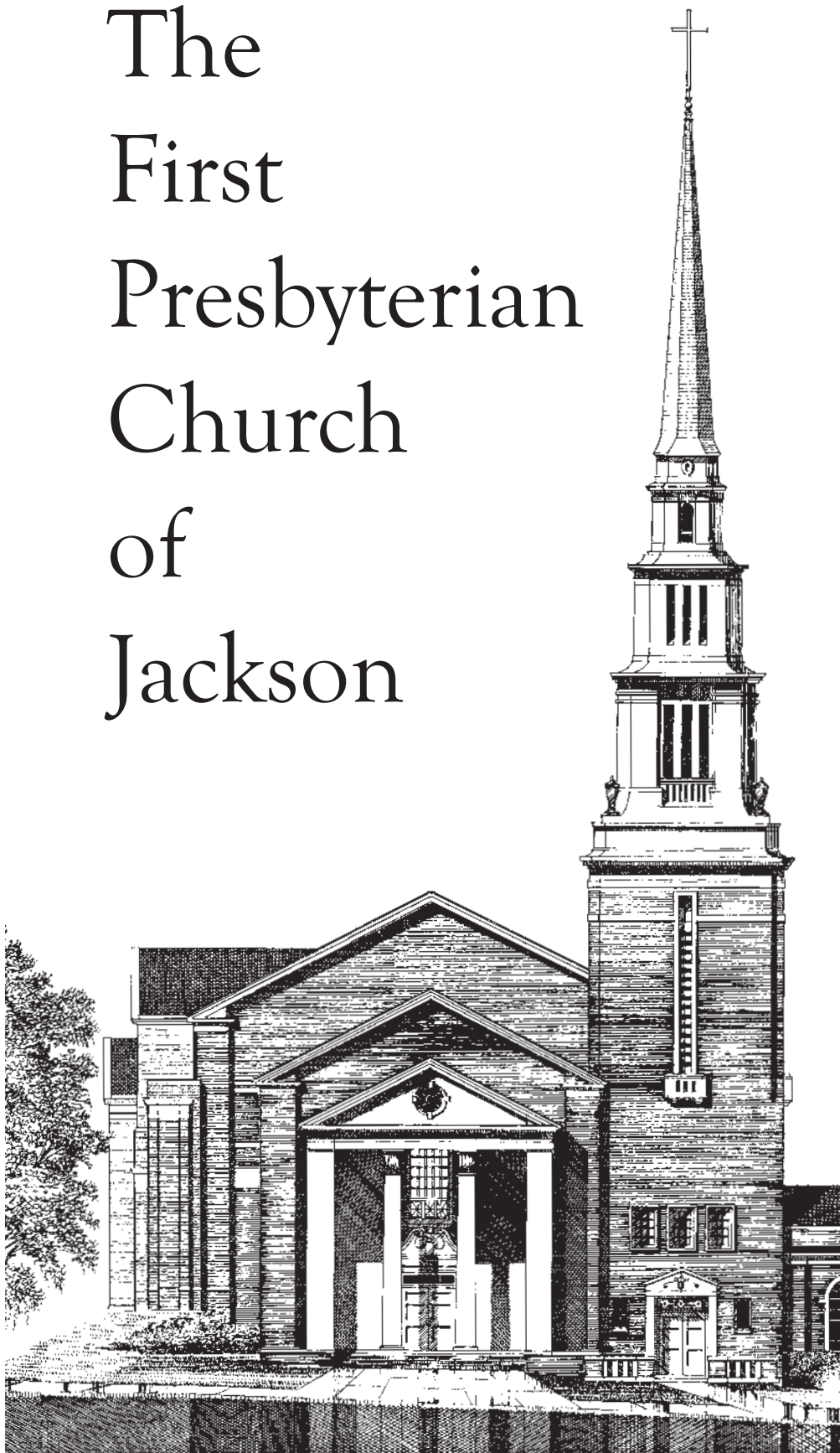


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirteenth Day of November, Two Thousand Sixteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Andrew W. Triolo — Minister of Students & Families

*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 Stewardship Challenge** — Mr. Neil Witherow

**The Prelude** — "Take My Life and Let It Be" .....Henri Malan  
Nancy Bateman, Cello; Rae Shannon, Guest Organist

**The Introit** — 8:30 a.m. – "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" . trans. J. M. Neale  
The Third through Fifth Grade Girls Choir

11:00 a.m. – "Behold, Now, Praise the Lord" ..... Everitt Titcomb

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 97** — "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡\* **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 Scripture Reading** — Mark 11:1-11 (Pew Bible page 847)

**The Pastoral Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 434** — "Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver"

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

**The Offertory** — "Offertory" ..... John Ness Beck  
With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings?  
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:6-8

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — 1 Chronicles 29:5b (Pew Bible page 357)

**The Sermon** — "Who Then Will Offer Willingly?" .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 499** — "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

"Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise;  
Let them flow in endless praise."

