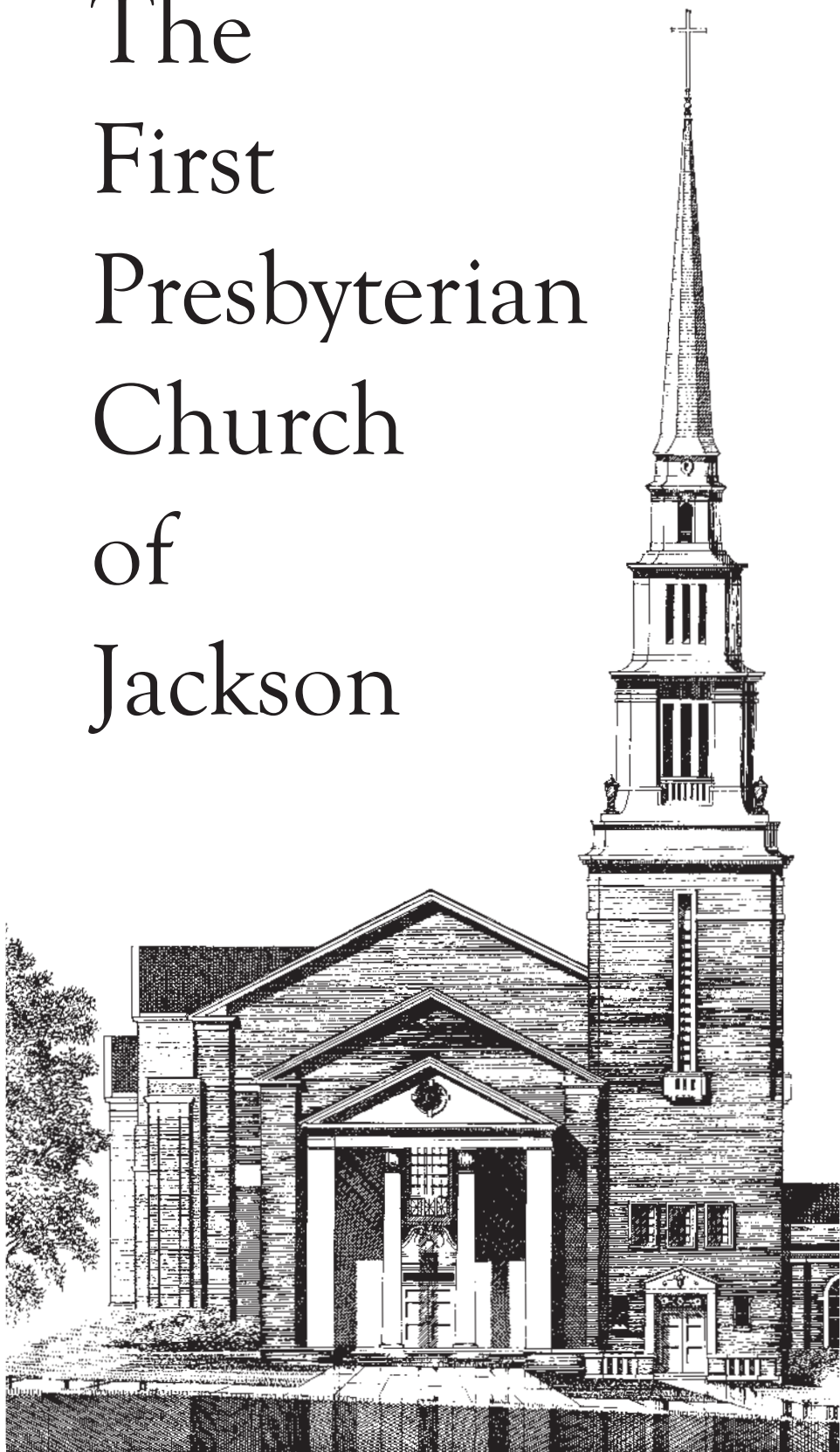


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirteenth Day of May, Two Thousand Eighteen

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

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

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

The Stewardship Update — Spence Flatgard, Stewardship Chairman

The Prelude — "God Himself Is Present"Michael Burkhardt
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Awake, My Heart!"Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 57** — "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul" (Psalm 146)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **The Affirmation** — "I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He has made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own.
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 Scripture Reading — Psalm 28 (Pew Bible pages 460-461)

The Solo — "A Mother's Prayer" Getty and deBarra
Genneysa Case, Soloist
(See Morning Guide for text)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "The Armor of God"John Ness Beck

Choir: "Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand firm! Stand firm, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the Gospel of peace, taking up the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. Peace be to you, my brethren, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love incorruptible!"

