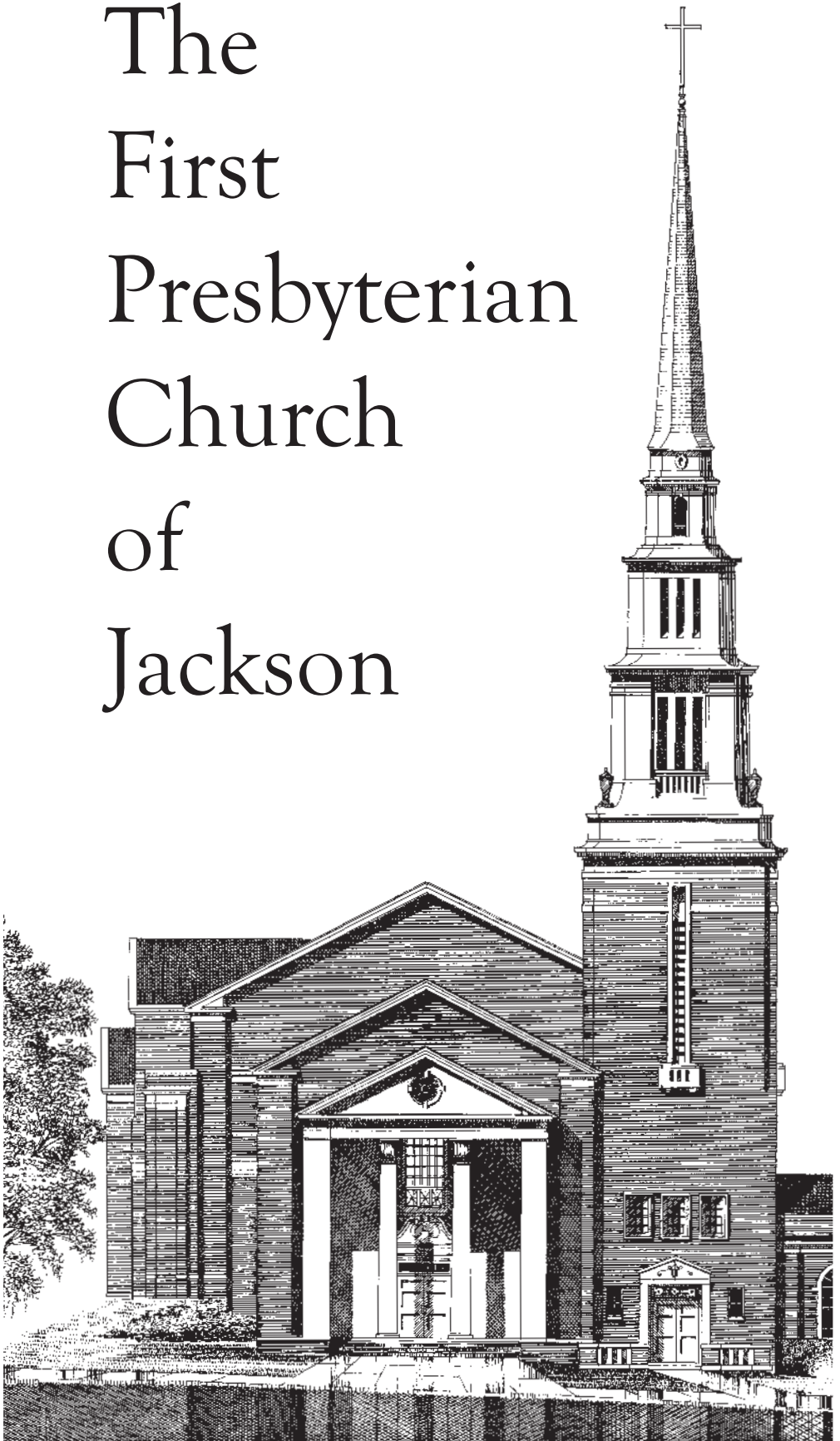


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth 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 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 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — "Improvisation on a Kyrie" Lani Smith
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — (8:30 a.m.) "Be Thou My Vision" Irish Folk Tune
The FPC Girls Choir; Sarah Little, Director; Christine Gilbert, Accompanist

(11:00 a.m.) "Praise Ye the Lord" G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 167** — "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Doxology**

"All you that fear Jehovah's name, His glory tell, His praise proclaim;
you children of His chosen race, stand in awe before His face,
stand in awe before His face. The Lord's unfailing righteousness
all generations shall confess; from age to age shall men be taught
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought,
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The Scripture Reading — Ecclesiastes 11:5-10 (Pew Bible page 559)

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer (See Guide)

‡ **The Hymn No. 38** — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "'Behold, God the Lord" (Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn
"Behold, God the Lord passed by.

