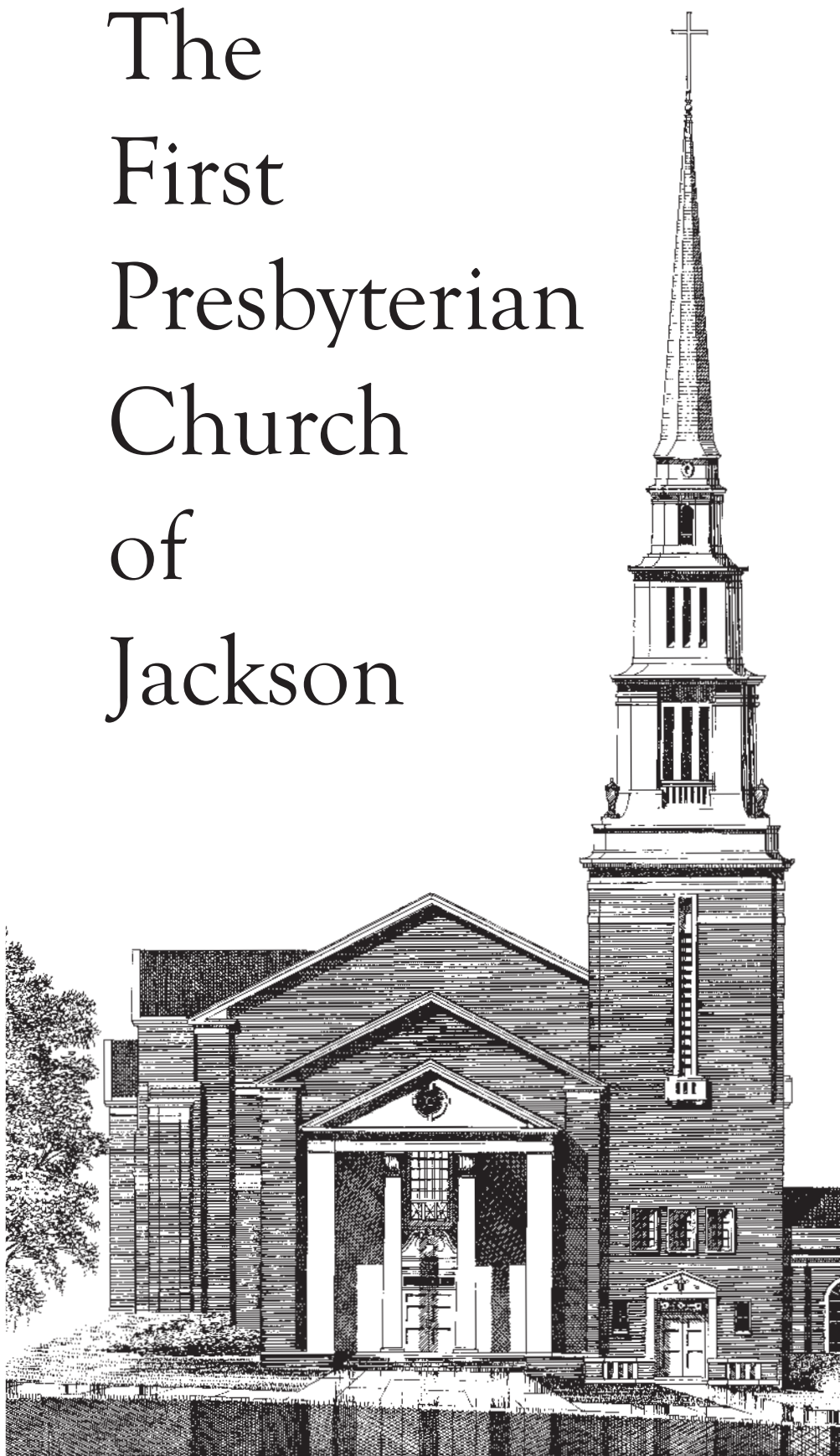


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Day of May, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Edward A. Hartman

Minister of Mission and Outreach

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 — "Praise to the Holiest" Henry Coleman
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — "Let Thy Holy Presence" Tschesnokoff

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 65** — "Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne"
(from Psalm 100)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **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 Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 13:15-31 (Pew Bible page 409)

The Solo — "Give Me Jesus" Southern Spiritual
Kim Porter, Soprano

The Morning Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Arr. James Biery
CONGREGATION AND CHOIR:

1. "When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

2. To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry, 'May Jesus Christ be praised.'
Let mortals, too, upraise their voice in hymns of praise, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

CHOIR:

