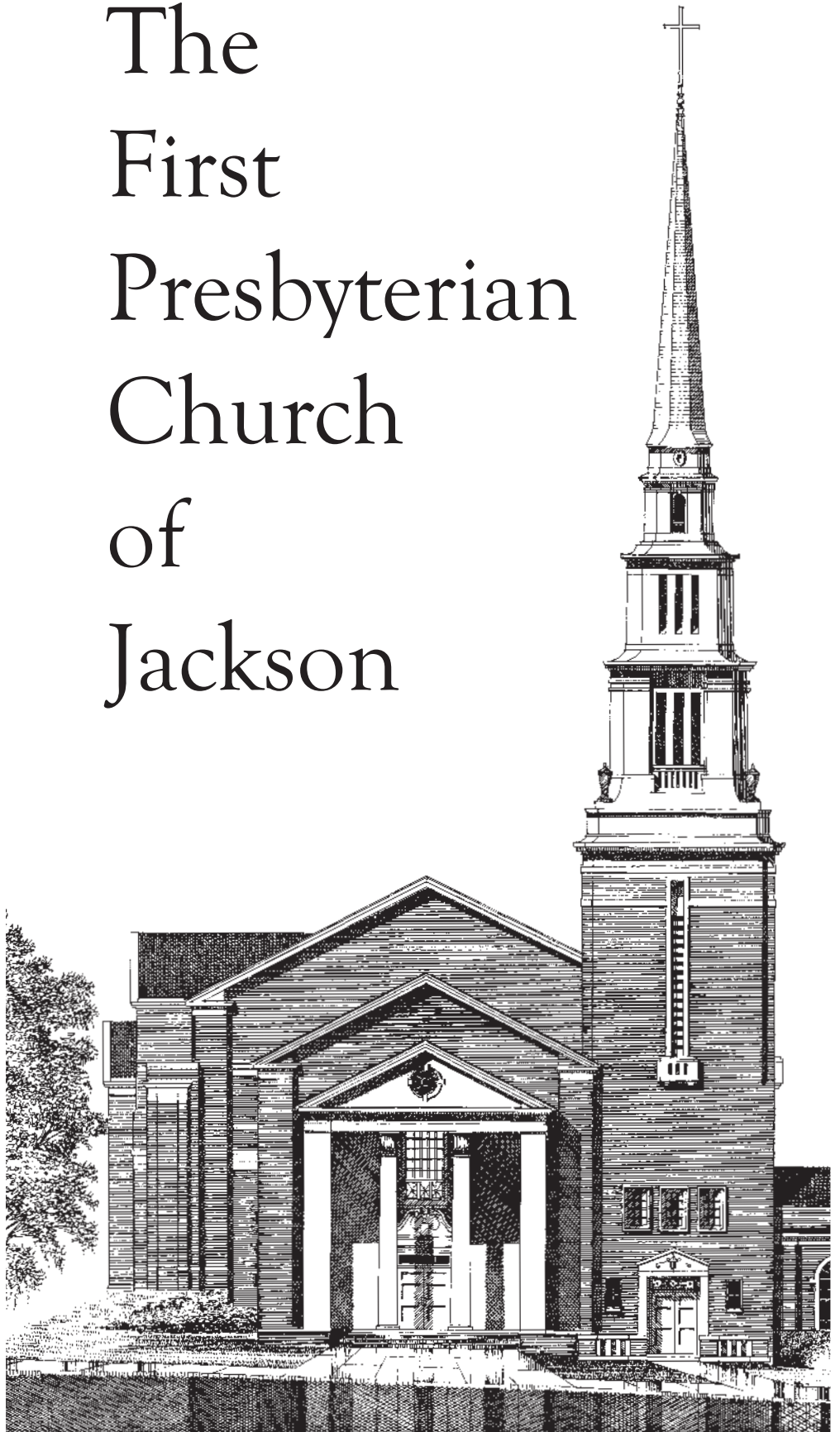


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The First 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. David L. Felker
Minister of Young Adults and College

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 Stewardship Challenge — Mr. Bo Gregg

The Prelude — "Take My Life, and Let It Be"Henri Malan
Nancy Bateman, Cello; Connie Wadsworth, Organ

