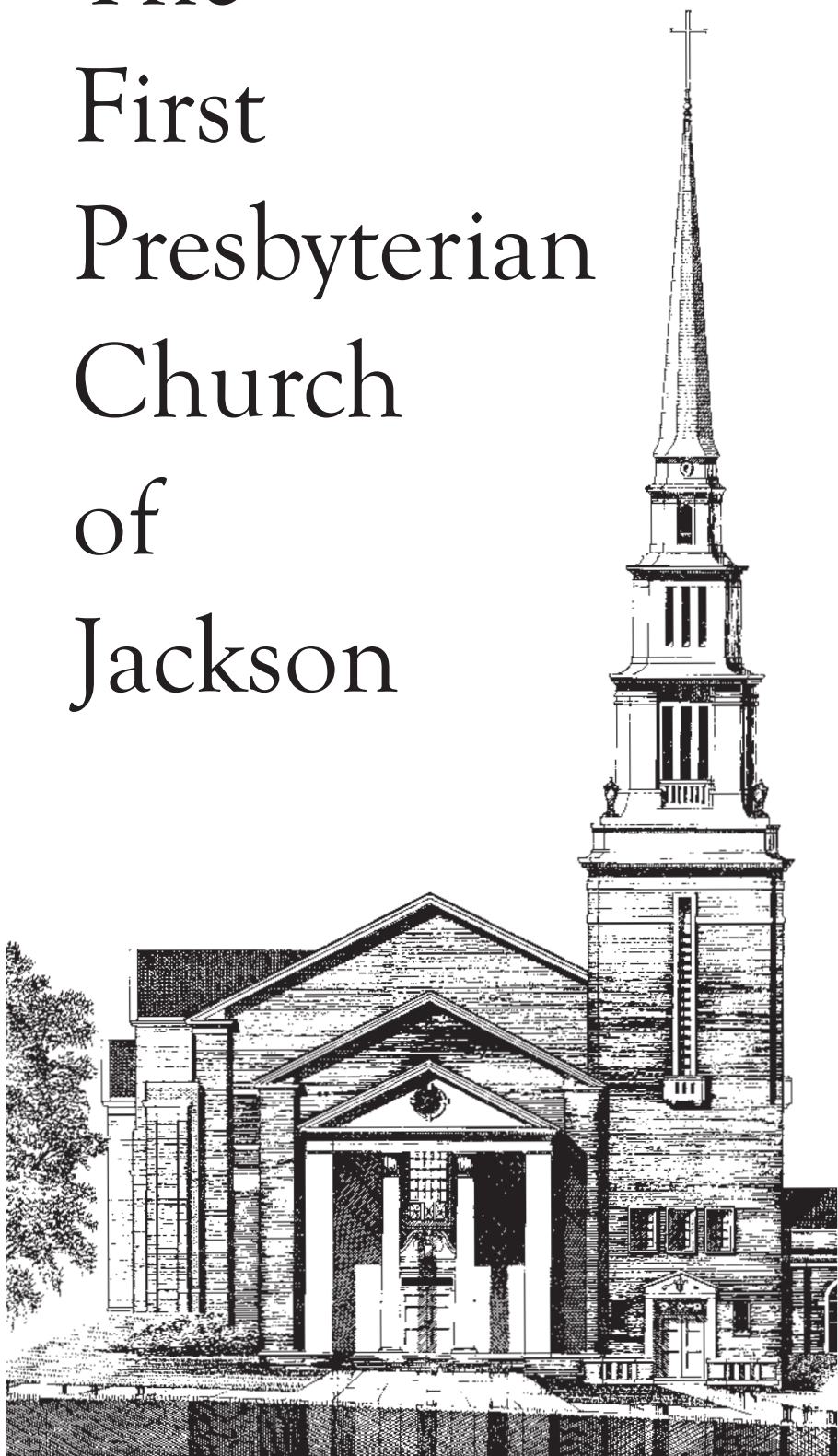


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twelfth Day of May, Two Thousand Nineteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

**The Prelude** — “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness” ..... Robert Graham  
Rae Shannon, Organist

**The Introit** — “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” ..... Walter Pelz

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 571** — “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

**The Prayer of Confession** (See Guide)

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

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

**The Offertory** — “I Shall See” ..... Michael John Trotta  
With Celia Burke, Soloist

Teach me Your way; lead me in a straight path.

One thing I seek, I seek to dwell in Your house.

Your face I seek, hide not from me.

You are my light, whom should I fear?

In times of trouble He shall hide me. I will not fear.

He is my strength, I believe I shall see all of Your good in the land of the living.

Wait upon Him, and He will strengthen You.

Wait for Him, He will strengthen You.

I will not fear. He is my strength.

