” G. F. Handel
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — “We Come, O Christ, to You” John Darwall

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 53** — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **The Doxology**

“To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!”

The Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 11:19-36 (Pew Bible page 407)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 524** — “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “He That Shall Endure to the End” Felix Mendelssohn
(*Elijah*)
“He that shall endure to the end shall be saved.”
Matthew 10:22

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 7: 36-50 (Pew Bible page 864)

The Sermon — “Love for Christ” Mr. Dempsey

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 645** — “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Congregational Response

“Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.”

The Postlude — “Toccata” (Organ Symphony V) C.M.Widor

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III

Minister of Pastoral Care

Assisting — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps

Director of Media

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

The Prelude — “Just As I Am”Herbert Colvin
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise** — “O Day of Rest and Gladness” (See Evening Guide)

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 457 — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Tom Rice

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Deep River”Arr. Mark Hayes
Kent Dear, Soloist

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. 48

Q. “What is the atonement?”

A. “By suffering and dying for His people, Christ took the punishment we deserve.”

The Scripture — Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 7:11; Romans 5:10;
1 Peter 3:18; Revelation 15:3

The Meditation.....Chris Brown, Pastoral Care Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 345 (Stz. 1-3)** — “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 7:37-39 (Pew Bible page 893)

The Sermon — “Rivers of Living Water” Mr. Lowry

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response No. 345 (Stz. 4) — “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

“Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,

let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:

fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;

solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.”

The Postlude — “Voluntary in A” Edward Kendall

*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.

O Day Of Rest And Gladness



1. O day of rest and glad-ness, O
 2. On Thee at the cre - a - tion The
 3. Thou art a port pro - tect - ed From
 4. To - day on wear - y na - tions, The
 5. New gra - ces ev - er gain - ing, From



day of joy and light. O balm of care and
 light first had its birth; On Thee for our sal -
 *storms that round us rise; A gar - den in - ter -
 heav'n - ly man - na falls; To ho - ly con - vo -
 this our day of rest, We reach the rest re -



sad-ness Most beau - ti - ful, most bright; On
 va - tion, Christ rose from depth of earth; On
 *sect - ted with streams of Par - a - dise; Thou
 ca - tions, the sil - ver trum - pet calls, Where
 main - ing, to spir - its of the blest. To



Thee the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in
 Thee our Lord, vic - tor - ious the Spir - it sent from
 *art a cool - ing foun - tain in life's dry, drear - y
 Gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant
 Ho - ly Ghost be prais - es, To Fa - ther, and to



tune, Sing Holy - ly, Ho - ly,
 heav'n And thus - on Thee, most
 *sand, From Thee, like Pis - gah's
 beams and liv - ing wa - ter
 Son, The church her voice up -



Ho - ly, To the great God Tri - une.
 glor - i - ous, A tri - ple light was given.
 *moun - tain, We view out prom - ised land.
 flow - ing, with soul re - fresh - ing streams.
 rais - es, To Thee, blest Three in One.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

This Lord's Day morning we begin our time of singing with this great psalm paraphrase. The song's author was Joachim Neander, who wrote this hymn when he was 20. "Praise to the Lord" is the opening phrase of each stanza of this song that draws on Psalms 103 and 150. It was translated by the remarkable Catherine Winkworth of whom it has been said that she, more than any other single person, helped bring the German chorale tradition to the English-speaking world. It is a hymn full of devotion and adoration to God and encouragement and comfort to one another. We sing praise to Him for His sovereign control over all things—"who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth"—and draw comfort that because He is in control, He "shelters [us] under His wings." We sing God's praises for His kind providences—"Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been granted in what He ordaineth"—and even for the dark providences of life. For surely we know it to be true when we sing, "How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief."

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

We transition from our Morning Prayer into singing this great hymn that directs our attention to the righteousness of Jesus that is, by faith, counted as our own righteousness. It is an alien righteousness, one that does not originate within us; but is given to us as a gift. And praise be to God that it is not our own "righteousness," for we have no righteousness of our own to offer up to God. This hymn reminds us that our only hope, our standing before God, rests wholly in what Christ has done for us. Stanza one contemplates the faithful and complete obedience of Jesus in fulfilling all the law's demands—what theologians call the active obedience of Christ. Stanzas two and three consider the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross of Calvary, where He made full atonement for the sins of His people—what theologians call the passive obedience of Christ. And it is both the active and passive obedience of Jesus Christ that is our righteousness. In His death, He paid the debt of our sins. With His obedience to the law, He fulfilled what we could never, in our own strength, accomplish. And the Christian, clothed in the righteousness of Christ, stands before God without spot or blemish, wearing the works of Christ. Thus each stanza ends with the rhetorical question, "Where else can I go but to Jesus?"

