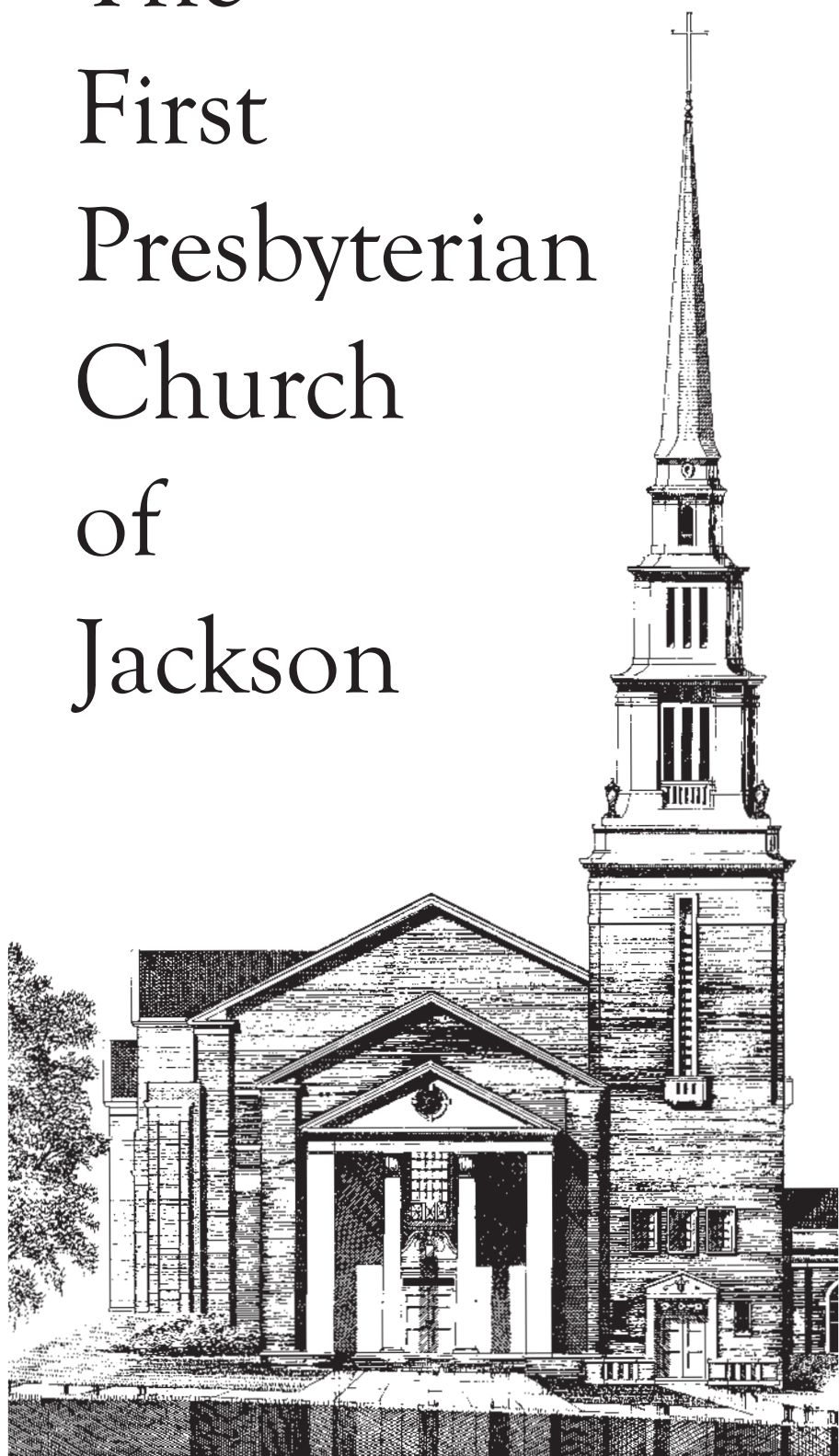


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth 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. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

**The Prelude** — "To God Be the Glory" ..... Michael Burkhardt  
Rae Shannon, Organ

**The Introit** — "Almighty God of Our Fathers" ..... Will James

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 18** — "You Holy Angels Bright" (Based on Psalm 148)

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one. O praise Him, O praise Him.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The Prayer of Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Law of God** (See Guide)

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

**The Offertory** — "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" ....Arr. Mack Wilberg  
With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name:  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream,  
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways,  
And leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay,  
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.  
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

‡ **The Hymn No. 146** — "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

**The Scripture Reading** — Psalm 59 (Pew Bible page 477)

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Colossians 4:7-18 (Pew Bible page 985)

**The Sermon** — *Rooted*: "Fellow Workers for the Kingdom" .....Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 575** — "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

‡ **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** — "In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay" .....J.S.Bach

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care  
Mr. David J. Groendyk — Pastoral Care Intern

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

**The Prelude** — “May the Peoples Praise You” ..... Keith Getty  
The FPC String Ensemble

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn** — “May the Peoples Praise You” (See Hymn Sheet)

‡ **The Invocation**

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

**The Greetings**

**The Prayer** — Ruling Elder Jack Crawford

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

**The Offertory** — “Bwana Asifiwe” (Praise the Lord)..Traditional Swahili song  
The Student Choir

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q99: What is the seventh commandment? A: The seventh commandment is “You shall not commit adultery.”

