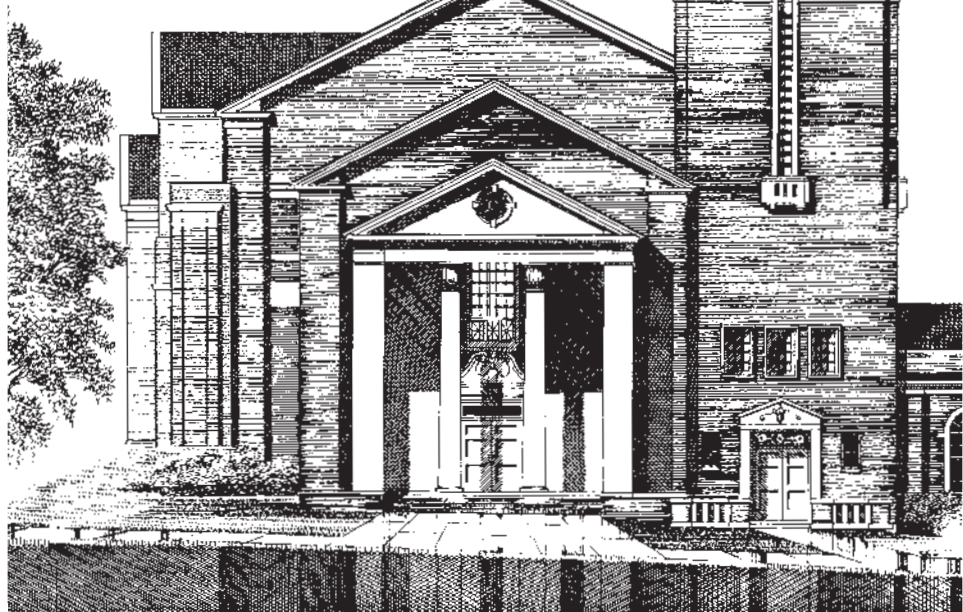


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Nineteenth Day of November, Two Thousand Seventeen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Young Adults & College
Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — "To Thee We Sing" Sergei Rachmaninoff
The FPC Brass, Jamie Peipon, Director

The Introit — "Come, Join Our Cheerful Song" Dale Wood

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 6** — "O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Doxology**

"O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Set stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar."

The Pastoral Prayer (8:30 a.m. only)

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m. only)

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"
(11:00 a.m. Stzs. 1, 5 only)

"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 — "O Love, How Deep" Everitt Titcomb
O Love, how deep, how broad, how high.

How passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God,
Should take our mortal form for mortals' sale,
For us He prayed, for us He taught, for us His daily works He wrought,
By words, and signs, and actions, thus still seeking not Himself, but us,
All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forever more.
Amen."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 8:12 (Pew Bible page 894)

The Sermon — "The Light of the World" Mr. Felker

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 688** — "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "The Prayer of St. Patrick" John Rutter

The Postlude — "This Is My Father's World" Arr. Curnow

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care
The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “Ave Verum” Mozart
Jessica Schmidt, Violin

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn** — “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” [See Hymn Sheet]

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Evening Hymn** — “We Will Feast in the House of Zion” [See Hymn Sheet]

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder John McVey

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Blessings” Laura Story
Genneysa Case, Soloist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q99: What is the seventh commandment? A: The seventh commandment is “You shall not commit adultery.”

Q100: What does the seventh commandment teach you? A: To be pure in heart, language and conduct, and to be faithful in marriage.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**..... Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

‡* **The Evening Hymn No. 535 (Stzs. 1, 2)** — “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 2:1-25 (Pew Bible page 887)

The Sermon — “Life in the Shadows (or Worse)” Mr. Lowry

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev’ry love the best:
‘tis an ocean vast of blessing, ‘tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! ‘Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.”

The Postlude

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**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.



2017 Holiday Schedule

November 20-24		The Learning Resource Center closed
November 21		Choir practice at 5:50 p.m.
November 23	8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Service Thanksgiving Lunch in the gym
November 23-24		Church Offices Closed
November 30	5:30 p.m.	Junior High Progressive Dinner
December 10	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Christmas Party
December 13	6:30 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program
December 14	6:00 p.m.	WIC Christmas Dinner in Gym
December 16	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
December 16	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open House
December 17	4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Music of Christmas
December 20	5:30 p.m.	Winter Grace Service/No Supper or Children's activities
December 24		Regular Morning Worship Services & Sunday School
December 24	4:00 p.m.	Family Carols Service No Evening Worship Service
December 25		Church Offices Closed
December 26		Church Offices Closed
December 27		No Wednesday Night Supper/Service
December 31		Regular Worship Services & Sunday School
January 1		Church Offices Closed
January 3		No Wednesday Night Supper/Service



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?

