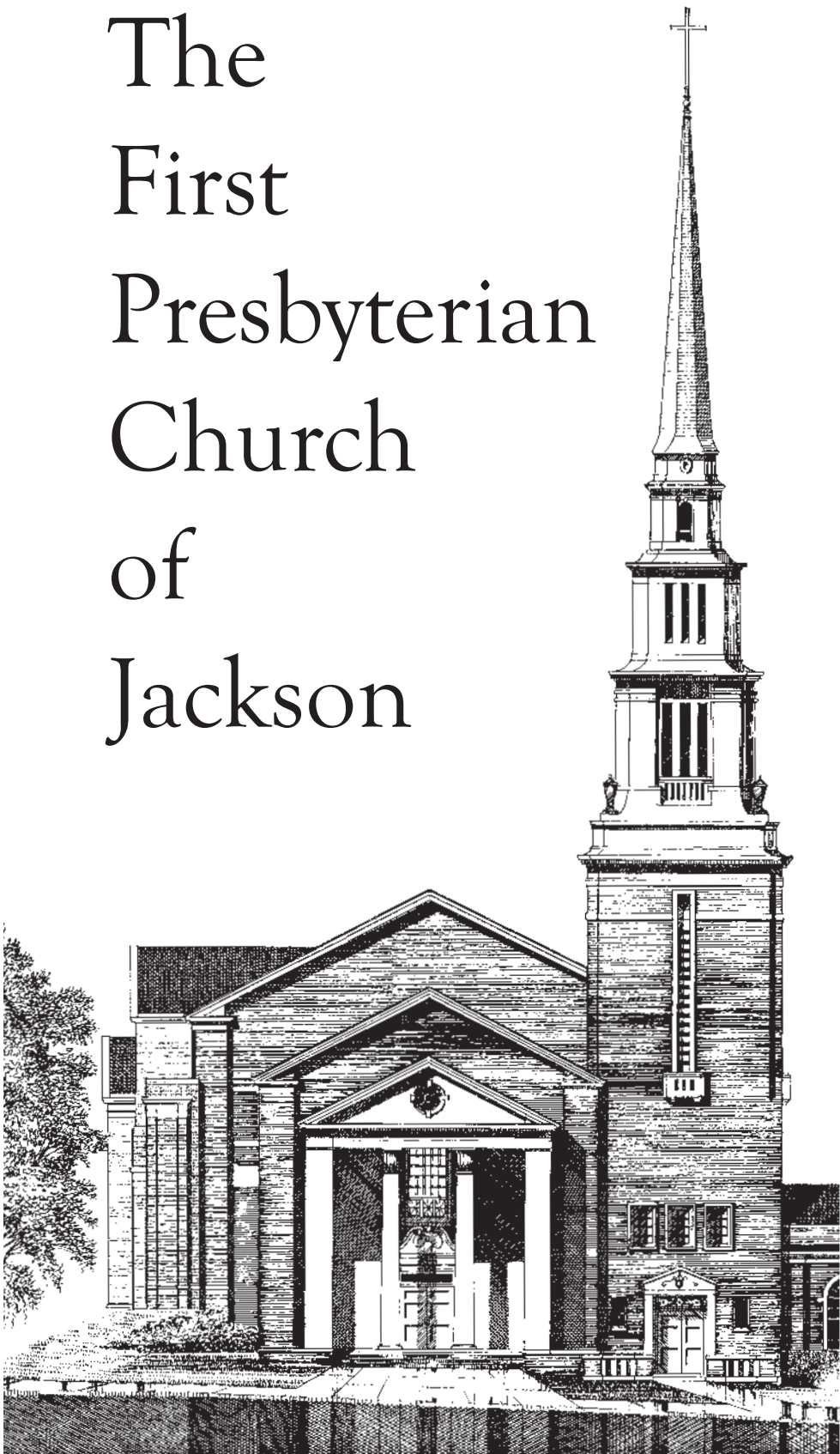


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Day of May, Two Thousand Seventeen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. 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 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Beautiful Savior”Michael Burkhardt
Sheila Hess, Guest Organist

