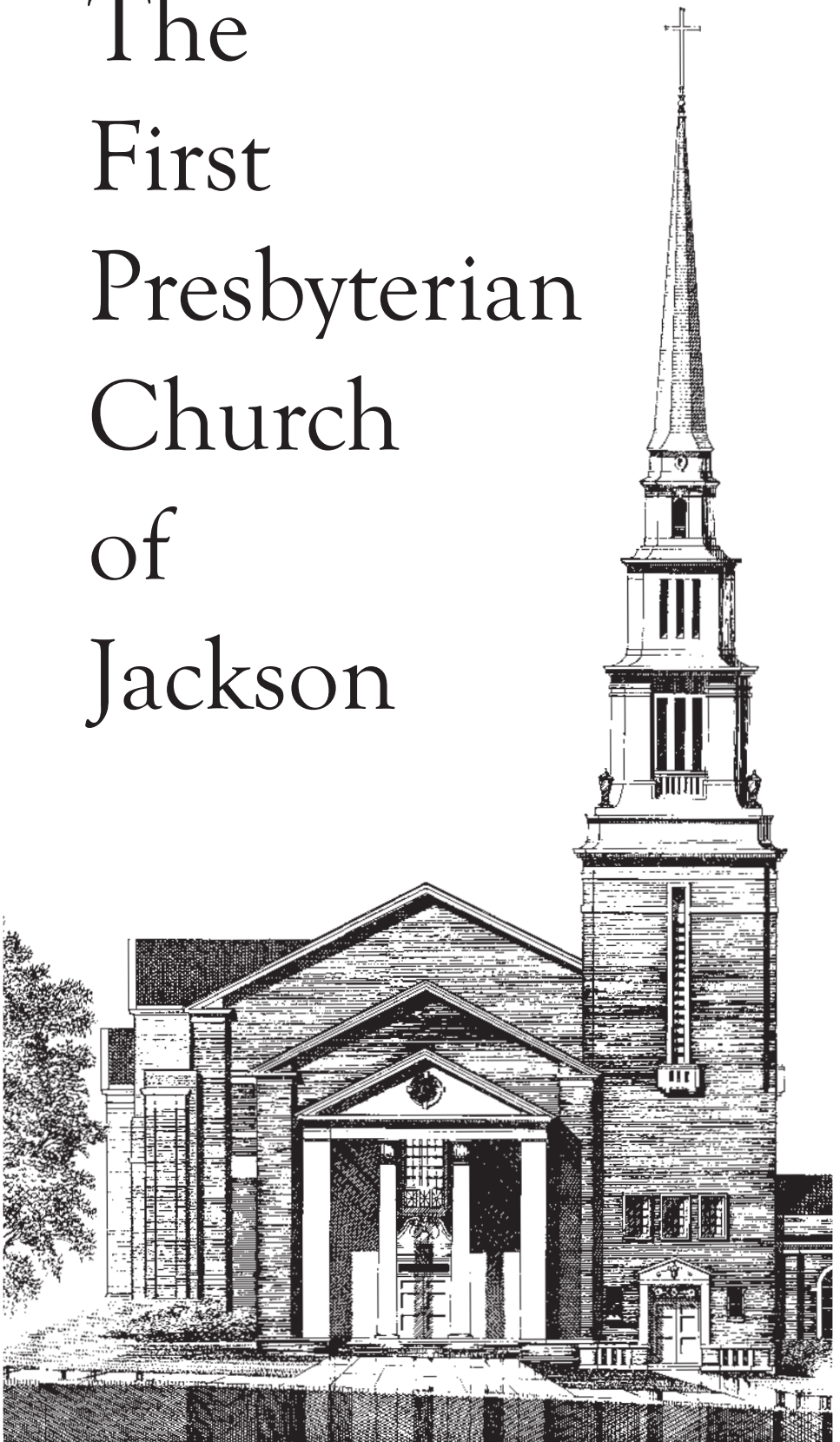


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixth 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 Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach

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

**The Prelude** — “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness” .....Robert Graham  
Rae Shannon, Organ

**The Introit** — “With a Voice of Singing” ..... Martin Shaw

**The Call to Worship**

✦\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 38** — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

✦\* **The Assurance of Pardon**

✦\* **The Doxology** — “To God be the glory, great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that we may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,  
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!”