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

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 76** — "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
(from Psalm 103)

‡ **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 — Ecclesiastes 10:16-11:4 (Pew Bible pages 558-559)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 98** — "Now Thank We All Our God"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Offertory" John Ness Beck

"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 — Matthew 6:19-34 (Pew Bible pages 811-812)

The Sermon — "Giving: An Act of Worship"Mr. Strain

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

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The 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 — "Postlude on 'St. Denio'"Robert Graham

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Dr. Joel R. Beeke
President of Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Senior Minister

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

The Prelude — “Be Thou My Vision” trad. arr. by J. Hunt
FPC Brass, Jonathan Hunt, Director

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn No. 401** — “All Praise to Thee, My God This Night”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn.** — “O Church, Arise” (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Mark Sorgenfrei

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Where Could I Go but to the Lord” James B. Coates
Genneysa Case, Jeff Brown, Allen Burrows, Kim Porter, and Trey Porter

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q16. Who were our first parents? A: Adam and Eve

Q17. How did God create man? A: God created man, male and female, after His own image.

Q18. Of what were our first parents made? A: God made Adam's body out of the ground and Eve's body out of a rib from Adam.

The Meditation and Prayer** Andrew Triolo, Director of Students and Families

‡ **The Hymn No. 188 (Stzs. 1-3)** — “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Philippians 1:12-26 (Pew Bible page 980)

The Sermon — “The Only Way to Live and Die” Dr. Beeke

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response No. 188 (Stz. 4)** — “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

“Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee;
resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.

Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art;

I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.”

The Postlude — “Take My Life, and Let It Be” H. A. Malan
FPC Brass

*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.

O Church, Arise

Words and music by Keith and Kristyn Getty



1. O church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on;
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul,
3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet,
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride,



Hear the call of Christ our cap - tain;
But to rage a - gainst the cap - tor;
As the Son of God is strick - en;
Give — grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle,



For now the weak can say that they are strong
And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole
Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet,
That we may run with faith to win the prize



In the strength that God has giv - en.
We will fight with faith and val - or.
For the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
Of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth
When faced with trials on ev' - ry side,
And as the stone is rolled a - way,
As saints of old still line the way,



We'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies;
We know the out - come is se - cure,
And Christ e - merg - es from the grave,
Re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace,



An ar - my bold whose bat - tle cry is "Love!"
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
This vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day
We hear their calls and hun - ger for the day



Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
An in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Believer's Model for Giving

The Christian has been set free from a life of spiritual slavery and has been “called out of the darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). The believer’s new heart is one that beats to live a life patterned after the Savior. Since Christ’s generosity is displayed to us when He gave His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45), so also our new life in Him should be distinguished by a type of giving that is both sacrificial and cheerful.

Tithes, Community, and Generosity

While it may be true that the New Testament never mentions tithing specifically, it would be misguided to assume that the Old Testament principle has now been relaxed in some way. If anything, the ethic of giving within the Old Covenant seems to have intensified in the life of the early church. In Acts 4:32 we read how the early Christians “were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.” These first century believers are said to have even sold houses and land to help provide for any needs within the household of faith. And it is this communal mindset regarding material goods that granted the Church a peculiar apologetic witness. Tertullian, a Church father from the 2nd Century, said that it was this kind of generosity that led the pagans to refer to the early church interchangeably as “Christiani” (the Christ people) and “Chrestiani” (the kindness people). Though God does not necessarily call all believers to give in the exact same way, He does call His people to give freely and generously to the work of His church. Giving is, after all, an act of worship.

