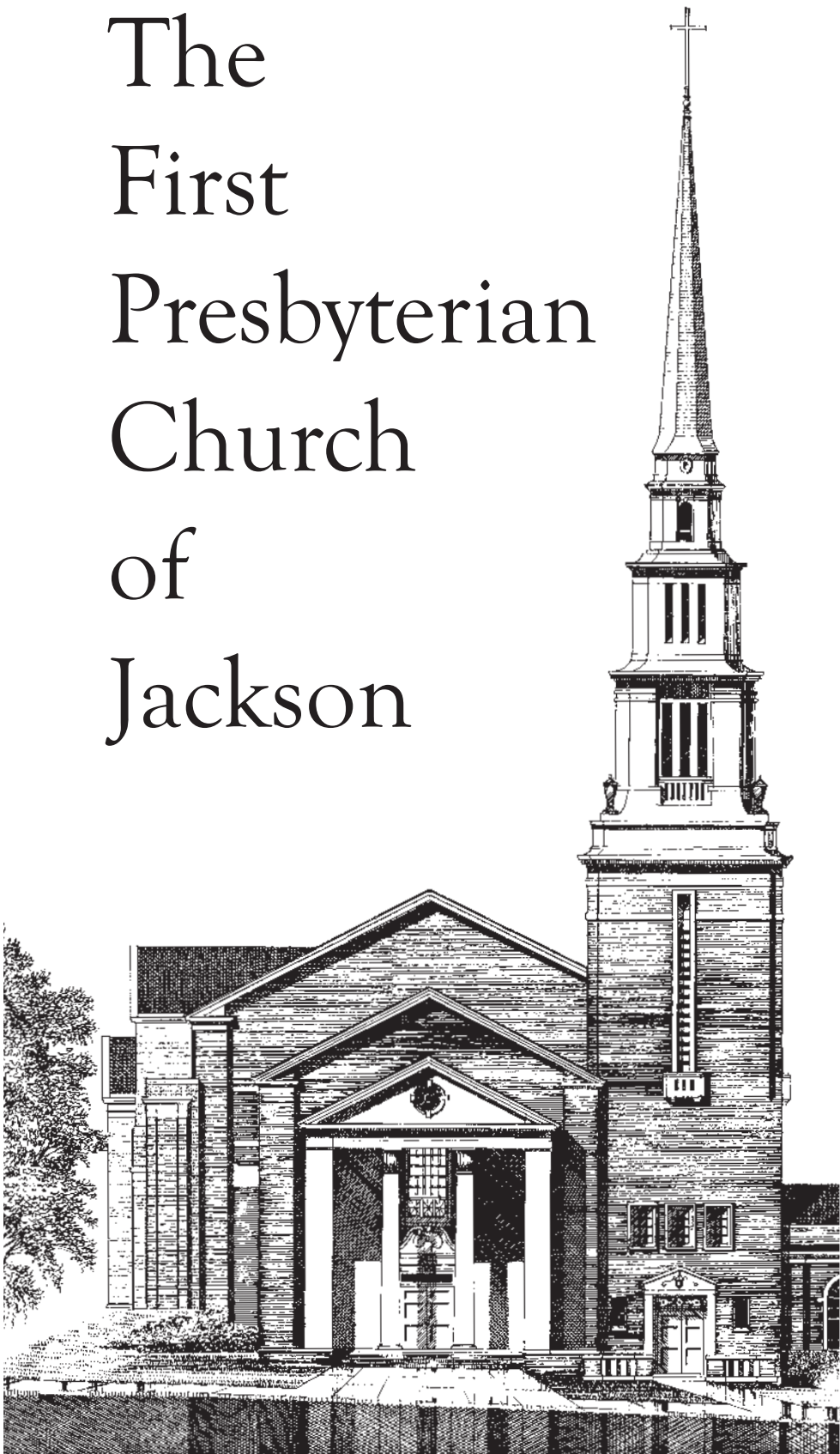


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-first Day of May, Two Thousand Seventeen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — 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 (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Quintet” Michael Kamen
FPC Brass