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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)
Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m.
worship service in M135MB
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
(Library only)
No Senior High Insight

Monday **No Scheduled Activities**

Tuesday **Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 5:50 p.m. in MS

Wednesday **No Scheduled Activities**

Thursday **Thanksgiving Service** — 8:30 a.m. in Sanctuary
Thanksgiving Lunch — 11:30 a.m. in Gym

Friday **No Scheduled Activities**

Saturday **Men’s Prayer Breakfast** — 7:30 a.m. in SC211

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...”

Bill & Pam Schweitzer – Serving with Mission to the World as a church planter and a theological educator in Gateshead, England. Email: w.m.schweitzer@gmail.com

Mark & Raylene Casson – Serving as director of Metanoia Prison Ministries, a part of Mission to North America. Mailing Address: 613 Stimpson Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37411; Email: mcasson@pcanet.org

BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Oliver Chase Usry, son of Mr. & Mrs. Micah Chase (Anna) Usry; Evaleigh Caroline Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Heston (Ashley) Ray; Patrick Graham Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Alexander (Megan) Wood.

STEWARDSHIP 2018

As we prepare for the 2018 budget year, it is important that each member of our congregation support the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church. We can plan to do more gospel ministry with your commitment. If you have not turned in your stewardship commitment card for 2018, you may place it in the offering plate during today's worship services. You may also pledge electronically by visiting our church app and clicking on "Giving," then "Pledge." To date, we have received 333 stewardship commitments for a total of \$3,676,136 and 39 Capital Projects & Improvements commitments for a total of \$58,362.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP & LUNCH

We hope you will join us for worship Thanksgiving morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Billy Dempsey 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 the Gym. 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 Kim at lisak@fpcjackson.org or (601) 973-9102 so that we can plan accordingly.

MEN OF THE COVENANT — NOVEMBER 30

Men, mark your calendars and join us for the next Men of the Covenant lunch on Thursday, November 30, at 11:45 a.m. We'll hear from the Dr. Ligon Duncan III, Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary and former Senior Minister here at FPC. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Feel free to bring a friend, co-worker, or neighbor.

"WOMEN IN NEED" CHRISTMAS BAGS

"Women in Need" is a ministry of God's love and mercy to the women prisoners at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. We are asking for your help in providing inmates with Christmas bags. Please fill a gallon-sized Ziploc bag with one each of the following: clear shampoo, clear women's deodorant, and white crew athletic socks (size Extra Large in the style that comes up to the calf). We will be collecting the bags from November 1 - December 7 in the collection bin located at the Visitors' Desk near the FPDS office.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share in the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, weekly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism meets for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

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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 <http://fpcj.ms/fam-devo>. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org. It is also available on the app under "Resources."

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 82: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

Answer: No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

MONDAY

Scripture: Romans 3:10-20

Key Thought: The unregenerate cannot keep the commandments of God.

Questions:

- Does an unsaved sinner have the power to keep God's law?
- Does an unsaved sinner have the will or desire to keep God's law?
- What is the effect of the law of God upon unsaved sinners?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Romans 7:14-8:1

Key Thought: The regenerate cannot perfectly obey God's commands.

Questions:

- Is a Christian able to keep God's commandments perfectly?
- What is it that keeps him from doing what is right?
- What benefit does the Christian have over a non-Christian?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Romans 7:7-13

Key Thought: Man's inability should make him look to Jesus Christ.

Questions:

- What purpose does the Law serve in the life of an unbeliever?
- What purpose does the Law serve in the life of a believer?
- How should our hearts respond?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-9

Key Thought: Man's inability establishes justification by grace alone.

Questions:

- How does man's inability before the Law refute Arminianism?
- How does man's inability before the Law refute perfectionism?
- How does man's inability before the Law refute legalism?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Psalm 119:97-105

Key Thought: Grace awakens the heart to the goodness of the law.

Questions:

- What does the heart of the believer think of God's law?
- Should a true Christian despise God's righteous commandments?
- How does your heart respond to God's commandments?

Prayer