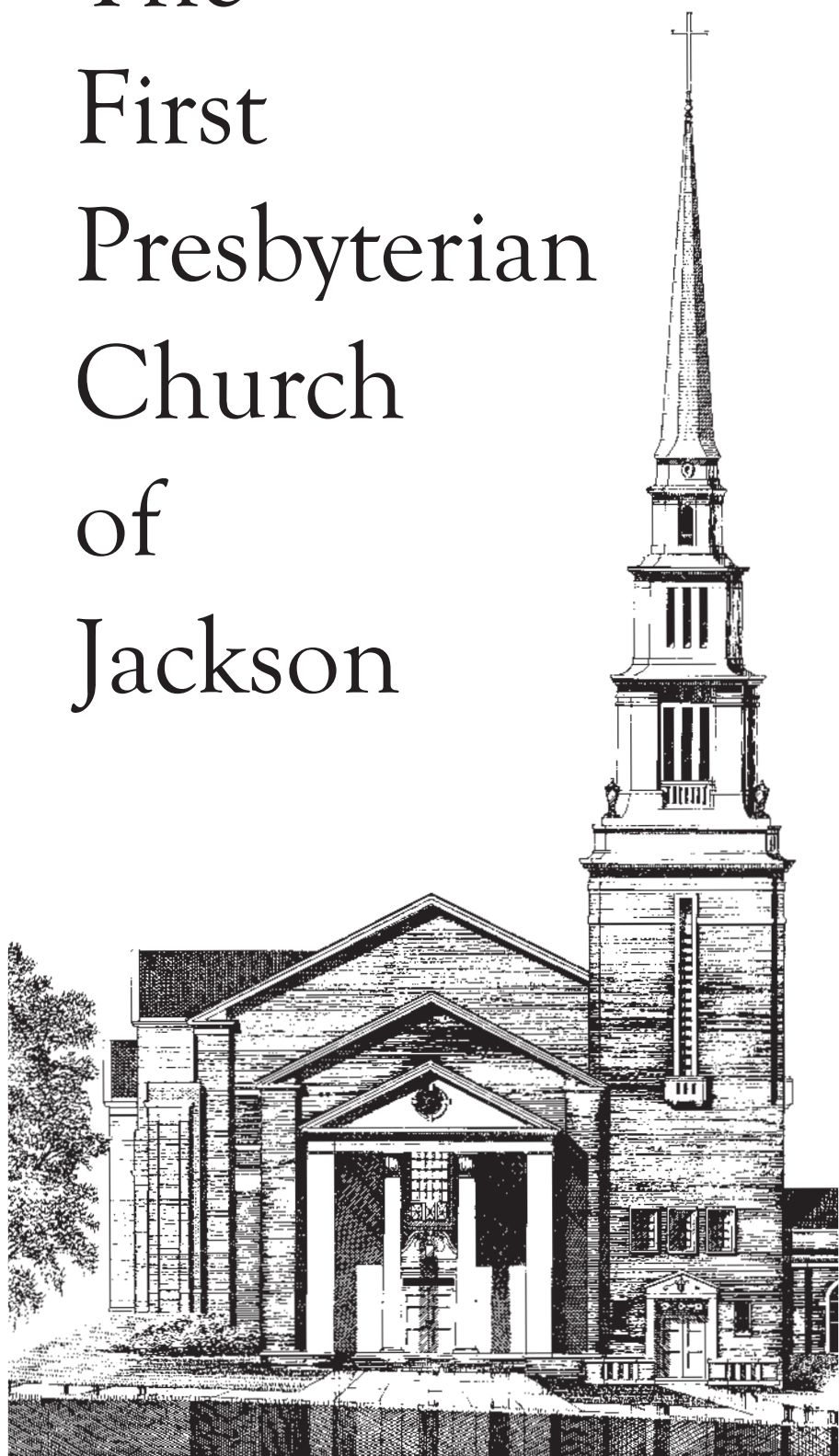


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fifth Day of November, Two Thousand Eighteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College

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

The Prelude — "For the Beauty of the Earth" Arr. Michael Burkhardt
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Henry Purcell

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 181** — "We Come, O Christ, to You"

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Law of God

(See Guide)

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

‡ **The Hymn No. 695** — "By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven"

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 44 (Pew Bible page 470)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "The Greatest Gift" Mark Hayes

"Though I speak with tongues of angels, though my voice is touched with gold,
Without love each word is discord, clanging brass and cymbals bold.