The Introit — “Awake, My Heart” Jane Marshall
With Sheila Hess, Guest Organist

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 699** — “Like a River Glorious”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Doxology**

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 — “Create in Me A Clean Heart” Johannes Brahms
“Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant anew,
grant a right spirit within me.”
(Psalm 51)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 (Pew Bible page 954)

The Sermon — *Rewire*: “A Little Leaven Leavens the Whole Lump” Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 264** — “Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Seven-Fold Amen” Peter Lutkin

The Postlude — “Old Hundredth” arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams
FPC Brass

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley — Executive Minister

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

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

‡* The Hymn — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (See Song Sheet)

‡ The Invocation

‡* The Evening Hymn — “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” (See Song Sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder John Crawford

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q36: Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of life? A: No. He represented the whole human race.

Q37: What effect did the sin of Adam have on you and all people? A: We are all born guilty and sinful.

Q38: How sinful are you by nature? A: I am corrupt in every part of my being.

Q39: What is the sinful nature that we inherit from Adam called? A: Original sin.

Q40: Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature? A: No. Our hearts must be changed before we can believe in Jesus and go to heaven.

** The Meditation and Prayer..... Joe Johnson, Young Adults Intern

‡* The Evening Hymn (Stzs. 1,2) — “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”
(See Song Sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 (Pew Bible page 553)

The Sermon — “The Search for Satisfaction” Dr. Strain

‡ The Benediction

‡ The Response

“My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all to love and follow Him.”

* The ushers may seat latecomers

‡ Congregation standing

** Children dismissed

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.

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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SUNDAY EVENING
SERMON SERIES
MAY 7-21 6 PM

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU CAME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THIS EVENING. HAVING HEARD ABOUT JESUS TONIGHT, IT MAY BE THAT YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLORE THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST IN MORE DETAIL. IT MAY EVEN BE THAT YOU HAVE FOUND JESUS SO COMPELLING THAT YOU'D LIKE TO MEET HIM FOR YOURSELF.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU, SIMPLY FILL OUT THE FORM, TEAR DOWN THE PERFORATED EDGE, AND LEAVE IT IN THE CONTAINERS MARKED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN THE GREETING COURTYARD AND FRONT FOYER OF THE CHURCH. COMPLETING THE FORM DOESN'T INDICATE ANY COMMITMENT ON YOUR PART, AND WE ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

RESPONSE

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

- I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO A PASTOR ABOUT THE THINGS I'VE HEARD TONIGHT.
- I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT A SHORT COURSE THAT WILL HELP ME FURTHER EXPLORE THE CLAIMS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

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 M135
Special Friends Pizza/Ice Cream Party — 12:00 noon in LH
Providence Sunday School Party — 12:00 noon in PH
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Q&A/Light Meal — 7:00 p.m. in LH
No Senior High Insight

Monday

No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Students & Families Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in WH202A
Young Adults & College Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon
 in WH204A
MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 p.m. in WH204B

Wednesday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Children’s Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/
 Playground
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children’s “Missions in May” Program — 6:25 p.m. in M122A
 & M123AB
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Men’s Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH204

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday

Men’s Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

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....”

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Jackson – CEF of Jackson is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson. This Bible-centered worldwide organization seeks to evangelize boys and girls with the gospel.
Email: paul@cefmississippi.com

Third Millennium Ministries – This ministry seeks to provide distance theological education to thousands of pastors around the world who lack sufficient training for ministry. Email: dpillow@thirdmill.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 50th graduating class of Reformed Theological Seminary.

BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Tallulah Ruth Coleman, daughter of The Honorable Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Dennis Coleman; John Kelly Dunwoody Jackson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly Dunwoody Jackson; Mason Archie Lienard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Richard Lienard; Richard Reid Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Wesley Conner; Elizabeth Childress Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Carey Johnston; Mary Adams Yerger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Adams Yerger IV.

YOUNG ADULTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS LUNCH TODAY

Our Special Friends Sunday School class and their families are invited by the Young Adults Sunday School class to a pizza lunch today in Lowe Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you are interested in serving with our Special Friends or know a family outside of our church who would benefit from this ministry, this invitation is open, so please join us!

