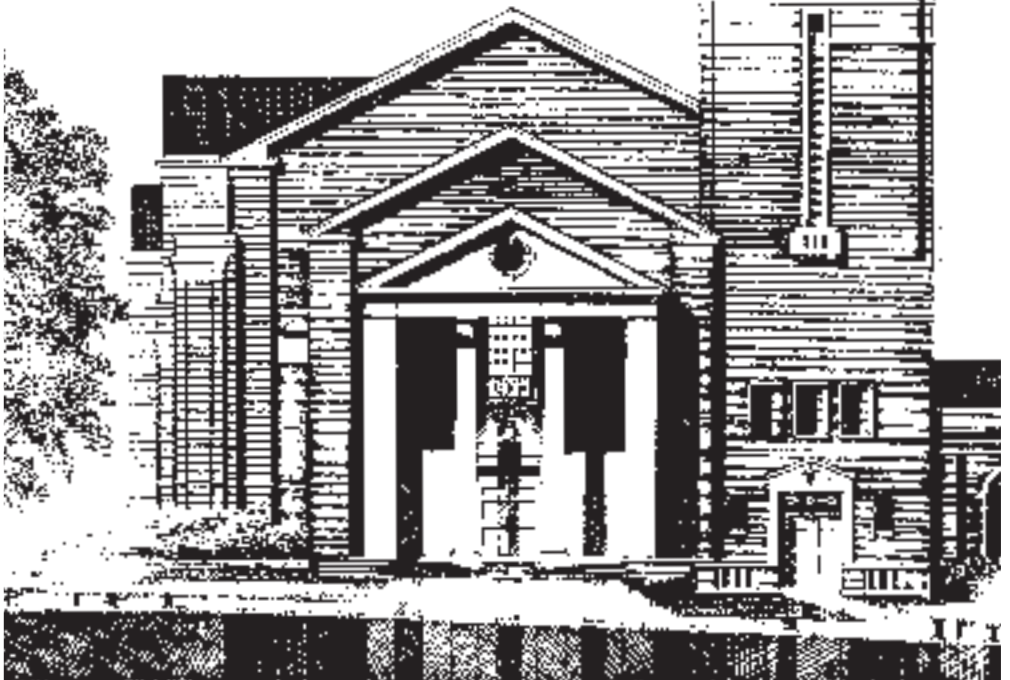


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixteenth Day of November, Two Thousand Fourteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight–Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minister of Pastoral Care

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 (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Jesus and the Children” Austin Lovelace
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — “Worthy Is the Lamb” (Messiah) G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 65** — “Before Jehovah’s Awesome Throne” (Psalm 100)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

*‡ **The Hymn No. 691** — “It Is Well with My Soul”

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 No. 131 — “Children of the Heavenly Father”
(Stanzas 1 and 5)

“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 — “And Then Shall Your Light” (Elijah) .. Felix Mendelssohn

“And then, then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh,
and your health shall speedily spring forth then;
and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you.

Lord our Creator, how excellent Thy name is in all the nations.
Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 5 (Pew Bible page 48)

The Sermon — *God Remembers: “Take up the Cross”* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 95** — “Though Troubles Assail Us”

‡ **The Benediction and Congregational Response**

“Have Thine own way, Lord;
Have Thine own way.
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.”

The Postlude — “Choral Song” Samuel Wesley

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡ Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps
Director of Media

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.)

The Missionary Report — Greg O. - Mission to the World, East Asia

The Prelude — The FPC String Ensemble

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 251** — “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

‡ **The Invocation**

* **The Evening Hymn** — “Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean” (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Danny Story

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Open Up the Heavens” Andrews and Garrard
The Student Choir

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 471 (Stanzas 1 and 2) — “'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee”

The Children's Catechism No. 38

Q. “Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?”

A. “No. Our hearts must be changed before we can go to heaven.”

The Scripture — John 3:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-9

The Meditation..... Kelly Jackson, College Coordinator

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 247** — “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (Pew Bible pages 613-614)

The Sermon — “The Servant Sacrificed” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response** — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

“See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
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 — The FPC String Ensemble

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡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.