Congregation: "Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armor on, strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son; Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in His mighty power, who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror. From strength to strength go on, stand firm, prevail and pray: Tread all the Power of darkness down, and win the well-fought day. Still let the Spirit cry in all His Soldiers, 'Come!' 'Till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home."

Choir: "Amen! Amen!"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Mark 1:14-20 (Pew Bible page 836)

The Sermon — *The Gospel of Mark: "The Kingdom Is at Hand"* Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 650 (Stzs. 1, 4)** — "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The 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 — "Rigaudon" Andre Campra

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
Mr. Joseph D. Johnson — Young Adults Intern

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

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

‡* The Hymn No. 642 — “Be Thou My Vision”

‡ The Invocation

* The Hymn — “Jesus, I Come”

(See Hymn Sheet)

The Greetings

The Prayer — Ruling Elder Stuart Clarke

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — Jessica Schmidt, Violin

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q141: Did Christ remain in the grave after His crucifixion? A: No. He rose bodily from the grave on the third day after His death.

** The Meditation and Prayer..... Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

‡* The Hymn (Stzs. 1-2) — “We Will Feast in the House of Zion” (See Hymn Sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Job 32-37 (Pew Bible pages 438-443)

The Sermon — “A Pox on Both Your Houses” Dr. Strain

‡ The Benediction

‡ The Response — “We will feast in the house of Zion; we will sing with our hearts restored.

‘He has done great things,’ we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more!

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.”

(Repeat refrain.)

The Postlude

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‡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

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 Solo — "A Mother's Prayer"

Before you close your eyes to sleep, I have a promise still to keep, as I hold you in my arms.
I pray your little frame grows strong and that faith takes hold while you are young;
This is my prayer for you.

Hold my hand; I'll teach you the way to go. Through the joys, through the tears,
the journey of these years,
May you trust Him 'til the end. May you trust Him in the end.

This world is not as it should be, but the Savior opens eyes to see all
that's beautiful and true.

Oh may His light fill all you are and the jewel of wisdom crown your heart;
This is my prayer for you.

Hold my hand; I'll teach you the way to go. Through the joys, through the tears,
the journey of these years,
He is with us 'til the end. He is faithful 'til the end.

You'll travel where my arms won't reach as the road will rise to lead your feet
on a journey of your own.
May my mistakes not hinder you but His grace remain and guide you through;
This is my prayer for you.

Take His hand and go where He calls you to. And whatever comes,
seek Him with all your heart;
This will be my prayer for you. Father, hear my ceaseless prayer;
Oh keep them in your care.

MAY CIRCLES

MONDAY, MAY 14

CIRCLE 2: *Beth Keeler*

10:00 a.m. – home of Marcella LaFoe
102 Farrington Court, Ridgeland

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. – home of Amanda Hohm
715 Sawgrass Lakes Drive, Brandon

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 15

CIRCLE 9: *Karen Crawford & Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of Pat Stockett
2405 Sandridge Drive, Jackson

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,
1st floor



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and around the world.*

“To glorify God”

Our chief end and deepest joy (WSC Q&A 1) is the exaltation of the Triune God of the Bible. In a narcissistic age, we exist to make much of God, seeking in all things to be and to gather true worshippers.

“by making disciples”

We purpose to reach, win, grow, equip, and deploy God’s people for the propagation of God’s glory throughout the world.

“on the North State Street corridor,”

In His providence, God has placed us on the corner of

North State and Pinehurst Streets, in central Jackson.

We resolve to be good neighbors and gospel witnesses in the neighborhoods around our church campus (Belhaven, Mid-Town, and Fondren).

“in the greater Jackson area,”

First Presbyterian Church of Jackson draws visitors and members from the metro-Jackson area. We will continue to make disciples in our city by equipping believers to live for Christ in the home, the workplace, and in their neighborhoods across our region.

“and around the world.”

With a renewed focus on church planting in North America, FPCJ will make disciples across our country by establishing new churches and supporting, sending, and serving church planters. There remain 6,738 unreached people groups, over 42% of the global population.* In addition to other mission endeavors, we will begin to pray and work to support and establish gospel churches with special attention on the unreached.

(*source: https://joshuaproject.net/resources/articles/has_everyone_heard)

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

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 M135MB
 Presbytery Committee Meeting — 5:00 p.m. in PH
 The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
 No Senior High Insight

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
 Discipleship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH204B
 Church Directory Adhoc Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon
 in WH204A
 Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
 Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH
 French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
 Stewardship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH204A
 Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
 Children's Playtime — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Gym/Playground
 Peru Mission Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH204
 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 PH
 Senior High Small Groups — 6:30 p.m. in Y201
 "Missions in May" for Children — 6:30 p.m. in M122 & M123
 Parents' Forum — 6:30 p.m. in LH
 Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various rooms
 Brass Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202A
 College Crawfish Boil — 4:30 p.m. at the Creekmore home
 (143 McHarris Rd. in Madison)

Friday

No Scheduled Events

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast
 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....”

