

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth Day of November, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley
Executive Minister

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 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing..... James Denton
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "Who Is on the Lord's Side?"Caradog Roberts

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 138** — "The Heavens Declare Your Glory, Lord"
(Tune: Duke Street) (Psalm 19)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Gloria Patri** — "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen."

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution

The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families

The Biblical Promise

The Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction

The Congregational Response — "Children of the Heavenly Father"

"Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather:
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy."

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Because of Love" Williams/Allen

"Why would God come to earth? Why would He choose a manger birth?
Why would He want to give me worth? Why would God come to earth?
Because of love.

He left the peace of heaven above. He left His majesty and came to earth
to ransom me because of love.

Why would God choose Calvary? Why would He suffer on a tree?

Why would He die for you and me? Why would God choose Calvary?
Because of love.

For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever
believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

He came to live in flesh and do His Father's will,

the sinless Son of God was slain on Calvary's hill.

But He arose from death to life triumphantly!

All this and more Christ did for me because of love.

Because of love, He left the peace of heaven above, He left His throne,
He left His majesty, and came to earth. He came to ransom me because of love,
Because God so loved!"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Mark 10:46-52 (Pew Bible page 847)

The Sermon — "Seeing Jesus"Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 170** — "Fairest Lord Jesus"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Four-fold Amen"William Wymond

The Postlude — "Toccata in G" Franklin Ritter

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister— **The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer**
Minister of Discipleship

Assisting Minister — **The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker**
Minister of Young Adults and College

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

The Prelude — “It Is Well” Philip Bliss; arr. by Nathan Oakley
FPC Brass

The Introit — “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” — The Four-Year Old Choir
Dorothy Claire Glover, Director; Dr. Dave Snyder, Pianist

“Amazing Grace” — The Five-Year Old Choir
Genneysa Case, Director; Sarah Waters, Pianist

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 699** — “Like a River Glorious”

‡ **The Invocation**

* **The Evening Hymn** — “I Asked the Lord” (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Sam Hensley

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Lift Thine Eyes” (Elijah)..... Mendelssohn/Hunt
The Student Cello Ensemble; Nancy Bateman, Director

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism No. 22

Q 22. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve? A: He made them
holy and happy.

The Meditation Martin Antoon, Student Ministry Intern

The Prayer.....(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 252 (Stz. 1-3)** — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 13:44-46 (Pew Bible page 819)

The Sermon — *Stories that Stick: “A Tale of Two Treasures”*Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** “Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.”

The Postlude — “Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho”arr. by J. Hunt
FPC Brass

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‡Congregation standing

**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.

I Asked the Lord

Music: Traditional
Words: John Newton



1. I asked the Lord that I might grow
2. 'Twas He who taught me thus to pray,
3. *I hoped that in some fa-vored hour,*
4. In - stead of this, He made me feel
5. *Yea more, with His own hand He seemed*
6. Lord, why is this, I trem - bling cried,
7. These in - ward tri - als I em - ploy,



In faith, and love, and ev - 'ry grace;
And He, I trust, has an - swered prayer!
At once He'd an - swer my re - quest;
The hid - den e - vils of my heart;
In - tent to ag - gra - vate my woe;
Wilt thou pur - sue thy worm to death?
From self, and pride, to set thee free;



Might more of His sal - va - tion know,
But it has been in such a way,
And by His love's con - strain - ing pow'r,
And let the an - gry pow'rs of hell
Crossed all the fair de - signs I schemed,
"Tis in this way, the Lord re - plied,
And break thy schemes of earth - ly joy,



And seek, more ear - nest - ly, His face.
As al - most drove me to de - spair.
Sub - due my sins, and give me rest.
As - sault my soul in ev' - ry part.
Hum - bled my heart, and laid me low.
I an - swer prayer for grace and faith.
That thou may'st find thy all in Me."

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

Thoughts on Baptism

Baptism is a new covenant sign. That is, it points to and confirms the gracious saving promise of God to His people and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. It is to be administered to believers and their children, as can be seen from Genesis 17, Matthew 28, Colossians 2, 1 Corinthians 7, and Acts 16.

To elaborate, Christian baptism is (1) **commanded by Christ** in Matthew 28 (“Go...make disciples...baptizing and...teaching them”). (2) It is **to be applied to believers** as we see in Acts 8 (“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning to see from Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?’ And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ And he ordered the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.”) (3) It is **to be administered to believers and their children**, as can be seen from Genesis 17 (“I will establish my covenant between me, and you, and your descendants”) — which shows that the normal order of discipleship in the church is baptism followed by teaching; Colossians 2 (In Christ “you were also circumcised...having been buried with Him in baptism”) — which shows that New Testament water baptism replaces Old Testament circumcision as the sign of membership in the church, 1 Corinthians 7 (“your children are...now...holy”) — which confirms the place of children in the new covenant community, the church; and Acts 16 (“Lydia...was listening, and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And...she and her household [were] baptized”) — which shows us the pattern of the earliest church in covenant baptism.