3. My tongues shall never tire of singing in the Choir, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

The fairest graces spring in hearts that ever sing, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

CONGREGATION AND CHOIR:

4. In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
Let earth and sea and sky from depth to height reply, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'

5. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'
Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 1:1-14 (Pew Bible page 976)

The Sermon — "New Community: The Panorama of Grace" Mr. Strain

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

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "The Five-Fold Amen" William Wymond

The Postlude — "Grand Chorus Dialogue" Eugene Gigout

*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. David L. Felker
Minister of Young Adults and College

- The Announcements and Words of Preparation** (5:50 p.m.)
- The Prelude** — “Rondeau” Mouret
The First Presbyterian Day School Cello Group, Nancy Bateman, Director
- The Call to Worship**
- ‡ **The Hymn No. 469** — “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”
- ‡ **The Invocation**
- The Hymn** — “A Debtor to Mercy Alone” (RUF tune) (See Evening Guide)
- * **The Greetings**
- The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Terrel Williams
- The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**
- The Offertory** — “My Worth Is Not in What I Own”Getty/Hendrick
Genneysa Case, Soloist
- The Young Children’s Devotional**
For children currently in 4-year-old through 3rd grade Sunday School
The Song No. 460 (Stz. 1 and 2) — “Amazing Grace!”
The Children’s Catechism No. 55
Q. “Who will be saved?”
A. “Only those who truly repent of their sins and believe in Christ.”
The Scripture — Isaiah 55:7; John 20:31; Romans 10:9-13; James 1:21-27, 2:17
The MeditationWiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care
The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)
- ‡ **The Hymn No. 465** — “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”
- The Prayer of Illumination**
- The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Mark 2:18-28 (Pew Bible pages 837-838)
- The Sermon** — “Eclipse: Religion”Mr. Strain
- ‡ **The Benediction**
- ‡ **The Response**
- “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 Postlude** — “Postlude in F”Eric Thiman

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‡Congregation standing

<div>To All Our Visitors</div>	<p>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.</p>
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A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne

Our opening hymn this morning reminds us of the awesome power of our sovereign God, that "He can create and He destroy." It is a strong Isaac Watts rendering of Psalm 100, set to the familiar tune "Park Street," which is steady, solemn, and singable. Lift your voice as you sing to the Lord!

O Father You Are Sovereign

We respond to God's Word with this powerful hymn by Margaret Clarkson. She knew great pain in her own life and yet continued to trust in her sovereign and loving God. There is, thus, enormous pathos in her praise to God as "the Lord of human pain" (see stanza 3).

A GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Written by Isaac Watts, this hymn celebrates the grace of the Lord Jesus and the wonder and awe of living in that grace. In a day when many things vie for our affection, here is a hymn that reminds us of the effect Christ and His grace should have upon each of us who understands what He has done for us. One of the very favorite hymns of our congregation, it sings of the amazing electing love of God and beautifully combines an unqualified belief in God's divine sovereignty with a longing to see the lost saved. "Bring the strangers home" is one of the most beautiful ways of describing the Gospel's effectual calling of sinners ever penned. The hymn is one of Isaac Watts' many masterpieces.

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

An old favorite of our congregation, this hymn highlights the sovereign grace of God. Julia Harriet Johnston (1849-1919), the author of this hymn, lived in Peoria, Illinois, from age six. Her father was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Peoria, and Julia directed the First Presbyterian Church Sunday School for over 40 years. She also found time to serve as president of the Presbyterian Missionary Society of Peoria for 20 years, and to write more than 500 hymns.

ECLIPSE

5 BARRIERS TO FAITH IN JESUS

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU CAME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THIS EVENING. HAVING HEARD ABOUT JESUS TONIGHT, IT MAY BE THAT YOU HAVE QUESTIONS THAT REMAIN UNANSWERED OR OBJECTIONS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO EXPRESS. PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLORE THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST IN MORE DETAIL WITH SOMEONE INDIVIDUALLY OR AS PART OF A GROUP DISCUSSION. IT MAY EVEN BE THAT YOU HAVE FOUND JESUS SO COMPELLING THAT YOU'D LIKE TO MEET HIM FOR YOURSELF.

IN THE FORM BELOW, YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP YOU THINK THROUGH WHO JESUS IS, WHY HE CAME, AND WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW HIM. COMPLETING THE FORM DOES NOT INDICATE ANY COMMITMENT ON YOUR PART, AND WE ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

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 BOXES MARKED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN THE GREETING COURTYARD AND FRONT FOYER OF THE CHURCH.

