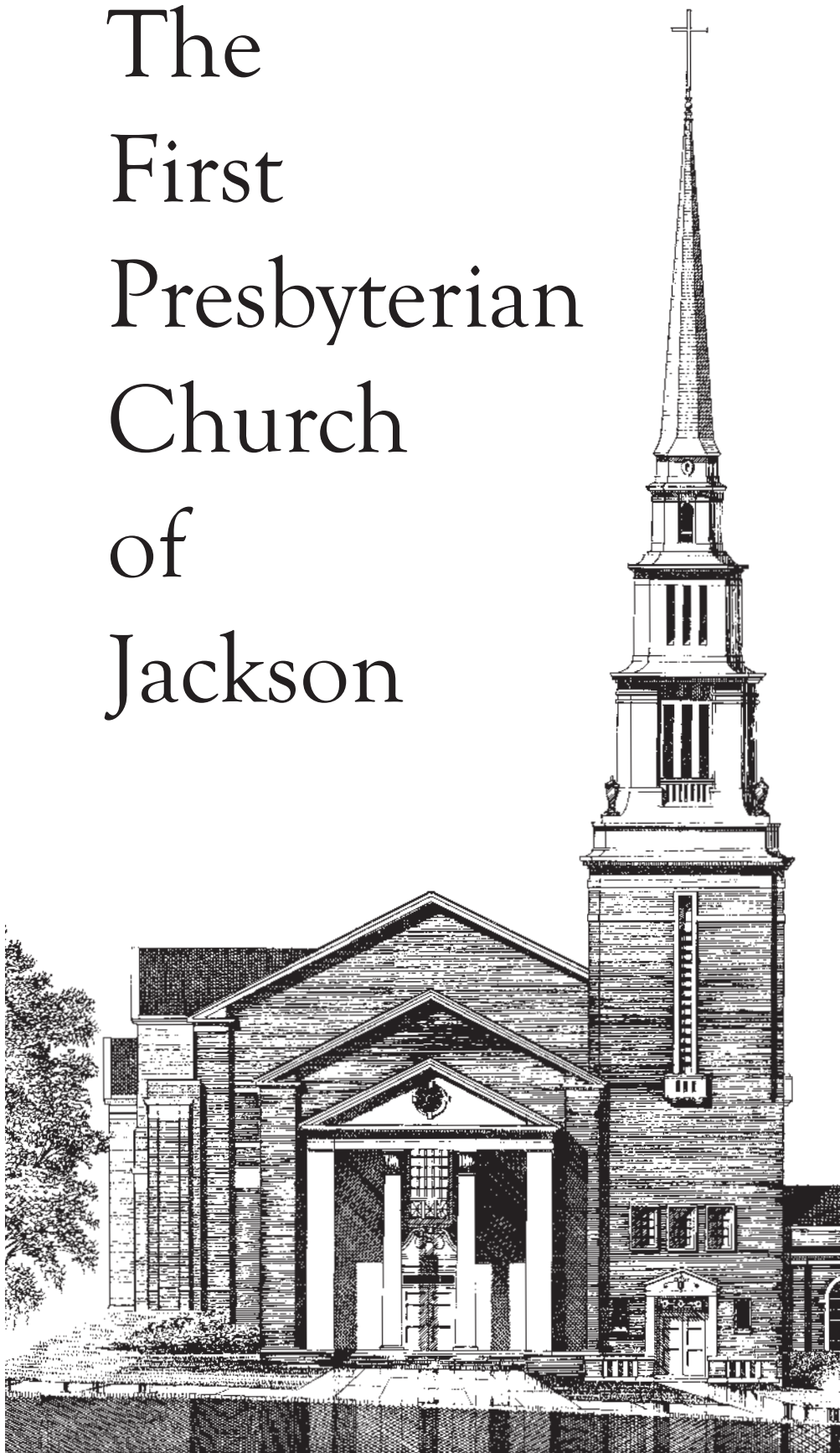


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth Day of November, Two Thousand Sixteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley — Executive 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** (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — “We Gather Together” .....Dale Wood  
Sheila Hess, Guest Organist

**The Introit** — “Be Exalted, O God” ..... W. Wymond

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 98** — “Now Thank We All Our God”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡\* **The Doxology** (Tune: *Austria*)

“Glory be to God the Father; glory be to God the Son,  
Dying, risen, ascending for us, Who the heavenly realm has won;  
Glory to the Holy Spirit: to One God in Persons Three:  
Glory both in earth and heaven, glory, endless glory be.”

