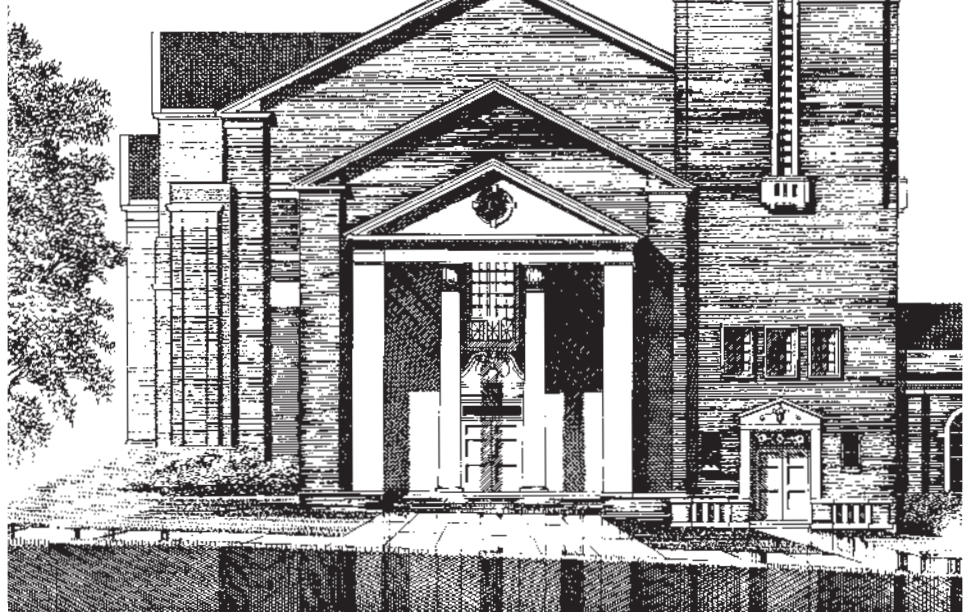


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Day of November, Two Thousand Seventeen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — "This Little Light of Mine" Charles Callahan
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Almighty God of Our Fathers" Will James

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**

"Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run."

The Stewardship Challenge — Mr. Spence Flatgard

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "My Song in the Night" Arr. Paul Christiansen

"O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight,
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night.
O why should I wander, an alien from Thee,
Or cry in the desert Thy face to see,
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible page 909)

The Sermon — "Christ's Vision for the Church - Part 2" Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 648** — "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

‡ **The Benediction**

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

The Postlude — "Postlude on 'Simple Gifts'" Douglas E. Wagner

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

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

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

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

‡* The Hymn No. 100 — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

‡ The Invocation

‡* The Evening Hymn — “By Faith” (See Hymn Sheet)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Dr. Craig Flowers

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “I’d Rather Have Jesus”Mary McDonald
The Student Choir; Rachael Story, Accompanist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q95: What is the fifth commandment? A: The fifth commandment is “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.”

Q96: What does the fifth commandment teach you? A: To love and obey my parents and all others that God appoints over me.

** The Meditation and Prayer David Groendyk, Pastoral Care Intern

‡* The Evening Hymn (Stzs. 1-3) — “Jesus, I Come” (See Hymn Sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 1:3-14, 2:1-10 (Pew Bible page 976)

The Sermon — “Five Misnamed Graces” Dr. Strain

‡ The Benediction

‡ The Response

“Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come!
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus I come to Thee!”

The Postlude

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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.

The Elders of FPC recently adopted a statement that defines our vision to be an outward facing church where the gospel changes lives.

Our Vision:

“First Presbyterian Church exists to glorify God by making disciples on the North State Street corridor, in the greater Jackson area, and around the world.”

What we must do...

“To glorify God”

Our chief end and deepest joy (*Westminster Shorter Catechism* Q&A #1) is the exaltation of the Triune God of the Bible. In a narcissistic age, we exist to make much of God, seeking in all things to be and to gather true worshippers.

“by making disciples”

We purpose to reach, win, grow, equip, and deploy God’s people for the propagation of God’s glory throughout the world.

Where we have been called to do it...

“on the North State Street corridor”

In His providence, God has placed us on the corner of North State and Pinehurst Streets, in central Jackson. We resolve to be good neighbors and gospel witnesses in the neighborhoods around our church campus (Belhaven, Mid-Town, and Fondren).

“in the greater Jackson area”

FPCJ draws visitors and members from the metro-Jackson area. We will continue to make disciples in our city by equipping believers to live for Christ in the home, the workplace, and in their neighborhoods across our region.

“and around the world.”

North America: With a renewed focus on church planting in North America, FPCJ will make disciples across our country by establishing new churches and supporting, sending, and serving church planters.