Jim & Mary Alice Patterson – Serving with Mission to the World and Jungle Aviation & Radio Service (JAARS). Email: jim_patterson@sil.org

Joel & Holly Wallace – Serving as the Associate Director for Mission to North America’s Special Needs Ministry. Email: jwallace@pcanet.org

PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENTS: A PARENTS’ FORUM

Parents of adolescents or rising adolescents, join us on the evenings of May 16 and 23 at a forum designed to help prepare you for the unique opportunities involved in rearing children through the teenage years. We’ll plan to meet in Lowe Hall from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Please register with Caleb Blake at calebb@fpcjackson.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are now collecting OCC items for our Missions in May service project. We will need 10-12 items (a “Wow” item, school supplies, or toiletry items) for each box and want to fill as many as possible. These items can be dropped off in the labeled bin beside the welcome desk. On May 23, we will have a packing party at which our children are able to assemble the boxes together and pray for the children who will receive their gifts and letters.

“MISSIONS IN MAY” FOR CHILDREN

Our current 3-year olds through 5th graders will be spending each Wednesday night in May learning about and praying for God’s work around the world! The kids will learn about Japan, unreached people groups, and the Mustard Seed, and conclude on May 23 with an Operation Christmas Child Packing Party. Join us for dinner from 5:00-6:00, and the playground will be open from 5:30-6:30. We will meet in the first-floor classrooms by the drink machines (M122 and 123) for the lesson from 6:30-7:30.

COLLEGE CRAWFISH BOIL

College students, come see your friends, and enjoy some crawfish at our College Crawfish Boil at the Creekmoors’ house in Madison (143 McHarris Rd.) on Thursday, May 17, at 4:30 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 4-8, 2018

This year’s theme is *Grow in Grace!* FPC members may volunteer to help by contacting VBS Director Mary Ball at maryb@fpcjackson.org. Children and Teen Helpers may register at www.fpcj.ms/vbs-2018. Please register today to ensure a t-shirt for your child. Adults and Teen Helpers may purchase a \$10 VBS t-shirt by contacting Kathryn Cotten at kathryncotten@gmail.com. To sign up online to bring a Teacher Snack, please visit www.perfectpotluck.com (coordinator: wilkins; password: fpcvbs2018; select: find).

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, June 3, 2018. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, May 23. Any forms received after May 23 will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained at the information desk in the greeting courtyard after the worship services or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard). If you have any questions, please contact Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9101.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY YEARBOOK

Ladies, if you have had a change in your contact information or have joined a new Circle Bible Study, please contact Women’s Ministry by June 1 to update your information for the 2018-19 Women’s Ministry Yearbook & Directory. Contact Lisa Oswalt at 601-973-9115 or lisao@fpcjackson.org.

SEW & SOW CAMP

The Sew & Sow ministry of FPC is happy to announce plans for a beginner’s sewing camp July 16-20, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (dates are subject to change). This camp is open for all ladies. Those under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Class space is limited and preference is given to FPC members. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Teh at 601-946-1517 or sewbusy321@hotmail.com to reserve your spot and for future details.

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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-dev. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

This Week's Focus:

Question 107: What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

Answer: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer (which is, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen") teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise Him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to Him. And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.

MONDAY

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:10-14; Luke 18:11-14

Key Thought: We must pray with proper humility.

Questions:

- Why should the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer humble us?
- How is David's prayer a model of godly humility?
- What lesson does the contrast between the Pharisee and the tax collector teach us about our attitude in prayer?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Daniel 9:4-19

Key Thought: We must pray with right motives.

Questions:

- What similarity is found in the first and last questions of the Shorter Catechism?
- Whose good are we to seek above all in our prayers?
- What motivates you to pray?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Mark 9:14-24; Ephesians 3:20-21; James 1:6-8

Key Thought: We must pray with godly confidence and faith.

Questions:

- Why did the father of the boy with a mute spirit say "if" in Mark 9:22?
- How did Jesus respond? Did the father get the message?
- How is our faith encouraged in the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Matthew 8:1-3; 1 Peter 4:12-19

Key Thought: We must pray with resignation to the will of God.

Questions:

- Can God be glorified through the suffering of a Christian?
- How does the phrase "Thine is the glory" show that we are resigned to the will of God?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: 1 Kings 1:32-36; 2 Corinthians 1:19-20

Key Thought: We must pray with hopeful expectancy.

Questions:

- Why does Jesus teach us to say "amen" at the end of our prayers?
- How does the word "amen" point us to Jesus?

Prayer