**The Postlude** — "Fanfare and Recessional" .....Douglas E. Wagner

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister  
The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhner — Minister of Discipleship

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

**The Stewardship Challenge** — Mr. Neil Witherow

**The Prelude** — “Adagio” (Suite No. 8 in F Minor)..... G. F. Handel  
William Wymond, Organist

**The Introit** — “For the Beauty of the Earth” ..... F. S. Pierpoint  
The First Grade Choir

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ..... J. S. Scriven  
The Second Grade Choir

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn No. 541** — “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡\* **The Psalm No. 11** (See Guide)

**The Recognition of Recitation of the Children’s Catechism**

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Terry Levy

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

**The Offertory** — “We Come, O Christ, to You” ..... John Darwall  
The Student Choir, Maleesa Brenchley, Accompanist

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q141: Did Christ remain in the grave after His crucifixion? A: No. He rose  
bodily from the grave on the third day after His death.

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

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 540 (Stz. 1-3)** — “A Few More Years Shall Roll”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Revelation 21 (Pew Bible page 1041)

**The Sermon** — *Behold, A Throne: “Heaven Is a World of Love”* ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“’Tis but a little while, and He shall come again,  
Who died that we might live, who lives that we with Him may reign:  
Then, O my Lord, prepare my soul for that glad day;  
O wash me in Thy precious blood, and take my sins away.”

**The Postlude** — “Passacaille” (*Suite No. 7 in G Minor*) ..... G. F. Handel

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed after the prayer

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.

Singing through the Psalter

# Psalm 11

Tune: Germany



(vs. 1) 1. I find my re - fuge in the LORD,  
(vs. 2) 2. For look, the wick - ed bend their bow  
(vs. 3) 3. *When the foun - da - tions are de - stroyed,*  
4. Je - ho - vah's eyes will sure - ly see,  
(vs. 6) 5. *Up - on the wick - ed He will rain*  
(vs. 7) 6. For Je - ho - vah is right - eous still,



How can you say, then, to my soul,  
and set their ar - row fixed for flight.  
*what - ev - er can the right - eous do?"*  
His eye - lids test the sons of men.  
*His fier - y coals and sul - pher hot.*  
The LORD, He loves such right - eous deeds;



"Flee like a bird un - to your mount,  
They shoot the up-right in heart; they shoot  
(vs. 4) *The LORD is in His ho - ly tem - ple*  
(vs. 5) He tries the just and wick - ed too,  
*A scorch - ing wind will beat on them.*  
And they a - lone will see His face



What - ev - er can the right - eous do?  
Un - der the co - ver of the night.  
*The LORD is on His throne in heav'n.*  
Hates those in love with cru - el - ty.  
*As such, the por - tion of their cup.*  
Who are in life and heart up - right.

# STEWARDSHIP 2017



## TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

The church of Jesus Christ stands at the center of God's purposes for the spread of the kingdom around the world. As you prayerfully consider this year's budget and how you can give, please remember that every dollar given has eternal value. Giving to the church is not about maintaining an institution, but about honoring Christ and furthering His mission in the world. Your giving this year will advance the vision of First Presbyterian Church as we serve Jackson, Mississippi, and the world with the gospel; but still more significantly, your giving brings glory to the name of Jesus Christ. Please give generously and sacrificially.

Your Pastor,  
David Strain

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Who then will offer willingly,  
consecrating himself today to the Lord?  
1 CHRONICLES 29:5B

# FPC THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

### Sunday

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 8:25 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. – 10:40 a.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Sunday School** — 9:40 a.m. in various locations  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**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)  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. at the Graves' home  
 (204 Morningside S. in Ridgeland)

### Monday

**Circles Meet This Week**  
**Worship Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Diaconate Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in PH  
**Session Meeting** — 7:00 p.m. in MS

### Tuesday

**"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in MH  
**Sew & Sow** — 9:00 a.m. in SC211  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Students & Families Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Shepherding Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215  
**Internationals Class** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

### Wednesday

**MOMS Bible Study** — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC  
**Men's Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in WH202  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Parents' Prayer Lunch** — 12:00 noon in YH  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**College Dinner & Discussion** — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A  
**Children's Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the  
 Gym/Company Room  
**Junior High D Groups** — 5:45 p.m. in YH  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Children's Choirs** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**Adult D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**FPC Brass Rehearsal** — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Men's Basketball** — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

### Thursday

**Ladies' Pilgrim's Progress Bible Study** — 9:00 a.m. in SC/PH  
**Prophets Bible Study** — 9:45 a.m. in MH  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Pilgrim's Progress Lunch** — 11:00 a.m. in PH

### 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  
**LR** - Learning Resource  
 Center  
**SR** - Session Room

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*II THESSALONIANS 3:1 – “Finally, brethren, pray for us....”*

**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](mailto:dpillow@thirdmill.org)

**Tim & Lana Higginbotham** – Tim serves as the Operations Director of North American Indigenous Ministries overseeing Field Directors and ministries. Email: [timhiggy@shaw.ca](mailto:timhiggy@shaw.ca)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today, from the wedding of Kelsey Givan and McGinty Chilcutt, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Donald Edward Givan and Mr. Quillen Jim Mullins, grandfathers of the bride, and Mrs. Lillian Marie White Tinsley, grandmother of the groom.