Globally: There remain 6,738 unreached people groups, over 42% of the global population.* In addition to other mission endeavors, we will begin to pray and work to support and establish gospel churches with special attention on the unreached.

(*source: https://joshuaproject.net/resources/articles/has_everyone_heard)

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP 2018

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Immediately prior to the ascension of Jesus, He commissioned each of us to be His witnesses for the gospel. The body of Christ at First Presbyterian Church exists to do just that in Jackson and throughout the world.

Making a financial pledge is your investment in our church's mission, as we seek to fulfill the mandate Christ has given us. The resources you give help to change lives through the gospel. Please prayerfully consider your Stewardship Commitment for 2018.

Ministries supported by FPCJ:

Beginning Again in Christ
Belhaven University
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The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
Twin Lakes Camp &
Conference Center
Twin Lakes Fellowship
Young Business Leaders
Young Life

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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)
Foundations Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133 (across from bookstore)
Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in M135MB
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the Cotten home (2202
 Culleywood Rd.)

Monday

WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in SC215
Mission First Tutoring — 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. in SC 210/213

Tuesday

Men’s “Truth at Dawn” Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH
Presbytery Meeting — 9:00 a.m. at Twin Lakes Conference Center
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
French Camp Quilters/Stitchers — 9:00 a.m. in MB132
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
“Christianity Explored” Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC213A
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

Strategic Planning-7:30 a.m. in SC215
MOMS Bible Study (Joshua) — 9:00 a.m. in PH & SC
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in LH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in SC211B
Junior High D Groups — 5:30 p.m. in YH
Children’s Playtime — 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in Gym/Playground
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC210
Senior High Small Group Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in Y201 and Y202
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Working Women’s Bible Study (1 Timothy & Titus) — 6:30 p.m.
 in Parlor
Adult D-Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Brass Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary

Thursday

Ladies’ Bible Study (Daniel) — 9:00 a.m. in PH & SC
Ladies’ Bible Study (Hebrews) — 9:45 a.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Building & Grounds Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m.
 in SC201A

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday

Men’s Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in SC211

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...”

Bethany Christian Services — Bethany Christian Services is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson. They seek to manifest the love and compassion of Christ by protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families through quality social services. Email: lifelines@bethany.org

Josh and Gina Rieger — Serving with Mission to the World as a church planter in Hexham, England. Email: johnandgina@gmail.com

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.

REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY — WEDNESDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERIES

Five-hundred years ago, the Protestant Reformation signaled a decisive break from the superstitious religion of the Medieval church. The Lord, in His grace, used this movement to drive people away from a trust in man-made tradition and back to the source of true revelation—the Bible, as the only Word of God to man. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., as we further consider the history and lasting significance of our Reformed legacy in continuation of our observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Wednesday, November 8, Dr. Guy Waters: “Justification by Faith Alone”

Wednesday, November 15, Dr. David Strain: “John Knox: Reformation of Courage”

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 19. Space is available for both services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Kim at 601-973-9102 or lisak@fpcjackson.org.

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 3, 2017. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, November 22. Any forms received after November 22 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 Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9102.

2018 VBS

Planning for Vacation Bible School (June 4-8, 2018) is underway. If you are an FPC member and would like to volunteer, please contact VBS Director, Mary Ball, at maryb@fpcjackson.org or 601-201-0912.

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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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 <http://fpcj.ms/fam-devo>. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org. It is also available on the app under "Resources."

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 80: What is required in the tenth commandment?

Answer: The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

MONDAY

Scripture: Hebrews 11:24-26

Key Thought: The 10th commandment requires faith that God will provide for every need.

Questions:

- How did faith overcome covetousness in the life of Moses?
- Does faith mean that if we believe strongly enough, God will give us whatever we want?
- Where did the faith of Moses cause him to look for true riches?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Philippians 4:11-13; Hebrews 13:5-6

Key Thought: The 10th commandment requires contentment with what God has provided.

Questions:

- What is contentment?
- Is discontentment a problem only for the poor?
- What deeper sin does discontentment indicate?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:1-18

Key Thought: The 10th commandment requires a proper understanding of the place and purpose of worldly possessions.

Questions:

- Does God want His people to forsake all worldly possessions?
- How does King David provide us with an example of the proper use and attitude toward worldly possessions?
- What is your attitude toward the things you possess?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Key Thought: The 10th commandment requires a daily striving after the things of heaven.

Questions:

- What happens to those who make earthly riches their goal?
- How does a person strive after heavenly things?
- Did Paul tell Timothy to command the rich to give away all of their earthly possessions? Why not?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Psalm 122:1-9; Esther 10:3

Key Thought: The 10th commandment requires a genuine interest in the prosperity of your neighbor.

Questions:

- How do you react in your heart when a neighbor or friend prospers?
- Why did David pray for the peace of Jerusalem?
- How does the work of Christ set us free from selfishness?

Prayer