‡ **The Hymn No. 528** — “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**The Scripture Reading** — Ephesians 1:3-14 (Pew Bible page 976)

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Psalm 103 (Pew Bible page 502)

**The Sermon** — “Forget Not All His Benefits” ..... Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 705** — “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — Have Thine own way Lord; Have Thine own way.

Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

while I am waiting, yielded and still.

**The Postlude** — “Rejoice, The Lord Is King!” ..... Anna Laura Page

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College  
Mr. Wesley H. Strebeck — Senior Minister's Intern

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

**The Missionary Report** — Jim Patterson

**The Prelude** — “See What a Morning” .....Getty and Townend  
The FPC String Ensemble

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn** — “See What a Morning” (See Hymn Sheet)

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Hymn** — “Let the Earth Resound” (See Hymn Sheet)

**The Recognition of Recitation of the Children's Catechism**

**The Greetings**

**The Prayer** — Ruling Elder Mark Baird

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

**The Offertory** — “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” .....George Croly  
The FPC String Ensemble

**The Young Children's Devotional**

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

*The Children's Catechism*

Q101: What is the eighth commandment? A: The eighth commandment is “You shall not steal.”

Q102: What does the eighth commandment teach you? A: Not to take anything that belongs to someone else.

**\*\* The Meditation and Prayer** .....Cory Brock, Minister of Young Adults & College

‡ **The Hymn No. 338 (Stzs. 1-4)** — “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Jonah 1:1-3; 4 (Pew Bible page 774)

**The Sermon** — “Jonah and the Cost of Mercy” ..... Dr. Brock

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heaven descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

**The Postlude**

‡Congregation standing

\*\*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.

## A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

“Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.” (from Edward VI’s *Book of Common Prayer* 1552).

*The Prayer of Confession* is a response to our singing of the doxology in this morning’s worship service. It is only by reflecting upon the true nature of God and adoring His faithfulness to us, that we are able to truly contemplate upon the depth, extent, and magnitude of our sin. The Prayer of Confession is made so that we confess our sin and experience true repentance by reflecting upon God’s goodness even in our times of straying. Thus, it is through this time of corporate prayer, patterned after the New Testament church, that we are ready to continue in our corporate worship of God.

*Why do we have corporate prayer?* In preaching on the pilgrimage of the Christian in this life, the eighteenth century pastor-theologian from New England, Jonathan Edwards said, “To go to heaven fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here.” The time of corporate worship and particularly prayer is its closest semblance on earth since we gather with the saints of God to worship and delight ourselves in God.

*What is a prayer of confession?* The minister leads us in a Prayer of Confession to remove any human barrier that might come in the way of our blessing from God. We remind ourselves of who we are both in ourselves and in God. We remind ourselves that though we are His sheep, we are like lost sheep. During this time, the minister leads us in confessing the times we have desired the things of this world that are in opposition to the things of God. May we, in joining the minister with heartfelt agreement, confess and repent of the times we have left undone those things we ought to have done, and have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Let us join our hearts in prayer in order that the Spirit of Christ may bring conviction for impenitent hearts, encouragement to weary souls, knit us together in a bond of fellowship and praise, and bring us into an intimate communion with our Savior. Let us pray with the goal to enjoy ourselves in bringing honor and glory due His name.

### MAY CIRCLES

#### MONDAY, MAY 13

CIRCLE 2 *Marian Kennedy*

10:00 a.m. – home of Courtney Love  
2423 Culleywood Road, Jackson

CIRCLE 3 *Sam Simkins*

10:00 a.m. – home of Betty Bell Gibson  
5370 Carolwood, Jackson

CIRCLE 4 *Bess Corbitt & Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 6 *Rhonda Baird*

6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer  
2257 East Northside Drive, Jackson

CIRCLE 8 *Janie Purvis & Jan Wade*

9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

CIRCLE 14 *Susan Turner & Georgia Miller*

12:00 noon – WH 202

#### TUESDAY, MAY 14

CIRCLE 9 *Karen Crawford & Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10 *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of Mary Jane McDaniel  
135 Lower Windrush Drive, Flowood

CIRCLE 11 *Frenchie Graham & Ruth Tant*

10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham  
4005 Cabell Lane, Jackson

CIRCLE 12 *Nina Johnston & Janet Quayle*

10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine’s, Marian Hall

# Midweek

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Midweek is an opportunity to break from your usual weeknight routine and to join our church family for a refreshing evening of fellowship and spiritual formation between Sundays. Our meal is from 5:00 to 6:15 PM and is a casual time with families and friends gathering at a table together to share dinner, breaking up the busyness of the week.