- ☐ I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO A PASTOR ABOUT THE THINGS I'VE HEARD TONIGHT.
- ☐ I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT A SHORT COURSE, SO I CAN FURTHER EXPLORE THE CLAIMS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

OR YOU MAY RESPOND TO THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE BY TEXTING "ECLIPSE" TO 88202.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • MAY 3, 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 YH
Inquirers' Class — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in Session Room
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
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Byrds
 (4793 Crestwood Drive)

Monday

Women's Leadership Council — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Diaconate Executive Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Student Ministry Seniors Dinner — 6:00 p.m. in MH
Scouts Court of Honor — 7:00 p.m. in LH

Tuesday

Men's "Truth at Dawn" Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
Presbytery — 9:00 a.m. at Raymond Presbyterian Church
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
MTJ Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Session Finance Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in Basement Classroom
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Junior High Large Group — 5:00 p.m. in YH
"First Plates" Delivery to Shut-Ins — 5:00 p.m. in MH
ABC Uganda Mission Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH204
Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in LH
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/
 Playground
Children's "Missions in May" Program — 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 in SC122/123
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

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Men of the Covenant — 11:45 a.m. 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...” **Tial & Annie** – Serving as church planters with Mission to the World in Southeast Asia. For contact information, please contact the Mission Department. **Neighborhood Christian Center** – Through its programs and activities, NCC seeks to develop relationships with their neighbors in need, allowing for an effective presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Mailing address: PO Box 14226, Jackson, MS 39236 Email: mail@nccjackson.com

MEN OF THE COVENANT - THURSDAY, MAY 7

Men, join us Thursday, May 7, at 11:45 a.m. in Miller Hall for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon where Rockey Felker, Director of Player Personnel at Mississippi State University, will speak to us. Reservations are required; call the receptionist at 601-353-8316 to make your reservation. Tomorrow is the deadline. The cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Please invite your friends, co-workers, or neighbors.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2015. Space is available for both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS: MINISTRY SAFE

Protecting our Children

Sadly, we live in a day in which our children are exposed to those who not only don't have their best interests at heart, but who, instead, are looking for ways to take advantage of them. Current statistics say that at least 20% of all those sitting in our pews on a Sunday morning have been victims of some form of child abuse in their lifetimes, so our church wants to be at the forefront of ensuring the safety of those children God has given to our care. Over the last months our church staff and officers have been involved with Ministry Safe, an organization dedicated to helping churches enact practices which promote the safety of our children and youth. The officers and staff have gone through training regarding the policies and standards that have been proven to be the most effective in prohibiting opportunities to those who would harm our children, and now all our members who volunteer in any way with our children or youth will need to be trained as well. No one will be able to work with our children or youth in any capacity until they complete the training. We know that we're asking for an added commitment from those who are already faithfully serving, but we believe that doing our best to protect our children is what we are called to do, and we know that you want to do that, too.

On Sunday, June 7, in Miller Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, we will have a training luncheon. We are asking that you please make this luncheon a priority if you currently work with our youth or children or if you think you may in the future. This training would also be excellent for parents who want to know how to protect their children from abuse. It will last about 2 ½ hours, and a nursery and children's program will be provided. Please make every effort to attend.

PERU MISSION NEEDS

The theme for VBS in Cajamarca, Peru, this summer (June 19-27) will be “Jesus, the Good Shepherd.” Over 1700 children are ministered to each year from the First Presbyterian Mission team! This year we will be making flocks of sheep and need some donated supplies. There is a white bin by the information desk into which people may put their donations. Items needed for crafts for Peru VBS: bags of cotton balls (regular size), 1.25 oz bottles of liquid glue, and any new crayola/magic marker.

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A Debtor To Mercy Alone

Kevin Twit

Voice

1. A deb - tor - to mer - cy a - lone. Of
 2. The work which His good-ness be - gan The
 3. My name from the palms of His hands E -

3

coven - ant - mer - cy I sing - - - - - nor
 arm of His strength will com - plete. His
 ter - ni - ty will not e - raise. Im -

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fear, with Thy right - eous - ness on My
 Pro - mise is yea and a - men, And
 pressed on His heart it re - mains In

7

per - son and off - ering to bring. The ter - rors of law and of God,
 ne - ver was for - fet - ted yet. Things fut - ure, nor things that are now,
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10

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 all things be - low - nor a - bove can
 as sure as the ear - nest is given. More

13

Sa - vior's o - bed - ience and blood Hide
 make Him His pur - pose fore - go, Or
 hap - py but not more se - cure the

15

all my trans - gress - ions - from view.
 se - ver my soul - from His love.
 glor - i - fied spir - its - in heaven.