And a mighty wind rent the mountains around, break in pieces the rocks,
break them before the Lord.

But yet the Lord was not in the tempest.

Behold, God the Lord passed by!

And the sea was upheaved and the earth was shaken,

but yet the Lord was not in the earthquake.

And after the earthquake there came a fire,
the sea was upheaved, the earth was shaken.

But yet the Lord was not in the fire.

And after the fire there came a still, small voice.

And in that still voice, onward, came the Lord."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 14:1-13 (Pew Bible page 1036)

The Sermon — *Last Things: "Hell"* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 472** — "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Amen in A Minor" W. Wymond

The Postlude — "Toccata Liturgique" Dennis Elliot

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

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

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

The Recognition of Recitation of the Children's Catechism

The Prelude — "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"Hassler/Wymond
The FPC Strings

The Introit — "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" — The First Grade Choir
"Children of the Heavenly Father" — The Second Grade Choir

The Call to Worship

‡ The Hymn No. 53 — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

‡ The Invocation

‡ The Hymn No. 103 — "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

* The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bill Stone

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Man of Sorrows"Lloyd Larson
The Student Choir; Maleesa Brenchley, Accompanist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q19. What else did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies? A: He gave them souls that will last forever.

Q20. Do you have a soul as well as a body? A: Yes. And my soul is going to last forever.

Q21. How do you know that your soul will last forever? A: Because the Bible tells me so.

**The Meditation and Prayer Ed Hartman, Mission and Outreach Minister

‡ The Evening Hymn (Stz. 1-2) — "Speak, O Lord" (See Evening Guide)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Mark 4:10-20 (Pew Bible page 839)

The Sermon — *Stories that Stick: "The Gospel from the Ground Up"* ..Dr. Fluhler

‡ The Benediction

‡ The Response

"Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory."

The Postlude — "Postlude in the Dorian Mode"Flor Peeters

*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.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever."

In Matthew chapter 6, within Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He gives us a model for what prayer should look like for a Christian. It is prayer that is both "vertical" (centering on "Our Father, who art in Heaven") and "horizontal" (addressing tangible, earthly needs and concerns). The very structure of the prayer teaches us a lesson of vital importance: that our most pressing need is for our Father in heaven. Since "from Him and through Him and to Him are all things," He necessarily deserves "all glory forever" (Rom. 11:36). Therefore, all prayer should be rooted in the Fatherhood of God with an aim toward His glory. But Jesus also taught us to pray for the physical, felt needs of this life. Something so basic as bread, Jesus commends as a worthwhile and necessary component of God-honoring prayer. This reminds us that we are incapable of providing for the most basic needs of our lives, but are instead, dependent on the provision of our heavenly Father. By reciting this prayer together, we are collectively reminding ourselves that God is our Father, His glory is our goal, and He is ultimately the One who takes care of all of our needs. May this be an encouragement to our hearts this morning, that our Father is not one who is aloof and unconcerned with the tangible needs of earthly life, but is the one who kindly cares for us by bestowing them.

NOVEMBER CIRCLES

MONDAY, November 9

CIRCLE 2: *Fair Hurst*

10:00 a.m. – home of Karan York
4148 Ridgewood Road

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. – home of Ann Saucier
169 Dogwood Place, Flowood

CIRCLE 4: *Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 5: *Laura Blaylock & Bess Corbitt*

9:45 a.m. – Church Library

CIRCLE 6: *Rhonda Baird*

6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer
2257 East Northside Drive

CIRCLE 7: *Marian Ware*

5:30 p.m. – Miller Hall

CIRCLE 8: *Janet Davis*

9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

CIRCLE 14: *Susan Turner
& Marty May*

12:00 noon – Miller Hall

TUESDAY, November 10

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole & Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of Pat Stockett
2405 Sandridge Drive

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*

10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham
4005 Cabell Lane

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston
& Rachel Bonner*

10:00 a.m. – St. Catherine's

CIRCLE 13: *Karen Crawford*

12:00 noon – Miller Hall

LAST THINGS

DEATH, JUDGMENT, HEAVEN, & HELL

We are so glad you came to First Presbyterian Church this morning. Having heard about Jesus today, it may be that you have questions that remain unanswered or objections that you'd like to express. Perhaps you'd like to explore the claims of Christ in more detail with someone individually or as part of a group discussion. It may even be that you have found Jesus so compelling that you'd like to meet Him for yourself.