Q100: What does the seventh commandment teach you? A: To be pure in heart, language, and conduct, and to be faithful in marriage.

\*\* **The Meditation and Prayer** .....Austin Lenox, Student Ministries Intern

‡ **The Hymn Hymn No. 521 (Stzs. 1-3)** — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Luke 15:1-32 (Pew Bible page 874)

**The Sermon** — “Which Brother Is Better?” .....Mr. Lowry

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** —

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;  
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

**The Postlude**

‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed after the prayer



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## 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.

### WHY DO WE NEED A PRAYER OF CONFESSION?

The Christian is one who has been given truth to confess. The heart of our confession is the good news that God has come in the flesh to redeem helpless sinners from our natural state of sin and misery. But it is the bad news of our natural sin and misery that makes the good news intelligible. This is why it is necessary and truly beneficial that we, as God's people, corporately confess our sins in worship. Corporate confession is one way that we reorient ourselves to the shocking reality of the kindness, mercy, and inestimable love of God—"for even while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Our confession of sin also reminds us that we are ever dependent on His grace, because, in this life, we are ever struggling with the darkness of our own sinful hearts. The Bible is crystal clear that even though we've been justified by the blood of Christ, as long as we are on this earthly pilgrimage, we will always be at war with our sin (Col. 3:5). When we confess our sins together, we stop hiding, and we allow the light of God's grace to expose our deeds. And it is in this act of confession that His mercy renews us, fixes our eyes once again upon Christ, and cleanses our consciences to serve the Lord with gladness, joy, and hope — hope that even we can be made clean by the precious blood of Christ!

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.



# Our Vision

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## **“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](https://joshuaproject.net/resources/articles/has_everyone_heard))

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Prayer for Worship Service</b> — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Foundations Class</b> — 9:40 a.m. in MB 133</p> <p><b>Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds</b> — during 11:00 a.m. worship service in MB 135</p> <p><b>Student Choir Rehearsal</b> — 4:35 p.m. in MS</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Senior High Insight</b> — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Biggs (1845 Saint Ann Street)</p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>WIC Council Meeting</b> — 9:30 a.m. in PH</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study</b> — 6:30 a.m. in PH</p> <p><b>Presbytery</b> — 9:00 a.m. at Madison Heights</p> <p><b>French Camp Quilters</b> — 9:00 a.m. in Library</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GriefShare</b> — 6:30 p.m. in WH 202B</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p><b>Men’s Bible Study</b> — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor</p> <p><b>Shepherding Training</b> — 12:00 noon in WH 202A</p> <p><b>Students &amp; Families Committee Meeting</b> — 1:00 p.m. in WH 202B</p> <p><b>Midweek Dinner</b> — 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in MH</p> <p><b>Compass: Money &amp; Marriage</b> — 5:30 p.m. in WH 202</p> <p><b>Shepherding Training</b> — 5:30 p.m. in SC213A</p> <p><b>VBS HQ Orientation</b> — 5:30 p.m. in MB 133</p> <p><b>Children’s Mission in May</b> — 5:30 p.m. in MB 122 &amp; MB 123</p> <p><b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p><b>Outreach Evangelism Prayer</b> — 6:00 p.m. in WH 202B</p> <p><b>Children’s Choirs</b> — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Junior High Small Groups</b> — 6:30 p.m. in YH 101</p> <p><b>First Pres Forum with RUF Campus Ministers</b> — 6:30 p.m. in MH</p> <p><b>Chinese Bible Study</b> — 6:30 p.m. in SC 210A</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Outreach Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in WH202B</p> <p><b>Men’s Ministry Crawfish Boil</b> — 6:00 p.m. at the Creekmores’ in Madison (143 McHarris Road)</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>No Scheduled Activities</b></p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p><b>Men’s Prayer Breakfast</b> — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

**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...”*

**Jon & Olya Powell** – Serving with Mission to the World in Ukraine with a church planting team. Email: [jpowell2407@gmail.com](mailto:jpowell2407@gmail.com)

**Children of Abraham** – The Children of Abraham ministry was founded in 1977 by Bassam Chedid to communicate the saving message of Christ to a largely unevangelized Arabic community in and beyond North America.

## **MEN’S MINISTRY CRAWFISH BOIL**

Men, join us at the Creekmores’ in Madison (143 McHarris Road) at 6:00 p.m., this Thursday. This event will be an end-of-the-school-year fellowship at which we can actually have time to get to know one another in our big church – young and not-so-young men together. Come for fellowship, plenty of crawfish, and a little corn hole tournament. Bring \$5 (card, check, or cash) for dinner. No registration is necessary.

## **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.

## **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.

## **CONNECT WITH FPC**

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# 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 8, we will hear from Jeff Jordan, RUF Mississippi College. 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.

## **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.

## **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!