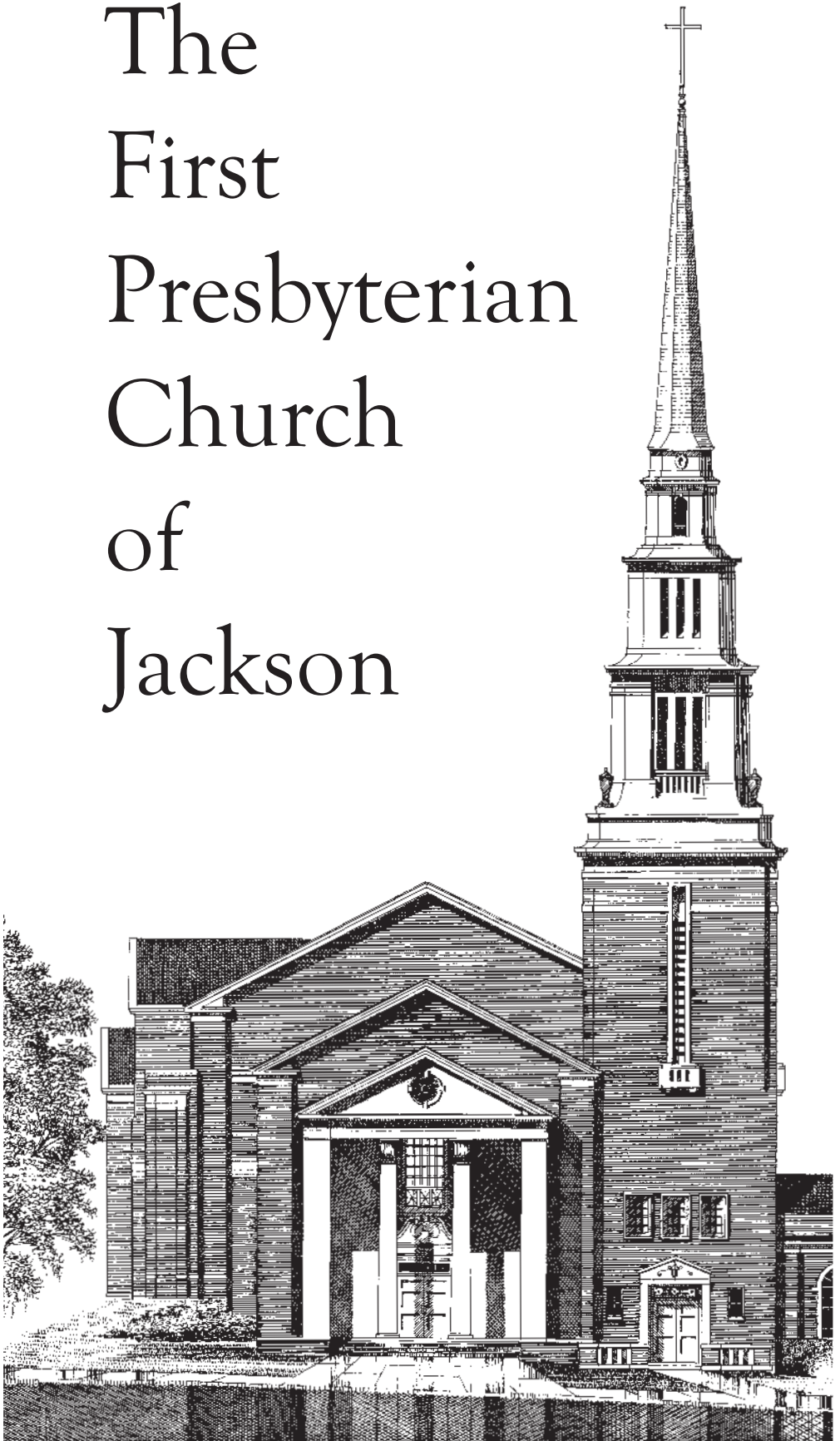


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-ninth 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. 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 — "Chorale Prelude"Dietrich Buxtehude
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — "He Is Lord!"David Clydesdale