Baptism (and especially “infant baptism” or covenant baptism) beautifully points to the initiative of God’s love. He reached out to us, when we could not reach out to Him. It is thus a perfect picture of sovereign, saving grace. “Every time we baptize an infant we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for.” (B.B. Warfield)

We, of course, also baptize adult believers (who have never before been baptized.) In this way, they are recognized as disciples of Jesus Christ through the means of baptism and confession of faith (see Acts 2:38, 8:35-37; Romans 10:9), and so it is our great joy and privilege from time to time, to hear new Christians profess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel, and to see them receive the mark of membership in the covenant community.

The Larger Catechism says:

“The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.”

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 15, 2015

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
Inquirers' Class — 9:40 a.m. in Hutton Chapel
Children's Church for 3 and 4-year-olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in M135
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
College Luncheon — 12:15 p.m. in the Gym
Internationals Lunch — 12:15 p.m. in LH
Student Choir — 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 home of the Nalls
 (101 Green Drive)

Monday

Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting — 7:30 a.m. in WH204
Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Mission to Jackson Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Student Ministry Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Women & Children's Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Bible Study — 5:30 p.m. in SC213B
Shepherding Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC

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.
Mission Conference Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Parents' Prayer Lunch — 12:00 noon in YH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Coffee & Conversation — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Junior High D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH
D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Mid-week Bible Study & Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

"Gospel-Shaped Living" Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH
"Son of God: The Gospel of Matthew" Bible Study — 9:45 a.m.
 – 11:00 a.m. in MH
"The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MTW Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH202

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..." **Judith J.** – Serving with Mission to the World in Asia. For contact information, please call the Mission and Outreach Office. **Jegar & Jemima Chinnavan** – Serving as church planters in Fairfax County, VA. Mailing Address: 14000 Antonia Ford Court, Centerville, VA 20121. Email: jegarchinnavan@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Jo McAnally — November 3, 2015

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Paige Nichols Primos and Andrew Michael McWay, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mrs. Logan Burch Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Angelo Primos, Grandparents of the Bride, and in loving memory of Mr. Logan Burch Phillips, Grandfather of the Bride, and Mr. William Nichols Phillips, Jr., Cousin of the Bride.

BAPTISM

This morning the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Rivers Riley Brannan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Robert Brannan, Henry Sudduth Eveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Garrison Eveland, Timothy Frederick Kemp, son of Drs. Ann Marie and Stephen Frederick Kemp, Kent Wyatt Mounger, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Wyatt Mounger, Martin Douglas Wofford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ridgway Wofford, Jr.

INTERNATIONALS SUNDAY

Today many internationals from our Internationals Class will be joining us for our 11:00 a.m. service and will be sitting in a group near the pulpit. We would love for these special guests to feel at home, so please take a moment to show them some good Southern hospitality by welcoming them to First Presbyterian Church.

COLLEGE LUNCHEON

College students, join us for lunch today in the gym following the 11:00 a.m. service. The lunch is free so come on out, and bring your friends!

STEWARDSHIP 2016

As we prepare for the 2016 budget year, it is important that each member of the congregation support the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not turned in your stewardship commitment card for 2016, you may place it in the offering plate during this Sunday's worship services. Cards are available in the sanctuary pews and in the tract racks throughout the church. To date, we have received 287 stewardship commitment cards for a total of \$2,847,622 and 40 debt retirement cards for a total of \$75,267.

NEW EVENING SERMON SERIES

Everyone loves a good story. Stories shape our lives and our view of the world. The greatest story teller is God himself, Jesus Christ. When our Lord wanted to teach profound truths in memorable ways, He used parables—stories that stick with us long after they are told. Join us on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. as Dr. Gabriel Fluhrer, Minister of Discipleship, leads us in a study of the parables from the Gospels, "Stories that Stick." We hope you'll join us, and invite a friend to come and hear the gospel.

THANKSGIVING DAY

We hope you will join us for worship Thanksgiving morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. 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 simply like to contribute a dish, please contact Lisa Walters in the church office at lisaw@fpcjackson.org or (601) 973-9102 so that we can plan accordingly. We look forward to a great time giving thanks together.

PRISON CHRISTMAS BAGS

We are asking for your help in providing Christmas bags to the female prisoners at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. Please fill a gallon size Ziploc bag with one each of the following: clear shampoo, clear deodorant, and white crew athletic socks. The athletic socks should be a size large or extra large in crew style. The collection bin will be located at the Visitors' Desk near the Day School office, and we will accept donations from November 1 until December 6. Please contact Gail Jones at 601 842-2297 or gbjones5@comcast.net with questions.

PARENTS' PRAYER LUNCH

Parents, we would love for you to come join the Student Ministry staff for prayer on Wednesday, November 18, at 12:00 noon. Paul teaches us in Philippians 4:6-7, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." We would love for you to join us in prayer and supplication for the students and families of our church, as well as for our fall events and activities. Lunch is provided, but please rsvp by emailing Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

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The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

In order for the congregation to more fully enter into the service of the sacrament of baptism and to refresh ourselves on our church membership vow, the following is provided for your convenience and information:

To the parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

And

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

First Presbyterian Church purposes to stand as a Reformed witness to Jackson, to the surrounding community, and ultimately to the world through the proclamation of the whole counsel of God as written in the verbally inspired, infallible Scriptures.

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