**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** — “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** — “We Believe” .....John Purifoy  
With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

“We believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and was born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day, He rose again and ascended into heaven.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit and the worldwide Church,

The communion of all the saints, the forgiveness of ev’ry sin,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Matthew 22:34-40 (Pew Bible page 828)

**The Sermon** — “Proper Love” .....Mr. Kelley

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 703 (Stz. 1,3,4)** — “Loved with Everlasting Love”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “The Four-Fold Amen” ..... W. Wymond

**The Postlude** — “Now Thank We All Our God” ..... Paul Manz

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Mr. Andrew W. Triolo — Minister of Students & Families  
The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach

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

**The Prelude** — “Prelude on a Gregorian Melody” ..... W. Wymond  
The FPC Strings

**The Call to Worship**

✱ **The Hymn No. 441** — “Jesus Shall Reign”

✱ **The Invocation**

✱ **The Evening Hymn No. 654** — “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Jack Crawford

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

**The Offertory** — “We Gather Together” ..... Netherland’s Hymn

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q142: Where is Christ now? A: In heaven, ruling His kingdom and interceding  
for us.

✱ **The Meditation and Prayer** ..... Wes Strebeck, Senior Minister’s Intern

✱ **The Hymn No. 575 (Stz. 1-2)** — “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Philippians 3:12-21  
(Pew Bible pages 981-982)

**The Sermon** — “Straining Toward the Goal” ..... Mr. Triolo

✱ **The Benediction**

✱ **The Response**

“To keep your armor bright, attend with constant care;  
Still walking in your Captain’s sight, and watching unto prayer.  
From strength to strength go on; wrestle and fight and pray;  
Tread all the pow’rs of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.”

**The Postlude** — “Come, Ye Thankful People” ..... George Elvey

✱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.



## 2016 Holiday Schedule

November 23		No Wednesday night supper/service
November 24	8:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Service
	11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Lunch
November 24-25		Church Offices Closed
December 1	4:30 p.m.	Junior High Progressive Dinner
December 4	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Christmas Party
December 11	6:00 p.m.	All Children's Choirs Sing
December 12	6:30 p.m.	College Christmas Party
December 13	6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Christmas Party
December 15	6:00 p.m.	WIC Christmas Dinner
December 17	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open House
December 18	5:00 p.m.	Music of Christmas
December 21		No Wednesday Night Supper/Service
December 23		Church Offices Closed
December 24	4:00 p.m.	Family Carols Service
December 25	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Worship Service No Sunday School or Children's Church (a.m. or p.m.) No Evening Worship Service
December 26		Church Offices Closed
December 28		No Wednesday Night Supper/Service
January 1		Regular Worship Services & Sunday School
January 2		Church Offices Closed



# The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

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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# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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  
**College Crockpot Lunch** — 12:00 noon today at the home of  
 the Nettletons (1411 Peachtree Street)  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
**No Student Choir Rehearsal**  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**No Senior High Insight**

## Monday

**No Scheduled Activities**

## Tuesday

**Twin Lakes Board Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH

## Wednesday

**No Scheduled Activities**

## Thursday

**Church Offices Closed**  
**Thanksgiving Service** — 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Thanksgiving Lunch** — 11:30 a.m. in MH

## Friday

**Church Offices Closed**

## 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....”*

**Pedro & Cecilia Tarquino** – Serving with Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship in Colombia. Email: pedrotarquino@gmail.com

**Jonathan & Erica Hood** – Serving with Mission to North America as a church planter in Syracuse, NY. Email: jonathan@missionsyracuse.org

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today, from the wedding of Catherine Mounger and Matt Glover, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clifton Gore, great grandparents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hudson Glover and Mrs. Elizabeth Carolyn Porter, grandparents of the groom.

The flowers in the Greeting Courtyard, from the wedding of Sue Watts and Ned Currie, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barb Currie and Jim Watts.

## BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Evelyn Lovelady Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan (Mary Linley) Davis; Saylor Simmons Nicholas, daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Reed (Maris) Nicholas; Mary Phalbia “Mim” Wyatt, daughter of Drs. Christopher and Julie Wyatt.