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 297** — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Doxology** "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

The Scripture Reading — Genesis 3:1-15 (Pew Bible pages 2-3)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 194** — "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Bound for the Promised Land" Mack Wilberg
"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.
There gen'rous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow;
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow.
I am bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the promised land,
O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound for the promised land . . .
O the transporting rapt'rous scene that rises to my sight,
Sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight.
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest?
I am bound for the promised land . . ."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 1:46-55 (Pew Bible page 856)

The Sermon — *Advent Songs: "The Magnificat"*.....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 56** — "When All Your Mercies, O My God"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "I Am Bound for the Promised Land" Mack Wilberg

The Postlude — "Fugue on the Kyrie"Francois Couperin

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Minister of Young Adults and College

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

The Prelude — "Prelude for Strings"Arr. Wymond
FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn No. 478** — "I Love to Tell the Story"

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Hymn No. 465** — "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Danny Story

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"Arr. Wymond
The Student Choir

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q25 In the covenant of life, what did God require Adam to do? A: To obey God perfectly.

Q26 What did God promise in the covenant of life? A: To reward Adam with life if he obeyed God perfectly.

Q27 What did God threaten in the covenant of life? A: To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed God.

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

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 345 (Stz. 1-3)** — "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
(Pew Bible pages 818-819)

The Sermon — "How to Have Hope in a Disappointing World" Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

"Saviour, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all His boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know."

The Postlude — "Voluntary" Wadsworth
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

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‡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.



2015 Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, December 2

Q&A (6:30 p.m.) – MH

Thursday, December 3

Men of the Covenant Lunch - Speaker: Ken Fairly (11:45 a.m.) – MH

Wednesday, December 9

Children's Christmas Music (6:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 15

WIC Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in MH

Saturday, December 19

Bookstore Open House (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 20

Music of Christmas (5:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 24

Church Offices Closed

Family Carols Service (4:00 p.m.) – Sanctuary

Friday, December 25

Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 30

No Supper or Service

Friday, January 1

Church Offices Closed



A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

God Speaks

One of the most important practices we engage in each Lord's Day, is when we hear the Word of God read and explained to us. While singing, praying, and giving of our material goods are all necessary aspects of Biblical worship, if God's Word were not the centerpiece, our gathering would be futile. This realization led Martin Luther to refer to the Church as the "Mouth House of God." 2 Timothy 3:16 speaks of the Scriptures as being the essential component that makes the believer complete and "equipped for every good work." When the Bible is read and properly explained, God Himself speaks, and when God speaks, there is life and transformation (Gen 1:2). So a helpful question to consider then becomes, "what are some practical steps that help us to benefit more fully from the reading and preaching we hear each Lord's Day?"

Questions to Consider

When hearing the Word read and preached, it is always helpful to ask yourself these two questions: "What is this Scripture passage teaching me to believe about God?" and "What is God requiring of me from this truth?" Actually, these two questions come directly from our Westminster Larger Catechism. The entire catechism is divided along these lines. Questions 1-90 mainly deal with what we are to believe about God, and the remaining questions, 91-196, address what duties to God arise out of these realities. Furthermore, Q160 takes up the very question we seek to answer. It asks, "What is required of those that hear the Word preached? Answer: It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives." In an entertainment-driven culture it is all too easy to come to worship and sit passively under the preaching and reading of God's Word, but as our Larger Catechism reminds us, it is anything but a passive activity. We attend the Word with our minds and hearts actively engaged in the event, and the God of the Word works through it to transform us from "one degree of glory to another" (1 Corinthians 3:18).

Prayer for Blessing

The puritan preacher, Thomas Watson, offers the practical charge for worshippers to come "preparing your soul with prayer." While it might sound obvious, it is quite easy to forget. Since prayer is the very life-blood of the Christian, it greatly benefits our own souls to spend time before the worship service asking God to bless His people through His Word. Ask the Lord to meet us and to accompany His Word with power. We are a congregation of needy people always desperate for the kind of nourishment that only His Word provides. This kind of request most certainly lines up with His will. It is also beneficial to not allow our prayerful state to end when the service concludes, but to continue with this exercise even after the congregation departs, asking God to help us remember what we learn so that our "memories will be like the chest of the ark, where the Law was put." May our prayers for our own hearts and those of our brothers and sisters be a sweet sound to our Father who inclines His ear to His children (Psalm 116:2).