**The Scripture Reading** — Psalm 27 (Pew Bible page 460)

**The Pastoral Prayer**

✦\* **The Psalm No. 667** — “God Is My Strong Salvation” (from Psalm 27)

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

**The Offertory** — “Unto the Hills” .....Jane Marshall

“Unto the hills around do I lift up my longing eyes.  
O whence for me shall my salvation come, from whence arise?  
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid.  
From God the Lord who heav’n and earth hath made.  
He will not suffer that thy foot be moved: Safe shalt thou be.  
No careless slumber shall His eyelids close who keepeth thee.  
Behold, He sleepeth not, He slumbereth never,  
who keepeth Israel in His holy care.”

Psalm 121

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Mark 1:9-13 (Pew Bible page 836)

**The Sermon** — *The Gospel of Mark: “Writing the New Story”* ..... Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 478** — “I Love to Tell the Story”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?  
Heav’nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell;  
For I know, what-e’re befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.  
For I know, what-e’re befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.”

**The Postlude** — “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” ..... Fred Bock

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister  
Mr. Martin Antoon — Students & Families Ministry Intern

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

**The Prelude** — “I Believe in Miracles” .....John Peterson  
Ann Irby, Piano

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn No. 401** — “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

‡ **The Invocation**

\* **The Hymn** — “I Run to Christ” (See Hymn Sheet)

**The Greetings**

**The Prayer** — Ruling Elder Arthur Davis

**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*

Q137: What sign is used in the Lord's Supper? A: Eating bread and drinking wine to remember the suffering and death of Jesus.

Q138: What does the bread represent? A: Christ's body sacrificed for our sins.

Q139: What does the wine represent? A: Christ's blood shed for our sins.

Q140: Who may rightly partake of the Lord's Supper? A: Those who repent of their sins, trust in Christ, live a godly life, and profess their faith before the Church.

\*\* **The Meditation and Prayer**.....David Groendyk, Congregational Care Intern

‡\* **The Hymn (Stzs. 1-3)** — “Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand”  
(See Hymn Sheet)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Job 27-31 (Pew Bible pages 434-438)

**The Sermon** — “Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?” ..... Dr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Bring near Thy great salvation, Thou Lamb for sinners slain;  
Fill up the roll of Your elect, then take Thy Power and reign:  
Appear, Desire of nations, Your exiles long for home;  
Show in the heavens Your promised sign, O Prince and Savior, Come.”

**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 Assurance of Pardon

As Christians, we are prone to wander and leave the God we love. But when we come to the knowledge of our straying, we come before God often with a self-reproach that does not look at the mercies of God in Jesus Christ but rather upon ourselves. This is what Scripture calls a "sorrow that leads to death" while Godly sorrow is one that "produces a repentance that leads to salvation" (2 Corinthians 7:10). Godly sorrow is not only a sorrow over sin – indwelling or acted – but also lays a firm gaze upon the promises of God for forgiveness.

*What is The Assurance of Pardon?* Simply put, The Assurance of Pardon is a reminder of the Scriptural promise that all who trust in Christ are truly forgiven their sins. All believers can personally claim this truth. The Assurance of Pardon soon follows the The Prayer of Adoration and Confession. During the prayer of confession, we join the minister with heartfelt agreement to confess the times we have desired the things of this world that are in opposition to the things of God, left undone those things we ought to have done, and done those things which we ought not to have done. As quick as we are and must be to confess our sin, we are likewise quick to receive the assurance of God's pardoning grace because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Why is it a part of our worship?* In order to remove any human barrier to our experience of grace conferred through the Word, prayer, and the sacraments, we confess our sin and receive the assurance of grace. Moreover, gospel-people are a confessing people simply because the gospel convicts of sin, causing us to confess our shortcomings, to rejoice in the God of our salvation, while moving us toward good works for His glory. Hence, just as confession of sin characterizes gospel people, so does laying hold of the promises of God that are yes and amen in Christ Jesus.