## PARENTS' PRAYER LUNCH AND DADS' PRAYER BREAKFAST

Parents of students grades 7-12, please join us in the Youth House at noon to pray for our children this Wednesday, November 16. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Jenny Sanders at [youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youthhouse@fpcjackson.org). Dads, please also consider joining us at 6:45 a.m. on **Friday, November 18, at Starbucks at the Renaissance.**

## SPRING BREAK AT SEAGROVE

The Students & Families Ministry is taking a group of 9th - 12th graders to Seagrove, Florida, for Spring Break, March 15-19, 2017. Time will be spent worshipping together and learning more about Jesus, as well as enjoying the beach. The cost is \$150, but sign up by our **Early Bird Deadline, November 21**, and pay \$100. Sign up online at the Upcoming Trips page at [www.fpcjackson.org/youth](http://www.fpcjackson.org/youth). Contact Jenny Sanders at [youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youthhouse@fpcjackson.org) for more information or with questions.

## THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP & LUNCH

We hope you will join us for worship Thanksgiving morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Dr. Gabe Fluhrer will lead us in the reading of Scripture and the singing of hymns, followed by a brief Thanksgiving meditation from God's word. Then at 11:30 a.m. the Deacons invite you to a potluck lunch in Miller Hall. This is a great opportunity to gather with your church family to give thanks and to enjoy a time of fellowship over a great meal. If you plan to join us or would like to contribute a dish, please contact Lisa Walters at [lisaw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisaw@fpcjackson.org) or (601) 973-9102 so that we can plan accordingly.

## NOVEMBER CIRCLES

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

CIRCLE 2: *Beth Keeler*

10:00 a.m. – home of Pamela Houchins  
5336 Fairway Street, Jackson

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. – Westminster Hall 202

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

CIRCLE 7: *Marcia Penn*

5:30 p.m. – Miller Hall

CIRCLE 8: *Janie Purvis*

9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

CIRCLE 14: *Susan Turner & Georgia Miller*  
12:00 noon – Miller Hall

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole & Grace Toler*  
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of Jean Moses  
2063 Brecon Drive, Jackson

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*

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

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston & Rachel Bonner*  
Met last week

CIRCLE 13: *Elizabeth Fulcher*  
Met last week

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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 24: HOW IS CHRIST A PROPHET?**

**ANSWER:** As a prophet, Christ reveals the will of God to us for our salvation by His word and Spirit.

#### **MONDAY**

**Scripture:** Read Deuteronomy 18:15-19

**Key Thought:** Jesus Christ is the perfect prophet.

#### **Questions:**

- What is the function of a prophet?
- How did the Old Testament prophets know the mind of God?
- How did Jesus know the mind of God?
- By whose authority did the Old Testament prophets speak?
- By whose authority did Jesus speak?

**Prayer**

#### **TUESDAY**

**Scripture:** Read John 20:24-31; Isaiah 8:20

**Key Thought:** As prophet, Jesus teaches us by His Word.

#### **Questions:**

- Does Jesus speak to us today as our prophet?
- Does Jesus use men to communicate His truth to us? How?
- How are we to judge the words of those who claim to speak in the name of Jesus?

**Prayer**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

**Scripture:** Read John 14:23-26

**Key Thought:** As prophet, Jesus teaches us by His Spirit.

#### **Questions:**

- What does Jesus call the Holy Spirit in John 14:26? How does the Holy Spirit "help" us?
- Does the Holy Spirit add words to those spoken by Christ?
- How does the Holy Spirit "remind" us of Christ's teaching?

**Prayer**

#### **THURSDAY**

**Scripture:** Read John 15:1-14

**Key Thought:** As prophet, Jesus reveals to us the will of God.

#### **Questions:**

- What do we mean when we speak of "the will of God" for us?
- Can "feelings" reveal God's will to us? Why or why not?
- Can circumstances reveal God's will to us? Why or why not?
- How can we truly know God's will for us?

**Prayer**

#### **FRIDAY**

**Scripture:** Read 1 Peter 1:10-25

**Key Thought:** As prophet, Jesus reveals to us the way of salvation.

#### **Questions:**

- By what Spirit did the prophets of old speak?
- What message did they proclaim?
- What is the message of salvation that Jesus Christ brought to us as our true prophet?
- How should we live if we believe His Word?

**Prayer**