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 29, 2015

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
Children’s Church for 3 and 4-year-olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in M135
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Student Choir — 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
No Senior High Insight

Monday

WIC Leadership Council — 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
Strategic Planning Committee — 7:30 a.m. in WH204
Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Bible Study — 5:30 p.m. in SC213B
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215 HI
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC

Wednesday

MOMS Christmas Brunch — 9:00 a.m. in PH
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
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
Q&A — 6:30 p.m. in MH
Young Adults Men’s Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Men of the Covenant — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Singles And Doubles Sunday School Party — 6:00 p.m. in PH

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..." **John & Kathy Lesondak** – Serving as administrators and church planters with Mission to the World in Slovakia. Mailing address: Hurbanova 25, 040 01 Kosice, Slovakia. Email: lesondak@mac.com **J. C. & Alohalani Cunningham** – Serving as church planters in Port St. Lucie, FL. Mailing address: 956 SW Gwendolen Terrace, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953 Email: christthekingpsl@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP 2016

As we prepare for the 2016 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 2016, 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 360 stewardship commitment cards for a total of \$3,263,260 and 46 debt retirement cards for a total of \$81,567.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

The songs we sing can reveal some of the deepest desires of our hearts. Simply put, we sing about that for which we long. *The Songs of Advent* confirms this reality as they point us to the only real source of peace and justice. While these songs may not contain the name of Christ, the Savior of the world is hidden in every verse. Please join us this Advent season on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. as we discover what these songs reveal to us about the glory of the Incarnate Christ.

Q & A DECEMBER 2

David Strain, Senior Minister; Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care; and David Felker, Minister of Young Adults and College; will answer your questions regarding doubt on Wednesday, December 2, in Miller Hall at 6:30 p.m. Submit your questions to questions@fpcjackson.org or call the receptionist at 601-353-8316 no later than noon on Tuesday, December 1. Please note that neither the D Groups nor the Prayer Meeting will meet that evening.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Men, join us this Thursday, December 3, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring Ken Fairly, Rankin County Justice Court Judge. Reservations are not required and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Please bring a friend, co-worker or neighbor.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

The November and December children's Sunday School offering will be given to French Camp Academy. This money will help provide art supplies for a girl's dorm and outdoor games for a boy's dorm. Parents, thank you for encouraging your child to earn money at home and bring an offering each week as an act of worship.

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

Senior High Students, registration is open for the Senior High Winter Retreat 2016! Register now for the retreat January 15-18, 2016. 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER — DECEMBER 15

Ladies, mark your calendars, and make plans to attend the Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 15 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Miller Hall. *Christ is our Hope* will be our theme, and Lauren Felker will be our devotional speaker. The Christmas Dinner is a much-loved time of fellowship and encouragement among the generations as we recognize ladies who, because of long and faithful service to our Lord and His Church, receive our Life Membership Award. To register, call 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

COMMUNICANTS' CLASS

A new Communicants' Class will be offered to young people 6th grade and older who are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church. The four classes will begin on Sunday, January 10, 2016 and conclude on Sunday, January 31. Senior Minister, David Strain teaches the class which is held in Lowe Hall from 9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Anyone who would like to participate may contact the Children's Ministry Department at 601-973-9105 or email kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org.

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, monthly 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, every month a group of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction 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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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent
Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator
Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators
Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

THE SUNDAY SERVICES:

* Sunday School	9:40 A.M.
* Morning Worship.....	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
* Evening Worship.....	6:00 P.M.
Senior High Insight	7:30 P.M.
Communion	2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October
Baptism.....	3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November
New Members Received	1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:00 p.m. in PH

*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING:.....	Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Family Night Dinner.....	Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Junior High Large Group	Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.
Children's Activities	Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.
The Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.
Discipleship Groups	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.....	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.