The Scottish minister, Robert Murray M'Cheyne, is noted to have said, "For every look at self, take ten looks at Christ." May we, in having a look at ourselves in The Prayer of Confession, gaze upon the wonderful work that Christ has wrought for us in the words of *The Assurance of Pardon* that we may have true joy in our heavenly Father.

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# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 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)  
**Foundations Class** — 9:40 a.m. in M133  
**Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds** — during 11:00 a.m.  
 worship service in M135MB  
**College Sunday Lunch** — 12:00 p.m. at the Vollema home  
 (1122 Lyncrest Ave. in Belhaven)  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. at the Hederman home  
 (125 Cherry Laurel Cir. in Ridgeland)

## Monday

**WIC Council Meeting** — 9:30 a.m. in PH  
**Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in WH204B

## 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  
**Diaconate Finance Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH204A

## Wednesday

**Men’s Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Students & Families Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. 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  
**Junior High Dinner** — 5:30 p.m. in YH or 6:00 p.m. at Newk’s  
 near Highland Village  
**Senior High Small Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in Y201  
**Missions in May for Children** — 6:30 p.m. in M122 & M123  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Chinese Bible Study** — 6:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Mid-Week Bible Study & Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**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.

## Friday

No Scheduled Events

## Saturday

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast**

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....”*

**Sebastian & Isabel Heck** – Serving as church planters in Heidelberg, Germany.  
Email: seheck@mac.com

**Michael & Roxanne Winebrenner** – Serving as church planters with Mission to North America in Horn Lake, MS. Email: mike@hornlakepca.org

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Shellie Brown and Tyler Kemp, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Brown, junior, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Byron Brooks, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ervin Kemp, grandparents of the bride and groom.

## PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENTS: A PARENTS' FORUM

Parents of adolescents or rising adolescents, join us on the evenings of May 9, 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. Check the *First Epistle* for a breakdown of each week's topics. Please register with Caleb Blake at calebb@fpcjackson.org.

## BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2018. To make your reservation, please contact Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org.

## SENIOR HIGH “INSIGHT” — JAMES RITCHEY’S LAST LESSON

Senior high students, join us tonight as we send off James Ritchey, who has accepted a call to be the Assistant Pastor of Youth at First Presbyterian Church, Pooler, GA. We are indebted to James for his years of faithful service, and tonight he will be teaching his last Insight at the Hederman home (125 Cherry Laurel Cir. in Ridgeland) at 7:30 p.m.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.fpcj.ms/vbs-2018). Please register before May 13 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](mailto:kathryncotten@gmail.com). To sign-up online to bring a Teacher Snack, please visit [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://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](mailto:mariep@fpcjackson.org) or 601-973-9101.

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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](mailto:fpcj.ms/fam-devo). Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

## **This Week's Focus:**

### **Question 106: What do we pray for in the sixth petition?**

**Answer:** In the sixth petition (which is, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil") we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

## **MONDAY**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 45:5-7; James 1:13; Psalm 66:10-12

**Key Thought:** In the sixth petition we acknowledge God's sovereignty over all things.

### **Questions:**

- What is meant by God's "sovereignty"?
- Is God sovereign over everything, including the devil?
- Is there a difference between "tempting us" and "leading us into temptation"?

**Prayer**

## **TUESDAY**

**Scripture:** James 1:13-16

**Key Thought:** In the sixth petition we acknowledge our own weakness.

### **Questions:**

- Where does James place the accountability for temptation?
- Why is it important to be conscious of our weaknesses?

**Prayer**

## **WEDNESDAY**

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 5:8-9; 2 Corinthians 2:11

**Key Thought:** In the sixth petition we acknowledge Satan's subtleties.

### **Questions:**

- To what animals is Satan compared in Scripture? Why?
- Does the devil ever give up trying to tempt us?
- What are some of the devices that Satan uses to tempt us?

**Prayer**

## **THURSDAY**

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

**Key Thought:** In the sixth petition we acknowledge God's grace.

### **Questions:**

- Can God use even temptations for our good? How?
- What comfort and defense does God give us in temptation?

**Prayer**

## **FRIDAY**

**Scripture:** Romans 6:1-23

**Key Thought:** In the sixth petition we call out for deliverance.

### **Questions:**

- How have the death and resurrection of Christ delivered us from sin?
- What means has God provided for our daily deliverance from evil?

**Prayer**