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

In response to the Word preached, we seek to stir up within us hearts of praise full of Christ. The author of this famous hymn, Bernard of Clairvaux, was the son of a knight who served the Duke of Burgundy, France. Bernard was educated at Chatillon, where he was distinguished by his studious and meditative habits. He entered the monastery of Citeaux (the first Cistercian institution) in 1113. He rose to eminence in Church politics and gained fame by "preaching the Crusades." He was well known in Rome, and founded 163 monasteries throughout Europe. Bernard, despite his blind spots and flaws, was a man of exceptional piety and spiritual vitality. Martin Luther, 400 years later, called him, "the best monk that ever lived, whom I admire beyond all the rest put together." He was a favorite of John Calvin, who quoted him often.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • MARCH 8, 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 various locations
College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary
No Senior High Insight

Monday

Catechism Crew Pizza & Outreach Party — 9:30 a.m. in YH
Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Circle 14 — 12:00 noon in WH204
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

Men's "Truth at Dawn" Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
Crafts for Missions — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MS
Credentials Committee Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in WH202

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
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Gym
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC & WH
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH

Thursday

Genesis Ladies Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Shepherding Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

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..." **Bill & Pam Schweitzer** – Serving as a church planter with Mission to the World in Gateshead, England. Mailing address: The Cottage, Ravensworth Park Estate, Gateshead, NE11 0HQ, United Kingdom Email: w.m.schweitzer@gmail.com. **Jeff & Dominique Jordan** – serving as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Mississippi College in Clinton, MS. Mailing address: 9 Pond Side Dr., Jackson MS 39211. Email: jjordan@ruf.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary from the wedding of Olivia Holifield and John Lienerd are given to the glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Maloy Magee and Mrs. Gleniece Campbell Beach and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Holifield, Mr. Rece Dero Beach, Mr. Edward Noel Lienard, and Mrs. Joan Bednar Lienard, grandparents of the bride and groom.

MISSION PLEDGE CARDS

As of last Sunday, 159 cards were received for a total of \$431,332. 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.

MEN OF THE COVENANT FOR MARCH

Men, you'll want to save Friday evening, March 20, and Saturday morning, March 21, for a special time of challenge and encouragement with Dr. Harry Reeder, Senior Pastor of Briarwood PCA in Birmingham. The Friday evening event will include dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Miller Hall, during which Dr. Reeder will speak on Christian character and leadership. Saturday morning, we'll tour the Vicksburg battlefield, where Dr. Reeder will illustrate those same points. Our theme for the event is "Act Like Men." Cost will be \$55.00 per person. Sign up through the church office at 601-353-8316.

SPRING INQUIRERS' CLASS

The Spring Inquirers' class begins Sunday, March 22, 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. To sign up, please contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

NEW EVENING SERMON SERIES: JUDE

How does the Church suffer? How must the Church live? Jude, the brother of Jesus, helps us see that the questions that concern the Church today are the same as those facing the Church 2000 years ago. The struggle: False teaching is being smuggled into the Church. The response: The Church must contend for the faith, stand firm in the truth, and proclaim the message of salvation, so that all people might be snatched from the fire. Please join us on Sunday evenings beginning March 15 as our Senior Minister, David Strain, expounds the epistle of Jude.

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.

MOMS 40th ANNIVERSARY MEMORY BOOK

To commemorate 40 years of MOMS at First Presbyterian Church, we are compiling a book of memories from MOMS that current and former members of the study would like to share with us. Submit your recollections from now until March 16, 2015. The book will be given to the History Room, and we will share copies with the women who God used to help create MOMS 40 years ago. You may send any write-ups or inquiries to Mary Ball (maryb@fpcjackson.org) or Mary Ball — FPC 1390 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39202).

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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.