

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth Day of May, Two Thousand Sixteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley

Executive Minister

*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** — "Aria" .....Flor Peeters  
William Wymond, Organ

**The Introit** — "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ... Nettleton/Wymond  
With Gena Everitt, Guest Director; Kathryn Edwards, Piano

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 75** — "O Father, You Are Sovereign"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡\* **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 Sacrament of Baptism**

The Words of Institution

The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families

The Biblical Promise

The Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction

**The Congregational Response** — "Children of the Heavenly Father"

"Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather:  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.  
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy."

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

**The Offertory** — "More Love to Thee!" ..... Timothy Shaw

"More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!

Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee"

This is my earnest plea; more love, O Christ to Thee, more love to Thee.

More love to Thee! Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;

Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee.

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;

This be the parting cry my heart shall raise.

This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to thee! Amen"

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Malachi 1:1-5 (Pew Bible page 801)

**The Sermon** — *Collision: "The Three Loves"* ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 81** — "O Love of God, How Strong and True"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Amen" ..... Timothy Shaw

**The Postlude** — "Trumpet Tune in D" ..... Gordon Young

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain  
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III  
Minister of Pastoral Care

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

**The Prelude** — “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?” .. Traditional  
FPC Brass

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 168** — “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn** — “By Faith” (See Evening Guide)

**The Commissioning of the Czech Republic Mission Team**

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Alan Futvoye

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

**The Offertory** — “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us” ..... arr. by D. Everson  
FPC Brass

**The Young Children's Devotional**

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

*The Children's Catechism*

Q84. What is the first commandment? A: The first commandment is “You shall have no other gods before me.”

Q85. What does the first commandment teach you? A: To worship the true God, and him only.

\*\***The Meditation and Prayer**.....James Ritchey, Students and Families Assistant

‡ **The Hymn No. 518 (Stz. 1-4)** — “Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Revelation 3:1-6 (Pew Bible page 1029)

**The Sermon** — *Behold, A Throne: “The Open Door”* .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky;  
Having known it ‘Christ to live,’ let me know it ‘gain to die.’  
Let me know it ‘gain to die.’”

**The Postlude** — “One Day He's Coming” ..... Charles Marsh  
FPC Brass

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed after the prayer

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.

# By Faith

Words and Music:  
Getty and Townend



1. By faith we see the hand of God
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
3. *By faith the proph - ets saw a day*
4. By faith the church was called to go
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved



In the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign  
With the pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts  
*When the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear*  
In the pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost  
And the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail



In the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness  
Of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand  
*With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death*  
To de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news  
For we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



Who walk by faith and not by sight.  
A place where peace and jus - tice reign.  
*And rise tri - um - phant from the grave.*  
In eve - ry cor - ner of the earth.  
For all who call up - on His name.



We will stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise



We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's re - ward



Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done



We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

# FPC THIS SUMMER

## SUMMER RUF

College students: Mark your calendars for Summer RUF! Summer RUF is a large-group Bible study for all college students (including rising freshmen!) who find themselves in Jackson for the Summer. We'll meet on Tuesday nights throughout the Summer at various FPC homes to fellowship, sing, and hear God's Word preached by a different RUF campus minister each week. Join us on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Storys' house (2416 Culleywood Rd) to hear Jason Sterling, RUF Campus Minister at Ole Miss, kick off our series on the Parables of Jesus. FPC Members - If you would be interested in helping out with Summer RUF by providing a snack one week, please email Kelly Jackson at [kellyj@fpcjackson.org](mailto:kellyj@fpcjackson.org).



## SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

*For All Ladies:* All ladies are invited to join us for a Summer Bible Study entitled, *When Ordinary People Meet the Savior*, led by Beth Archer. It will meet monthly on Monday evenings (June 13, July 11, and August 8) from 6:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. at her home (2257 E. Northside Drive). Please contact Rhonda Baird (601-594-8016 or [Bairdnews@aol.com](mailto:Bairdnews@aol.com)) or Beth Archer (601-668-2581 or [missbetharcher@yahoo.com](mailto:missbetharcher@yahoo.com)) for more information.



*For Working Moms:* Recognizing that time is at a premium for working moms, we are offering a short Bible study for the summer, on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. from June 15 – July 27. It will be in the format of a book club, studying *The Envy of Eve: Finding Contentment in a Covetous World*, led by Shirley Windham. Wednesday nights offer supper, nursery, and children and youth programs for your family. If you are interested, please contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or [omegas@fpcjackson.org](mailto:omegas@fpcjackson.org).



*For Men:* Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. from June 15 – July 27 as Gabe Fluhrer leads a study on being a Biblical husband and father. For more information or to sign up, please contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or [lisar@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisar@fpcjackson.org).