God Owns Everything

Our giving to the Church is a declaration of our faith that we are not owners, but stewards of the resources graciously given to us by our heavenly Father. Our giving is a tangible acknowledgement that “The Earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof” (Ps 24:1). Randy Alcorn puts it like this: “The act of giving is a vivid reminder that our life is all about God and not about us... God’s money has a higher purpose than my affluence. Giving is a joyful surrender to a greater Person and a greater agenda.” So we respond to God’s Word this morning with the wonderful hymn, “Lord Thou Lov’st the Cheerful Giver.” The third verse begins this way: “Blest by thee with gifts and graces, May we heed thy church’s call; Gladly in all times and places, Give to thee who givest all.” This mindset reflects the type of generosity that marks the Christian life, because it emulates the kind of sacrificial love that Christ has given to His Church.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Sunday	<p>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 — 10:50 a.m. – 12:00 noon in M135 Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary Organ Concert — 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary 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 Burrows (2236 North Cheryl Drive)</p>
Monday	<p>Women's Ministry Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH Executive Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210</p>
Tuesday	<p>"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202 Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Internationals Bible Study — 5:30 p.m. in SC213B Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215 Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC</p>
Wednesday	<p>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. Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in Basement Classroom 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 Christianity Explored — 6:30 p.m. in WH202 Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym</p>
Thursday	<p>"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. Men of the Covenant Luncheon — 11:45 in MH</p>
Friday	<p>No Scheduled Activities</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

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..." **Professor H** — Serving with Mission to the World in Asia. Professor H. researches and develops curriculum that can be used in many situations by believers around the world. For contact information, please contact the Mission Department. **Child Evangelism Fellowship of Jackson** — CEF of Jackson is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson. This Bible-centered worldwide organization seeks to evangelize boys and girls with the gospel. Mailing address: 5422 Clinton Blvd., Jackson, MS 39209 Email: cejackson@rtsjackson.org

IN MEMORIAM

Jane Ellen Hyde — October 21, 2015
Carolyn Akin Best — October 23, 2015

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Katherine Tomb by her nieces, Catherine and Elizabeth Cook.

ORGAN CONCERT THIS AFTERNOON

Simon Johnson, Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, will play here this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. His concert will feature music used for the grand state occasions at the Cathedral, as well as other enjoyable and uplifting organ works.

EVENING GUEST MINISTER — DR. JOEL R. BEEKE

This evening we welcome Dr. Joel Beeke to the pulpit. Dr. Beeke is President and Professor of Systematic Theology and Homiletics at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, a pastor of the Heritage Netherlands Reformed Congregation in Grand Rapids, Michigan, editor of *Banner of Sovereign Grace Truth*, editorial director of Reformation Heritage Books, president of Inheritance Publishers, and vice-president of the Dutch Reformed Translation Society. He has written, co-authored, or edited eighty books and contributed a few thousand articles to Reformed books, journals, periodicals, and encyclopedias. He is frequently called upon to lecture at seminaries and to speak at Reformed conferences around the world. He and his wife, Mary, have three children.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Men, join us this Thursday, November 5, at 11:45 a.m. for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring Justin Jones-Fosu, President of African-American Leadership Initiative. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Please bring a friend, co-worker, or neighbor.

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 gjoness5@comcast.net with questions.

NEW EVENING SERMON SERIES: "STORIES THAT STICK"

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 as Dr Gabriel Fluhrer, Minister of Discipleship, leads us in a study of the parables from the Gospels, "Stories that Stick," beginning November 8.

SAVE THE DATE - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

DR. CONRAD MBEWÉ

Dr. Conrad Mbewe will be preaching in our midweek service, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dr. Mbewe is the pastor of Kabwata Reformed Baptist Church in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa, and the principal of the Reformed Baptist Preachers College in Zambia. Additionally, he is the editor of *Reformation Zambia* magazine and writes for various newspapers. Author of *Foundations for the Flock: Truths about the Church for All the Saints*, Dr. Mbewe regularly blogs at *A Letter from Kabwata*. D Groups will not meet in order to allow everyone to attend. Children's Choirs (4's through 5th grade) will continue as usual. The nursery will be available for visitors with children ages 4 and under. Don't miss this opportunity to invite a friend to come and hear the gospel.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 2015. Space is available for both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

Senior High Students, registration is open for the Senior High Winter Retreat 2016! Save the date and register now for the retreat January 15-18, 2015. We'll hear from guest speaker, Wil Nettleton, FPC College Ministry Intern, attend Lookout Mountain Pres. on Sunday morning, and have a wonderful retreat at the beautiful Alpine Camp for Boys! The cost is \$230, but sign up by the EARLY BIRD deadline December 9 to save \$80 (and pay \$150). Sign up online at www.fpcjackson.org/youth. Scholarships are available based on need at our website as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

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STEWARDSHIP 2016 AN ACT OF WORSHIP

“For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.”

MATTHEW 6:21 ESV

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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