EVANGELISTIC SERIES TONIGHT

The human search for significance, security, and satisfaction is universal but elusive. Senior Minister David Strain will explore the last of these themes and the Christ to whom they ultimately point us in tonight's service. Join us in Lowe Hall afterwards for a light meal and an opportunity to ask questions. We invite you to prayerfully consider inviting a friend to come and hear the gospel.

MISSION PLEDGE UPDATE

Since the support for foreign missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers all come out of the same budget, our mission pledges need to be \$728,509 in order to maintain our current commitment. Thus far, we've received 230 pledge cards totaling \$669,395 toward our 2017- 2018 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — JUNE 5-9

"The Lord Is My Rock!" This year, we will be rocking at VBS as we learn about Moses, Joshua, and Elijah. Their stories point us to Jesus, our perfect Savior, who rolled away the rock that sealed His tomb and defeated death. Online registration for VBS is open at www.fpcj.ms/vbs-2017. **We still need volunteers for the 5's and 1st grade.** Please contact VBS Director, Laura Barbour, at 601-594-4380 or email laurabarbour@comcast.net.

VBS WEEK WITH THE STUDENTS & FAMILIES MINISTRY

The Students & Families Ministry has a great week planned during VBS. Teen helpers will assist the adult volunteers, hang out and eat snacks in the Youth House during their breaks. To sign up to be a teen helper, visit fpcj.ms/vbs-2017. In the afternoons, the students will go to Neighborhood Christian Center for a VBS program for their children. We take Junior High students on Monday and Wednesday and take Senior High students on Tuesday and Thursday. On Friday after VBS, we have our annual Geyser Falls trip planned. The cost is \$42 and includes ticket and dinner. To sign up for NCC VBS and Geyser Falls, please visit www.fpcjackson.org/youth. Contact Jenny Sanders for more information at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY YEARBOOK

Ladies, we are beginning to work on the 2017-18 Women's Ministry Yearbook. If you have moved or have had any changes to your contact information in the last year, please let us know by June 1. Please email updates to Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org. You may also call her at 601-973-9115.

GOLDEN CIRCLE

Ladies, if you or a close family member are unable to attend service or church activities, we would love for you to join our Golden Circle. Golden Circle ladies receive cards and visits from various congregation members. We would love to minister to you in this way. Please contact Kortney Anderson 601-826-0043 or andersonkortney@gmail.com.

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

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 55: What does third commandment forbid?

Answer: The third commandment forbids our treating as unholy or abusing anything God uses to make Himself known.

Question 56: What is the reason for the third commandment?

Answer: The reason for the third commandment is that the Lord our God will not allow those who break His commandment to escape His righteous judgment, although they may escape punishment from men.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Jeremiah 7:1-10

Key Thought: We are not to dishonor God with our speech.

Questions:

- How does using God's name carelessly break this commandment?
- How does complaining against providence break this commandment?
- Can you think of other examples of dishonoring God with our speech?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 2:17-24

Key Thought: We are not to dishonor God with our lives.

Questions:

- What do you associate with the name "Capone?" "Knox?" "Clinton?" Why? Do your actions reflect upon your family name?
- What did Paul mean when he wrote, "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you"?
- What is a hypocrite? How does a hypocrite take God's name in vain?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Matthew 22:23-33

Key Thought: We are not to dishonor God in our use of His Word.

Questions:

- What did the Sadducees want Jesus to say about the resurrection?
- How did Jesus respond to them?
- In what ways do people tend to misuse the Word of God?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Malachi 1:6-14

Key Thought: We are not to dishonor God with our worship.

Questions:

- In Malachi 1, how had the priests despised the name of God?
- When we offer less than our best to God in worship, what do we communicate about His importance in our lives?
- Do you consider God's worship "a weariness"? Do you come to worship prepared to give Him your best?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read 1 Samuel 2:12-29; Jude 8-13

Key Thought: God will punish every misuse of His glorious name.

Questions:

- What reason does God give for not taking His name in vain?
- What happened to Eli's sons? Why?
- Is everyone who takes God's name in vain punished for it in this life? Will any evade punishment forever?

Prayer