"Here Is Love Vast As The Ocean"

Voice

1. Here is love, vast as the
2. On the mount of cru - ci -

o - cean, lov - ing kind - ness as the
fix - ion foun - tains o - pened deep and

flood, when the Prince of life, our
wide; through the flood - gates of God's

ran - som, shed for us His pre - cious
mer - cy flowed for a vast and grac - ious

blood. Who His love will not re -
tide. Grace and love, like migh - ty

mem - ber? Who can cease to sing his
ri - vers poured in - cess - ant from a -

praise? he can ne ver be for -
bove, and heaven's peace and per - fect

got - ten through - out heaven's e - ter - nal days.
jus - tice kissed a guil - ty world in love.

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 NT water baptism replaces OT 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 16, 2014

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 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. – 10:45 a.m.
 (Library only)
Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations
College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Internationals Thanksgiving Luncheon — 12:00 noon in MH
College Luncheon — 12:00 noon in PH
Special Needs Luncheon — 12:00 noon in MH
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 — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Crawfords
 (1962 Douglass Drive)

Monday

Neighborhood Christian Center — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Cubs Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in SC215
Scouts Court of Honor — 7:00 p.m. in MH

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS
Crafts for Missions — 9:00 a.m. in SC211A/B
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Student Ministry Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
MTJ Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Cub Scouts Meeting — 2:45 p.m. in SC213B
Neighborhood Christian Center — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/2nd Floor Study Center
Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Parents' Prayer — 11:45 a.m. in YH
Ministry Safe Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on the 1st Floor SC
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC & WH
Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in Scout Room/Gym
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH

Thursday

Son of David Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in SC
Genesis Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH205A

Friday

Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211A/B

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..." **Josh and Elizabeth Johnson**- serving with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru. Mailing Address: 6576 Heronswood Dr. Memphis, TN 38119 Email: joshjohnson@perumission.org **Bethany Christian Services**- Bethany Christian Services is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson. They seek to manifest the love and compassion of Christ in protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families through quality social services. Email: lifelines@bethany.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. J. Edmund (Betty Anne) Johnston — November 6, 2014

COLLEGE LUNCH

College students, please join us for our final College Lunch of the semester today following the 11 a.m. service in Patterson Hall. Izzo's Illegal Burrito is catering, and there is no cost to you. Come and bring your friends!

TODAY IS INTERNATIONALS SUNDAY

Many of our international friends from our Tuesday evening Internationals Class are joining us for the 11:00 a.m. service to experience a traditional Christian worship service. After the service they will be enjoying a Thanksgiving style dinner in Miller Hall hosted by the Young Seekers Sunday School class. The Internationals Class offers internationals from all over the world the opportunity to receive Christian hospitality, improve their English, learn about the historical Christian roots of America and get a better understanding of what the Bible says about God.

BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Ella Kate Adcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Maxwell Adcock; Sarah Ellen Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Richard Bailey; Adeline Bonds Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bonds Ellis; Emily Ye-Seul Elizabeth O'Mara, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Wright O'Mara; Elizabeth Jane Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jeremy Pierce; Jack Henry Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jeremy Pierce; Christopher Carter Rezendes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Michael Rezendes; Ann Hudson Vines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Alan Vines; Charles Conner Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ross Wilson.



As we prepare for the 2015 budget year, it is important that each member of the congregation supports the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not turned in your stewardship commitment card for 2015, 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 342 commitment cards for a total of \$3,256,433 and 24 debt retirement cards for a total of \$51,210.

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON SERIES

THE SERVANT: ISAIAH 53

Perhaps no other chapter in all the Old Testament more explicitly and marvelously portrays the suffering and sin-bearing of the Lord Jesus Christ than Isaiah 53, as He secures atonement and purchases pardon for His people. Isaiah 53 is a beautiful picture of the Gospel nestled right at the heart of the Old Testament. Over the next several weeks of November into December, David Strain will be preaching a short series of sermons from this extraordinary Fourth Servant Song of the Prophet Isaiah. Come and join us as we study this stunning chapter of the Bible and hear the Gospel of God proclaimed.

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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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