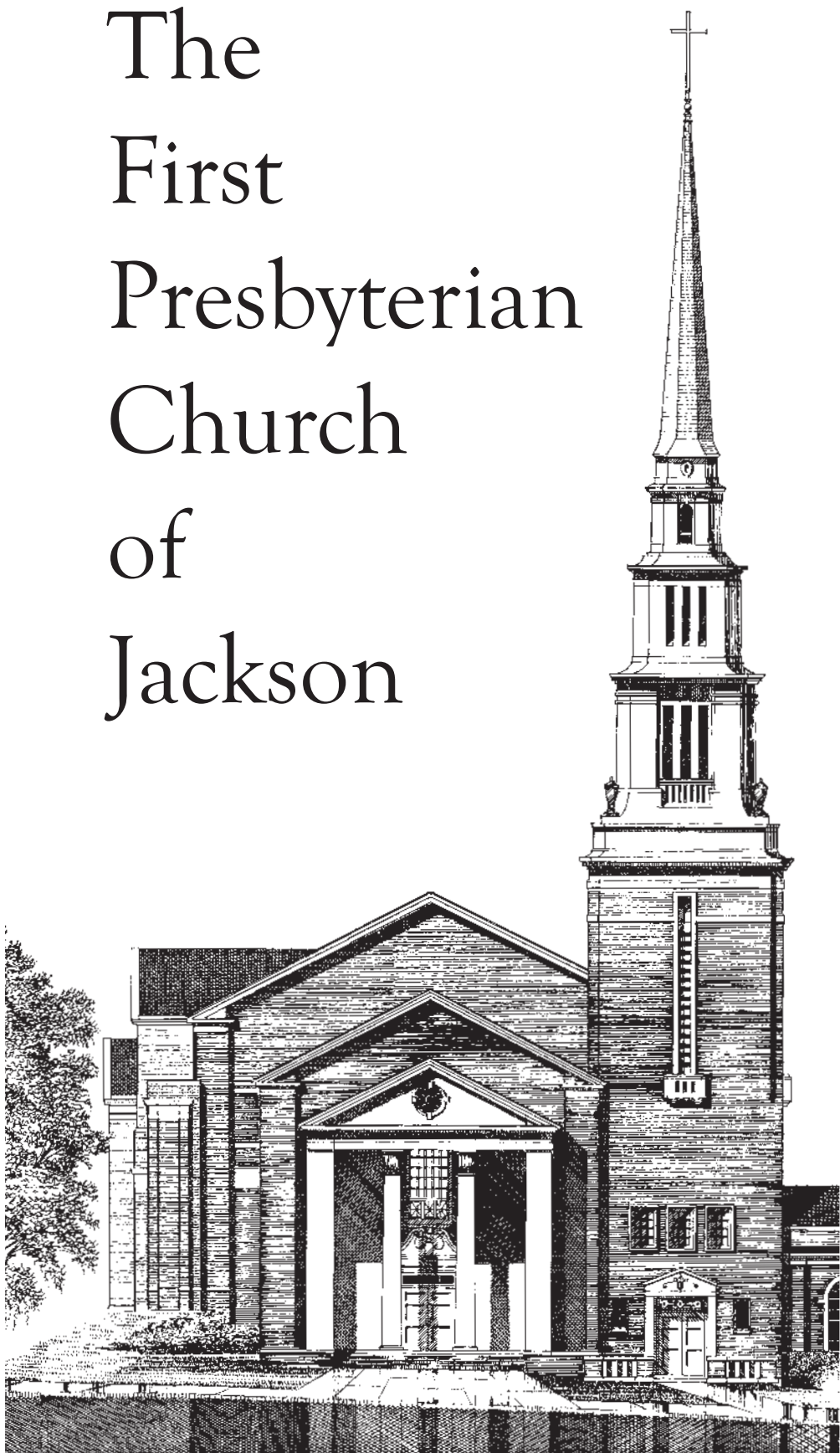


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-seventh Day of November, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — Minister of Discipleship

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 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Sing Praise to Our Creator” Kevin Norris
Rae Shannon, Guest Organist

The Introit — “Now Thank We All Our God” Johann Cruger

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 342** — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon** — Psalm 23 (Trinity Hymnal page 791)

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

The Scripture Reading — Mark 11:12-33 (Pew Bible pages 847-848)

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 196** — “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “God, Thou Art Love” Craig Courtney
With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

“If I forget, yet God remembers. If these hands of mine cease from their clinging,
Yet the hands divine hold me so firmly I cannot fall.

And if sometimes I am too tired to call for Him to help me,

Then He reads the prayer unspoken in my heart and lifts my care.

I dare not fear since certainly I know that I am in God's keeping,

Shielded so, from all that else would harm,

And in the hour of stern temptation, strengthened by His power.

I tread no path in life to Him unknown; I lift no burden, bear no pain, alone;

My soul a calm, sure hiding place has found: The everlasting Arms my life surround.

God, Thou art love! I build my faith on that. I know Thee who has kept my path.

And made light for me in the darkness,

Tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy.