On the form below, you will find a way to let us know how we can help you think through who Jesus is, why He came, and what it means to follow Him. Completing the form does not indicate any commitment on your part, and we assure you that your information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

If you would like to let us know how we can serve you, simply fill out the form, tear down the perforated edge, and leave it in the boxes marked for that purpose in the Greeting Courtyard and front foyers of the church.

I would like to talk to a pastor about the things I've heard today.

I would like information about a short course so I can further explore the claims of the Christian faith.

Or, you may respond to this morning's message by texting the letters "FPC" followed by your question to 313131.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 8, 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
Inquirers' Class — 9:40 a.m. in Hutton Chapel
Children's Church for 3 and 4-year-olds — 10:50 a.m. – 12:00 noon
 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
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Porters
 (2020 Sheffield Drive)

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Twin Lakes Executive Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Bible Study — 5:30 p.m. in SC213B
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC
Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Discipleship Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in WH204
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Coffee & Conversation — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A
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
No Adult D Groups
Reverend Conrad Mbewe — 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

"Gospel-Shaped Living" Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH
"Son of God: The Gospel of Matthew" Bible Study — 9:45 a.m.
 – 11:00 a.m. in MH
"The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
MNA Meeting — 12:00 noon in 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

"Finally, brethren, pray for us..." **Carrie Jussely** – Serving with Mission to the World in the U.S. and Belize. Mailing address: 109 Greenwood Pl., Hattiesburg, MS 39402 Email: agamentofpraise@gmail.com **Children of Abraham** – The Children of Abraham ministry was founded in 1977 to communicate the saving message of Christ to a largely un-evangelized Arabic community in and beyond North America. Mailing Address: P. O. Box 63941 Colorado Springs, CO 80920 Website: coabraham.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Nell Currie — November 1, 2015

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John C. Batte, Jr. by his family.

STEWARDSHIP 2016

As we prepare for the 2016 budget year, it is important that each member of the congregation support 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 227 commitment cards for a total of \$2,411,912 and 20 debt retirement cards for a total of \$59,167.

NEW EVENING SERMON SERIES

Everyone loves a good story. Stories shape our lives and our view of the world. The greatest storyteller is God himself, Jesus Christ. When our Lord wanted to teach profound truths in memorable ways, he used parables—stories that stick with us long after they are told. Join us on Sunday evenings as Dr. Gabriel Fluhrer, Minister of Discipleship, leads us in a study of the parables from the Gospels, "Stories that Stick," beginning tonight at 6:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us, and invite a friend to come and hear the gospel.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — REVEREND CONRAD MBEWE

Rev. Conrad Mbewe will be preaching in our midweek service, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Mbewe is the pastor of Kabwata Reformed Baptist Church in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa, and the principal of the Reformed Baptist Preachers College in Zambia. Additionally, he is the editor of *Reformation Zambia* magazine and writes for various newspapers. Author of *Foundations for the Flock: Truths about the Church for All the Saints*, Rev. Mbewe regularly blogs at *A Letter from Kabwata*. Children's choirs (4's through 5th grade) will continue as usual. D Groups will not meet in order to allow everyone to attend. The nursery will also be available for visitors with children ages 4 and under. Don't miss this opportunity to invite a friend to come and hear the gospel.

INTERNATIONALS SUNDAY

Next Sunday, November 15, the students from our Internationals Class will be joining us for our 11:00 a.m. service. Please be sure to find these students and show them some good Southern hospitality.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 2015. Space is available for both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters by November 11 at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

PRISON CHRISTMAS BAGS

We are asking for your help in providing Christmas bags to the female prisoners at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. Please fill a gallon-size Ziploc bag with one each of the following: clear shampoo, clear deodorant, and white crew athletic socks. The athletic socks should be a size large or extra large in crew style. The collection bin will be located at the Visitors' Desk near the Day School office, and we will accept donations from November 1 until December 6. Please contact Gail Jones at 601 842-2297 or gbjones5@comcast.net with questions. These bags are often the only Christmas present most of these women receive.

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.

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Speak, O Lord

Words: Keith and Kristyn Getty

Music: Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence,
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds;



to re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
ho - ly re - ver - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time



shape and fash - ion us in Your like - - ness,
in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty.
that will e - cho down thru e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to-day
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es,



in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
and by faith w'e'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us
Words of pow'r that can ne - ver fail,
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built



all Your pur - po - ses for Your glo - - ry.
let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.