## **First Pres Forum**

Miller Hall | 6:30 PM

*All Ages*

Join us at First Pres Forum during the month of May to hear from RUF Campus Ministers. On May 15, we will hear from Ro Taylor, Delta State RUF. We look forward to hearing how God is at work on college campuses in Mississippi.

## **Junior High D Groups**

**Encounters with Jesus**

Youth House | 6:00 PM

*Rising Sixth - Tenth Grade*

Pizza in the Youth House at 5:30. Teaching series at 6. Games in the gym after teaching until 7:30.

## **Senior High Students**

Join the youth staff for dinner in Miller Hall any time between 5:00-6:15, and then stay as we attend the First Pres Forum.

## **Missions in May**

Open Playground | 5:30

M122 and M123 | 6:30

*3-years old - fifth grade*

Missions in May gives your children the opportunity to learn about being a missionary regardless of age or location. Throughout the month of May, we will have guests representing and teaching the children about a local ministry, a national ministry, and an international ministry. Our program will conclude on May 22 with an Operation Christmas Child Packing Party. We have prepared craft projects, music, and other activities relating to these various ministries and plan to teach them how they can pray and share their faith with others right here in Jackson, MS. Join us in May as we "travel" near and far with a different adventure each week!

## **Nursery**

Ground Floor | 5:00-7:30 PM

Nursery for infants through three-years old is provided during Midweek. Children must be checked in to the Nursery by a parent. For more info, please contact Gena Dear.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019**

## 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)  
**Children's Church for 3- and 4-year olds** — during 11:00 a.m.  
 worship service in MB 135  
**Student Choir Rehearsal** — 4:35 p.m. in MS  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)

## Monday

**Circles Meet This Week**  
**Joint Officers' Meeting** — 6:00 p.m. in MH

## Tuesday

**"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in PH  
**Strategic Planning Committee Meeting** — 7:30 a.m. in WH 204A  
**French Camp Quilters** — 9:00 a.m. in Library  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**GriefShare** — 6:30 p.m. in WH 202B

## Wednesday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Men's Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor  
**Midweek Dinner** — 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in MH  
**Compass: Money & Marriage** — 5:30 p.m. in WH 202A  
**Children's Playtime** — 5:30 p.m. on playground/gym  
**Peru Mission Trip Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC 210B  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Outreach Evangelism Prayer** — 6:00 p.m. in WH 202B  
**Children's Mission in May** — 6:30 p.m. in MB 122 & MB 123  
**Senior High Small Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in YH 201  
**Junior High Small Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in YH 101  
**First Pres Forum: Ro Taylor, Delta State RUF** — 6:30 p.m. in MH  
**Chinese Bible Study** — 6:30 p.m. in SC 210A

## Thursday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Discipleship Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in WH 204A  
**MTW Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH 202A

## Friday

**RTS Banquet** — 6:00 p.m. in MH

## Saturday

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** — 7:30 a.m. in MH  
**RTS Graduation** — 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

**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...”*

**Bentley & Sarah Love Crawford** – Serving as RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University. E-mail: [bentley.crawford@ruf.org](mailto:bentley.crawford@ruf.org)

**Clarke & Khrystya Norton** – Serving as church planters in Lviv, Ukraine. E-mail: [hecnorton@gmail.com](mailto:hecnorton@gmail.com)

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For the Children's Ministry Missions in May service project, we will again be packing shoeboxes! These shoeboxes will be sent to children all over the world who do not yet know the love of Jesus and often reach areas where traditional missionaries cannot go. Join us as we collect items for our shoeboxes. School supplies, non-liquid hygiene or toiletry items, small toys, or a “Wow” item are great choices. Items can be dropped off in the labeled bin by the welcome desk.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

New members will be received on June 2, 2019. All new member forms need to be turned in by May 22, or they will be held until the next date. Contact Lilly Foerter at [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org) with questions.

## GEYSER FALLS

Students, grab your towels it's time to head back to Geyser Falls! At the end of VBS on June 7, rising 6-12th graders are invited to go to Geyser Falls with FPCYM. We will leave from the YH at 12:30, and plan to be back at 8:00 p.m.. The cost is \$35 and includes dinner. Sign up at [fpcjackson.org/church-life/youth/upcoming-events](http://fpcjackson.org/church-life/youth/upcoming-events) or the app.

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH RYM

FPCYM is taking Junior High and Senior High trips to RYM this summer at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL. The Junior High trip is June 24-28 and Senior High is July 8-13. Sign up at [fpcjackson.org/church-life/youth/upcoming-events](http://fpcjackson.org/church-life/youth/upcoming-events) or the app to reserve your spot. A \$100 deposit is due at registration. Please contact Lilly Foerter at [youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youthhouse@fpcjackson.org) with questions.

## 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 earpiece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Cliff Ford 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, weekly 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, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism 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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