The Introit — “We Come, O Christ, To You” Caradog Roberts

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 587** — “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

‡ **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 heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

The Scripture Reading — Mark 15:1-15 (Pew Bible page 852)

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 597** — “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Total Praise” Smallwood/Cymbala
“Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 4:6-7 (Pew Bible page 954)

The Sermon — *Rewire*: “Four Pride Killers” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 645** — “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Amen” Smallwood/Cymbala

The Postlude — “Rejoice” Robert Powell

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

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

The Prelude — “Abide with Me” William Monk

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn** — “Arise, My Soul, Arise” (See Song Sheet)

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Evening Hymn** — “Jesus, I Come” (See Song Sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder David Cleland

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “My Jesus, I Love Thee” A. J. Gordon

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q. 32 What does every sin deserve? A: The wrath and curse of God.

****The Meditation and Prayer** Wil Nettleton, Assistant College Coordinator

‡ **The Evening Hymn** — “Speak, O Lord” (See Song Sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 15:11-32 (Pew Bible pages 874-875)

The Sermon — “The Search for Significance” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Amazing Grace! —how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.”

The Postlude — “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” J. M. Haydn

* 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.

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 and evening.

THE SCRIPTURE READING – MARK 15:1-15

"The whole Council" mentioned in this passage is the Sanhedrin. It did not have the right to execute a person convicted of a capital crime. That right was reserved for Roman authorities, especially when dealing with popular figures. Pilate, the Roman governor, was temporarily in Jerusalem "to keep the peace" during the Passover. The Jewish authorities did not want to be busy with the case during the festive Passover day of Nisan 15. When they brought him to Pilate, the Jewish authorities did not accuse Jesus of blasphemy (a religious crime that would have made no difference to Pilate) but rather of claiming to be King of the Jews, thus challenging Caesar's rule (in the eyes of Rome, a capital crime). Pilate realizes that the Jewish leaders are motivated by envy and thus that their accusation of Jesus is ill-founded. However, he does not understand the theological issues at stake (i.e., blasphemy). Ironically, Pilate will free a convicted rebel against Rome instead of a righteous man who has not spoken against Rome. Pilate is in a precarious position; he will execute Jesus in Roman fashion (crucifixion) based on a Jewish verdict.

What evil has he done? Pilate's last recourse is to protest that Jesus has been accused of nothing worthy of death. While Pilate thus tried to make the Jewish authorities solely responsible for the death of Jesus, the fact remains that it occurred under his jurisdiction. Pilate condemned Jesus to crucifixion, which was the means of executing criminals convicted of high treason. Scourging, by itself, could lead to death. (*Literary Study Bible, Crossway*)

MONTHLY CIRCLE MEETINGS

MONDAY, May 8

CIRCLE 2: *Beth Keeler*

10:00 a.m. – home of Karan York
4148 Ridgewood Road, Jackson

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. – home of Betty Bell Gibson
5370 Carolwood Drive, Jackson

CIRCLE 4: *Bess Corbitt & Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 6: *Rhonda Baird*

6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer
2257 East Northside Drive, Jackson

CIRCLE 7: *Marcia Penn*

5:00 p.m. supper – Miller Hall

CIRCLE 14: *Susan Turner & Georgia Miller*

12:00 noon – Miller Hall

TUESDAY, May 9

*CIRCLE 8: *Janie Purvis*

9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

*Note change from Monday for this month

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole & Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of Mary Jane McDaniel
135 Lower Windrush Drive, Dogwood Place,
Flowood

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*

10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham
4005 Cabell Lane

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston*

10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine's, Marian Hall

CIRCLE 13: *Elizabeth Fulcher*

6:00 p.m. – home of Elizabeth Fulcher
559 Brookstone Circle, Madison

THE

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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 7, 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)
Foundations Class — 9:45 a.m. in M133
Children's Church for 3 - and 4-year-olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in M135
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
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. the Hurst home
 (2210 Culleywood Rd.)