It were too strange that I should doubt Thy love.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Genesis 3:1-24 (Pew Bible pages 2-3)

The Sermon — *Prepare Him Room: “The Seed of the Woman”* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 534** — “O for a Closer Walk with God”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” William Tomer

The Postlude — “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” Fred Bock

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. Andrew W. Triolo — Minister of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “Amazing Grace” arr. By J. Hunt
FPC Brass

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 605** — “All The Way My Savior Leads Me”

‡ **The Invocation**

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

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Samuel Hensley

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “When I Survey” arr. By J. Hunt
FPC Brass

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q143: Will the Lord Jesus come again? A: Yes! He will return to judge the world on the last day.

Q144: What happens to believers when they die? A: Our bodies will return to dust and our souls will go to be with the Lord forever.

Q145: What happens to unbelievers when they die? A: Their bodies will return to dust also, but their souls will go to hell.

** **The Meditation and Prayer** Joe Johnson, Young Adults Intern

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 402 (Stz. 1-4)**

“Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 22 (Pew Bible pages 1041-1042)

The Sermon — *Behold, A Throne: “Far as the Curse Is Found”* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.”

The Postlude — “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim” Haydn
FPC Brass

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**Children dismissed after the prayer




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

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



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.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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
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 — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Insight — 7:00 p.m. at Deep South Pops
 (Highland Village)

Monday

Circle Bible Teacher Training — 9:00 a.m. in WH204
WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

Tuesday

“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Young Adults/College Committee Meeting — 12:00 p.m. in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Christmas Brunch — 9:00 a.m. in PH
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 9:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in WH204a
Children’s Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/
 Playground
Junior High D Groups — 5:45 p.m. in YH
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m.
 in sanctuary
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Men’s Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in Gym

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m
Presbytery MNA Meeting — 1:30 p.m. WH202

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

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....”

Bill and 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

Lantern Medical Clinic – Lantern Medical Clinic is an after-hours medical clinic that is supported through Mission to Jackson.

Email: smorris@laterclinic.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Emily Henderson Lowry for her faithful service of over 50 years in the 5-year olds Sunday School Department.

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, we hope you'll join us in Sunday morning worship through December 25, as we consider where we find true hope and peace.

SENIOR HIGH DEEP SOUTH POPS NIGHT

Senior High students are invited to join the Students & Families staff at Deep South Pops tonight after the evening service. We will hang out and have coffee and ice cream during our normal Insight meeting time. We hope to see you there! Bring your friends!

“TRUTH AT DAWN” MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in Miller Hall, Gabe Fluhrer leads a Bible study on *The Book of Numbers: Experiencing the Presence of God in Daily Life*. The study will go through December 13 and break for the holidays, resuming in January. A great way to start the day! Breakfast is served each week for \$3.00. To sign up for this study, please contact Lisa Kim at discipleship@fpcjackson.org or call 601-326-9243.

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, so we can plan for rides.

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

The Senior High Winter Retreat 2017 will be held January 13-16, at Alpine Camp for Boys in Mentone, AL. Our speaker this year is David Felker, FPC Minister of Young Adults & College, who will be speaking on the topic **Cultivate: Growing in Faith**. The cost is \$200, but sign up by our **Early Bird Deadline, December 12**, and pay \$140. Register online at www.fpcjackson.org/youth, and contact Jenny Sanders with questions or for more information at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER – “HOW GREAT OUR JOY”

The Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 15. Appetizers and fellowship will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the dinner and program will be from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Laura Martin Wofford will be the devotional speaker. Nursery is available upon request at the time of registration. To register, please call the church at 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org. The deadline to register is Monday, December 12.

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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. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 26: How is Christ a king?

Answer: As a king, Christ brings us under His power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and all our enemies.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read John 18:28-37

Key Thought: Jesus Christ is the true king.

Questions:

- What is the function of a king?
- Why was it necessary for the office of king to be instituted by God? (see Judges 21:25)
- What part of man's fallen nature does the office of king address?
- How is King Jesus better than all earthly kings?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 8:1-17

Key Thought: As king, Christ subdues us and rules over us.

Questions:

- How does Christ rule over us for our good?
- How are individual conscience, family, church, and state all to be under the rule of Christ?
- What happens when Christ's rule is resisted in any of these?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Psalm 20:1-9; Ephesians 6:10-18

Key Thought: As king, Christ defends us.

Questions:

- How does a king defend his kingdom and its people?
- Who and what are the enemies of the kingdom of Christ?
- How does King Jesus defend His kingdom and its people?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Revelation 19:11-16

Key Thought: As king, Christ restrains and conquers all His and our enemies.

Questions:

- Why do men and nations hate Christ and fight against Him?
- Are there some who will remain His enemies forever?
- What does it mean to restrain something? How does Jesus restrain His enemies?
- Through what means does Jesus conquer His enemies?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Psalm 2:1-12; Philippians 2:9-11

Key Thought: All people must submit to King Jesus.

Questions:

- What is commanded of the kings of the earth in Psalm 2:10-12?
- What does it mean for kings of earth to "kiss the Son"?
- Is there any creature that will not eventually bow and confess that Jesus is Lord?
- How can you tell if you are submitting to Him willingly?

Prayer