## STEWARDSHIP 2017

As we prepare for the 2017 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 2017, 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 246 stewardship commitment cards for a total of \$2,788,712 and 26 debt retirement cards for a total of \$34,237.

## COLLEGE CROCKPOT LUNCH TODAY

College students, join us today for the last crockpot lunch of the year following the 11:00 a.m. service today at the home of the Nettletons (1411 Peachtree Street). Come, and bring your friends!

## SPRING BREAK AT SEAGROVE

The EARLY BIRD DEADLINE for the Spring Break trip to Seagrove, Florida, is tomorrow, Monday, November 21. All 9th - 12th graders are invited to join the Students & Families Ministry to Seagrove March 15-19, 2017. The cost is \$150, but sign up by our tomorrow, 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.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, December 4. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, November 23. Any forms received after November 23 will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Walters at [lisaw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisaw@fpcjackson.org) or 601-973-9102.

## THANKSGIVING DAY

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.

Additionally, the Session has authorized a special Thanksgiving offering for the World Relief Commission, the official relief agency for the PCA. The Thanksgiving offering is the only money designated for relief of physical suffering overseas. The World Relief Commission is committed to giving aid and, at the same time, overseeing its distribution. Your generous offering will bring encouragement, not only to those who live in desperate need, but also to those who reach out in the name of Christ. Checks should be made payable to FPCJ with “World Relief Commission” noted in the memo line.

## ADVENT SERMON SERIES

*Why did God become man?* The Incarnation is at the heart of the Christian gospel. It is one of the most profound mysteries of our faith which has fueled millennia of devotion and wonder. In the Old Testament, the prophecies foretelling God's Incarnation prepared His people for their coming Redeemer. These passages ready our hearts as well. We are all so busy trying to fill our lives with what we think we need, when what we need most of all is the Lord Jesus Christ. Advent season is an opportunity to pause in the midst of our busy lives and open our hearts. As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Advent season, join us in Sunday morning worship beginning November 27, as we consider where we find true hope and peace.

## JUNIOR HIGH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The annual Junior High Progressive Dinner will be held Thursday, December 1, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the Youth House. We will travel together to several homes of church members for appetizers, main course, and dessert. The theme is Christmas Movie Characters, and there will be a prize for best dressed, so come in your most clever outfit! There is no cost for this event, but please sign up online at [www.fpcjackson.org/youth](http://www.fpcjackson.org/youth) so we can plan for rides.

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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 25: How is Christ a priest?**

**Answer:** As a priest, Christ offered himself up once as a sacrifice for us to satisfy divine justice, and to reconcile us to God, and He continually intercedes for us.

## MONDAY

**Scripture:** Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7

**Key Thought:** Jesus Christ is the true priest.

### **Questions:**

- What is the function of a priest?
- Why must there be a mediator between God and men?
- Why was the Old Testament priesthood insufficient?
- Is there a need for any priests between God and men today?

**Prayer**

## TUESDAY

**Scripture:** Read Hebrews 9:1-28

**Key Thought:** As priest, He offered up Himself.

### **Questions:**

- What kinds of sacrifices did the Old Testament priests offer?
- What was it about these sacrifices that made them unable to actually take away the sins of the people?
- What was it about the priests that made them unable to truly cleanse the people from their sins?
- How did Jesus make both the priest and the sacrifice perfect?

**Prayer**

## WEDNESDAY

**Scripture:** Read Isaiah 53:1-12

**Key Thought:** As priest, He satisfied divine justice.

### **Questions:**

- What penalty did God prescribe for sin?
- Was this a just penalty? Why?
- Could God simply forget the penalty? What part of God's character requires that the penalty for sin must be paid?
- What does it mean to say that the death of Jesus satisfied divine justice?

**Prayer**

## THURSDAY

**Scripture:** Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Key Thought:** As priest, He reconciled us to God.

### **Questions:**

- How did sin affect man's relationship with God?
- How did it affect man's view of God? Was man right in this?
- What does it mean to be "reconciled"?
- Who initiated the process of reconciliation? Who finishes it?

**Prayer**

## FRIDAY

**Scripture:** Read 1 John 1:5—2:2

**Key Thought:** As priest, He continually intercedes for us.

### **Questions:**

- What does it mean to say that Christ "makes intercession"?
- What accusations are brought before God against us?
- How does Christ answer these accusations?

**Prayer**