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202
Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in LH
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ushers Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202A

Wednesday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
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
Junior High D Group — 5:45 p.m. in YH
Children's "Missions in May" Program — 6:25 p.m. in M122A
 & M123AB
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
Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Men of the Covenant Lunch — 11:45 a.m. in MH

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....”

Leon and Rosalinda Brown – Serving as church planters with the James River Presbytery (PCA) in Richmond. Email: Leon.M.Brown@gmail.com

Bruce and Pam Sinclair – Serving as leader of the East African ministry training team with Mission to the World in Uganda. Email: bpsinclair@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today, from the wedding of Christina Vaughn Kammer and Joseph Lynn Perkins, junior, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ogelvee Davis and Mr. Donald Ray Duffield, grandparents of the Bride, and Mrs. Louise Sweatt Perkins and Mr. James Henry Packer, junior, grandparents of the Groom.

EVANGELISTIC SERIES BEGINS TONIGHT

The human search for significance, security, and satisfaction is universal but elusive. On Sunday evenings beginning tonight and continuing through May 21, Senior Minister David Strain will explore each of these themes and the Christ to whom they ultimately point us. 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 comes 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 224 pledge cards totaling \$653,995 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.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCH — MAY 11

Men, join us this Thursday, May 11, at 11:45 a.m. in Miller Hall for the next Men of the Covenant Lunch featuring our own Rev. Seth Starkey, RUF minister at Belhaven University. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Please bring a friend, co-worker or neighbor. Contact Lisa Kim at lisak@fpcjackson.org for more details.

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. Online registration for VBS is now open at www.fpcj.ms/vbs-2017. Register by May 14 to guarantee a t-shirt. We are also recruiting member volunteers to help with VBS. If you are willing to help, please contact VBS Director, Laura Barbour, at 601-594-4380 or email laurabarbour@comcast.net.

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 the church 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 at 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 fpj.ms/fam-devo. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 52: What are the reasons for the second commandment?

Answer: The reasons for the second commandment are that God totally rules over us, that we belong to Him, and that He is eager to be worshipped correctly.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Exodus 20:4-6; Psalm 95:1-11

Key Thought: We should worship in the right manner because God is sovereign.

Questions:

- What does the word "sovereign" mean?
- Where do we see God's sovereignty in the reasons for the 2nd commandment?
- How does the fact that God is sovereign affect the way that we are to worship Him?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Isaiah 43:1-28

Key Thought: We should worship in the right manner because we belong to God.

Questions:

- What is meant by God's "propriety" in us?
- In what two senses does God "own" us? (see Acts 17:28; 1 Cor. 6:20)
- What influence should God's ownership of us as our Redeemer have upon the way in which we worship Him?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read 1 Corinthians 10:13-22; Leviticus 10:1-11

Key Thought: We should worship in the right manner because God is zealous for His worship.

Questions:

- What is it for God to have zeal for His own worship?
- Why is it so offensive to God when His people add their own innovations to His appointed worship?
- How does Paul's exhortation to "flee from idolatry" apply to our approach to the content of our worship?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Exodus 20:4-6; John 14:15-15:14

Key Thought: How we worship indicates whether we love or hate God.

Questions:

- How are love and hatred toward God identified in Exodus 20:4-6?
- How does Jesus define love for Him? (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 14)
- Why is false worship counted as hatred toward God?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Deuteronomy 5:29-33

Key Thought: God promises mercy to those who show their love for Him through obedience, particularly in the area of worship.

Questions:

- What does it mean to love God?
- How is God's mercy seen to be greater than His wrath?
- What benefits does God's mercy convey to those who love Him? (Ps. 94:18; Ps. 31:7; Ex. 15:13; 2 Sam. 7:15)

Prayer