## YOUNG ADULTS

New to Jackson? Recent college graduate? The Young Adult ministry of FPC Jackson is a place primarily for 22-28 year olds, both single and married, from recent college graduate to married with kids. We would love to have you join us for our first summer event, June 2 at 6:30 p.m., at Joe and April Johnson's home (4320 Henderson Circle) for BBQ, homemade ice cream, and a cornhole tournament. It will be a great opportunity to cultivate friendships and get stitched into community in this ministry and in our church. Contact David Felker, our Minister of Young Adults ([davidf@fpcjackson.org](mailto:davidf@fpcjackson.org)) for more details.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY MAY 15, 2016**

## Sunday

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 8:25 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. – 10:40 a.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Sunday School** — 9:40 a.m. in various locations  
**Foundations Class** — 9:40 a.m. in M133  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Children’s Church for 3 and 4-year-olds** — during 11:00 a.m.  
 worship service in M135  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**No Senior High Insight**

## Monday

**No Scheduled Activities**

## Tuesday

**“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in MH  
**Students & Families Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in MH  
**Shepherding Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

## Wednesday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Benevolence Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**Peru Summer 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 “Missions in May” Program** — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
 in SC122/123  
**Junior High D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in YH  
**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

## Thursday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**D Group Leaders Year-End Celebration** — 11:30 a.m. in MH  
**MTW Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH

## 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...”*

**Thomas and Erna Dreyer** – Serving as a church planter with Reformed Church Randburg in Johannesburg, South Africa. Email: [thomas@gkrandburg.org.za](mailto:thomas@gkrandburg.org.za)

**Seth and Julie Still** – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Delta State University. Email: [ssstill@ruf.org](mailto:ssstill@ruf.org)

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Dan (Mary) Still — May 9, 2016

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the graduating class of 2016 by Reformed Theological Seminary.

## BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Robert Frazier Annison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Ryan (Meg) Annison; Noah Liam Sierra Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Lane (Yoybé) Baird; Luke Andrew Gunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Andrew (Kristen) Gunn; Charles Eric Hester and John Dickson Hester, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Eric (Dee Dee) Hester; William Patrick Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. (Kim) Pierce; William “Liam” Forney Bowling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael David (Dea) Bowling; Luke Phillips Ketchum, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dallis (Christy) Ketchum; Molly Levert Lamar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willem Lamartine (Mary Jordan) Lamar, Jr.; May Elizabeth “May-May” Meadows, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Read (Elizabeth) Meadows; Carson Blair Young and Tyler Stennis Young, daughter and son of Mrs. Mollie Hederman Young.

## THE CZECH REPUBLIC MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

The Czech Republic mission team will be commissioned tonight for their trip to the Czech Brethren Church in Ceska Trebova in follow-up from our joint ministry in the 1990’s. Team leader: Wayne Husband. Team Members: Al & Betsy Chestnut and Laura Husband.

## D GROUP LEADERS YEAR-END LUNCHEON

All Adult D Group Leaders are invited to a luncheon on Thursday, May 19, at 11:30 a.m. in Miller Hall to enjoy a time of fellowship and evaluate the past year together. If you have questions, contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or [lisar@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisar@fpcjackson.org).

## MISSION PLEDGE UPDATE

In order to maintain our current missionary support, our mission pledges need to be \$632,152. Thus far, we’ve received 217 pledge cards totaling \$621,341.00 toward our 2016-2017 mission giving. Our desire is to not only maintain the current number of supported missionaries, but to add new missionaries in strategic areas among unreached, unengaged people groups. Please prayerfully consider pledging to support our giving to local, national, and international missions and missionaries.

## ONLINE GIVING

First Presbyterian Church provides the opportunity for online giving. Just click “Give Online” on the home page of the website ([www.fpcjackson.org](http://www.fpcjackson.org)). This is a convenient and safe way to make one-time or recurring donations with step-by-step instructions.

## 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 5. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, May 25. Any forms received after May 25, will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained 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](mailto:lisaw@fpcjackson.org) or 601-973-9102.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 6-10

Children and teen helpers may register for VBS 2016 at [www.fpcj.ms/vbs-reg](http://www.fpcj.ms/vbs-reg). Adult members who would like to volunteer may contact VBS Director, Genneysa Case at 601-540-2370 or email [gdcase@comcast.net](mailto:gdcase@comcast.net).

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# The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

In order for the congregation to more fully enter into the service of the sacrament of baptism and to refresh ourselves on our church membership vow, the following is provided for your convenience and information:

To the parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

And

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

First Presbyterian Church purposes to stand as a Reformed witness to Jackson, to the surrounding community, and ultimately to the world through the proclamation of the whole counsel of God as written in the verbally inspired, infallible Scriptures.

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