Though I know as much as prophets, though my faith is strong and sure,
Without love these are as nothing, neither words nor works endure.

Though I give my goods to others, and my flesh I give to burn,
Without love each gift is worthless, 'til the gift of love I learn.

Love is always kind and patient, neither jealous, boastful, rude;
Neither selfish nor conceited, but with every grace imbued.

Love releases all resentment, takes no pleasure in the wrong;
Love finds truth delightful always, and endures what comes along.

Though not easily offended, love is eager to forgive,
Always trusting, always hoping, precious love will always live!

In a world that is imperfect, many gifts will pass away;
Faith and hope and love are endless; these, and these alone will stay.

To a world where all is changing, comes this promise from above:
Faith and hope will last forever, but the greatest gift is love."

Text by Beth Rice Luttrell and based on 1 Corinthians 13

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ezekiel 37 (Pew Bible page 724)

The Sermon — "Can These Dry Bones Live?"

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 481** — "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

‡ **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 — "Poco Vivace" Hermann Schroeder

‡ Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” *Tallis Canon*
The FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

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

‡ **The Invocation**

The Hymn — “I Asked the Lord” (See Hymn Sheet)

The Greetings

The Prayer — Ruling Elder David Elkin

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand” Minor/Alford
The Student Choir

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q50: How could Christ suffer? A: Christ, the Son of God, became a man so that He could obey and suffer in our place.

Q51: For whom did Christ obey and suffer? A: For all whom God the Father gave to Christ.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**.....Stephen Biggs, Director of Students & Families Ministry

‡ **The Hymn (Stzs. 1-3)** — “In the Cross Alone I Glory” (See Hymn Sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Zechariah 12:10-13:1 (Pew Bible page 799)

The Sermon — “How Revival Comes”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — Never will I seek the glory, that was never meant for me.

Always heavenward reflecting, all to Jesus to receive,
all to Jesus to receive.

In the cross alone I glory; nothing of my own to give.

Only that which Christ has offered for my soul that I may live,
for my soul that I may live.

The Postlude

‡Congregation standing

**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.



2018 Holiday Schedule

November 27	7:00 a.m.	Young Adults Girls Advent Bible Study at Broad Street Bakery
November 28		MOMS Christmas Brunch Bookstore-MOMS Christmas Wrap
November 29	5:30 p.m.	Junior High Progressive Dinner
December 4	7:00 a.m.	Young Adults Girls Advent Bible Study at Broad Street Bakery
December 5	6:30 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program
December 6	6:30 p.m.	Men's Ministry Evening Gathering at the Ag Museum
December 9	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Christmas Party
December 11	7:00 a.m.	Young Adults Girls Advent Bible Study at Broad Street Bakery
December 12	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Carols in Laurel Park with Live Nativity
December 13	6:00 p.m.	WIC Christmas Dinner in Miller Hall
December 15	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal in Sanctuary
December 15	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open House
December 16	4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Music of Christmas Services
December 17	6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Christmas Party at Deep South Pops
December 19	6:00 p.m.	Winter Grace Service/No Supper (Childcare provided for nursery through 3rd grade)
December 24	4:00 p.m.	Family Carols Service
December 24-25		Church Offices Closed
December 26		No Wednesday Night Activities
December 31		Church Offices Open
January 1		Church Offices Closed
January 2		No Wednesday Night Activities

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

Welcome

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God's Word to us this morning.

The Law of God

In our modern age, the popular view of the Bible is that it's a mere "book of rules." The commandments of Scripture are often characterized as archaic and oppressive by those who wish to discredit them, and oftentimes this even leaves Christians unsure as to what role God's Law should play in their lives. But while the Bible is not merely a book of rules, it is not less than one. In reality it is an act of God's grace that He has chosen to lay out so clearly all that He demands from His creatures. And it is in the Ten Commandments that we have the summation and moral core of all that God requires of us.

God's Law functions in three specific ways. First, it acts as a mirror reflecting God's perfections, and by so doing, it exposes our own lack of perfection. In this sense, the Law becomes a kind of schoolmaster, teaching us that our only hope is found in Christ, the One who fulfills the Law's demands on our behalf. Second, the Law acts as a restrainer of sin. God's Law graciously reminds us that consequences come to those who break His commands. Here, the threat of punishment serves as a type of constraint within the conscience of the sinner, keeping him from becoming as evil as he could be. Third, the Law is the believer's gateway into holiness. Here the Law becomes our guide to honoring and pleasing our Heavenly Father. And as we walk in obedience, we find that His commands are anything but oppressive; they instead become a great delight, being "more desirable than gold...sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb" (Ps. 19:10).

We corporately confess the Ten Commandments this morning because we desperately need them. And it is no less than the practice of confessing God's Law that will serve to write it more thoroughly upon your heart and drive it more deeply into your conscience.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

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 MB135
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
The Student Choir — 4:35 p.m. in MS
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the Swayze Home
 (1721 Howard St)

Monday

Circle Bible Teacher Training — 9:00 a.m. in WH 204
WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH 204A
Mission First Tutoring — 3:30 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. in SC 210

Tuesday

Truth at Dawn Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH
French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MH205B
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Internationals Bible Study— 6:00 p.m. in SC 213A
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Christmas Brunch — 9:00 a.m. in PH
MOMS Christmas Wrap — 10:00 a.m. in Library
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. — 6:25 p.m.
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor
Discipleship Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in WH 204A
Midweek Dinner — 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in MH
GriefShare Ministry — 5:30 p.m. in Session Room
Compass: Finances God’s Way — 5:45 p.m. in WH 202A&B
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC 210A
First Pres Forum: Christianity & the Arts — 6:30 p.m. in MH
Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 p.m. in WH 204B
Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Junior High Small Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH
Senior High Small Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH 201
Evangelism Group — 6:30 p.m. at Methodist Rehab
Brass Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m.

Thursday

MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH 202A

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

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...”

Daniel & Katy — Serving as part of the church planting, church growth, and leadership development team with MTW in Europe.

Mission First — Mission First is an inner-city mission organization which seeks to meet the tangible needs of individuals as an avenue to engage their paramount spiritual needs.

PANAMA CITY RELIEF TRIP

Thursday, November 29 – Sunday, December 2, we will be partnering with MNA disaster relief, FPC of Panama City, and Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley for a relief trip to Panama City. Work will include tarping, debris removal, and possible tree work. Contact Lilly Foerter to sign up at ccare@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9117, or contact Billy Dempsey with any questions: bdempsey@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9112.

WOMEN IN NEED CHRISTMAS BAG COLLECTION

Women in Need is a ministry of God’s love and mercy to the women prisoners at Central MS Correctional Facility. Please help us provide Christmas bags for the inmates by filling a gallon-sized Ziplock with one clear shampoo, one women’s deodorant (preferably clear), and one pair of XL crew athletic socks. We will be collecting the bags through December 5 in the white bin by the Visitors’ Desk. Contact Laura Damon Wofford or Sharon Gatlin with questions.

MEN’S MINISTRY EVENING GATHERING

Men, please make plans to join us Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Ag Museum. Dinner will be provided, and we’ll hear from guest speaker, Tyson Lee, former Mississippi State University quarterback, NFL scout, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes staff member who now works with Lightbearers Ministries International.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Ladies, please join us for our annual Christmas gathering on Thursday, December 13, in Miller Hall. Appetizers will be offered beginning at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Allie Elkin will be our devotional speaker. A nursery is available upon request at the time of registration. You may register through the FPC app, website, or by contacting Women’s Ministry at 601-973-9115. To ensure your meal is reserved, please register by Friday, December 7.

FPC NAME TAGS

If you requested a name tag they are located on the south side of the Greeting Courtyard. If you are interested in a name tag and are a communing member of First Presbyterian Church, please fill out a request card in the pew back. Your name tag will arrive in approximately 6-8 weeks.

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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We can plan to do more gospel ministry with your commitment for 2019. If you have not turned in your Stewardship Commitment Card, you may place it in the offering plate during today's worship services. You can also pledge electronically by visiting our church app and clicking on "Giving," then "Pledge."

To date, we have received
298 Stewardship Commitments
for a total of \$3,548,757.02 and
25 Capital Projects & Improvements
Commitments for a total of \$46,472.00.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.