

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of October, 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** — "Pavane" ..... Gabriel Faure  
Nancy Bateman, Cello; William Wymond, Organ

**The Introit** — "Awake, My Heart" ..... Jane Marshall  
"Awake my heart and render to God thy sure Defender,  
thy Marker, Thy Preserver, a song of love and fervor!"

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 100** — "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

‡\* **The Doxology** (Psalm 148:2)  
"Sing forth Jehovah's praise, you saints, that on Him call!  
Him magnify always, His holy churches all!  
In Him rejoice, and there proclaim His holy name with sounding voice."

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — "None Other Lamb" ..... Jane Marshall  
"None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in heaven or earth or sea,  
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame, none beside Thee.  
My faith burns low, my hope burns low; Only my heart's desire cries out in me,  
By the deep thunder of its want and woe, cries out to Thee.  
Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead; Love's Fire Thou art, however cold I be;  
Nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home but Thee."  
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**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Romans 5:12-21 (Pew Bible page 942)

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 378** — "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

‡ **The Lord's Supper**

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 296 (Stz.1-4)** — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Love, So Amazing, So Divine" ..... Gilbert Martin

**The Postlude** — "Psalm 19" ..... Benedetto Marcello

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain  
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey  
Minister of Congregational Care

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

**The Prelude** — “Evening Meditation” .....Eric Thiman  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 179** — “Hallelujah! Thine the Glory”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 709** — “Now I Belong to Jesus”

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Mark Baird

**The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”  
Genie Hyde, Soloist

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

**The Children’s Catechism**

Q 10. Where is God? A: God is everywhere.

Q 11. Can you see God? A: No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me.

Q 12. Does God know all things? A: Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

Q 13. Can God do all things? A: Yes. God can do all His holy will.

**The Meditation** .....Jonathan Hunt, Worship and Music Intern

**The Prayer** .....(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 688 (Stzs. 1-3)** — “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Ruth 4:13-22 (Pew Bible page 224)

**The Sermon** — “The Road to Royalty” ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 688 (Stz. 4)** — “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

“Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Hold o’er my being absolute sway!

Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!”

**The Postlude** — “Postlude in D” .....Eric Thiman

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‡Congregation standing

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

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. St. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

## The Lord's Table

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

## Christ's Presence

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

## CIRCLES

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*  
10:00 a.m. - home of Willard Harrell  
503 Willow Ct. Drive, Brandon

CIRCLE 6: *Rhonda Baird*  
6:30 p.m. - home of Beth Archer  
2257 East Northside Drive

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston & Rachel Bonner*  
10:00 am - St. Catherine's Village

# LAST THINGS

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## 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.

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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 • OCTOBER 11, 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  
**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 Hymn Night** — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Moores  
 (4233 N. Honeysuckle Lane)

## Monday

**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 MH  
**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  
**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.  
**Depression Seminar Series** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**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  
**D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Christianity Explored** — 6:30 p.m. in WH202  
**Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**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.

## 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..." **Aaron & Rachel Halbert** – serving as church planters with Mission to the World in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Mailing address: 9913 Tierra Verde Dr., Knoxville, TN 37922 Email: honduranhalberts@gmail.com **Leon & Rosalinda Brown** – Serving as church planters at Crown and Joy Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. Mailing address: 2836 Rams Crossing, North Chesterfield, VA 23236. Email: leon.m.brown@gmail.com

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Houston Stephenson IV by the Alan Walters family. John 17:24

## GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free "crackers" are available for Communion today. They are located on the table on the south wall of the greeting courtyard. Please pick up a piece on the way into the morning worship service.

## DEPRESSION SEMINAR SERIES

Our luncheon seminar series concludes this week on Wednesday, October 14, from 12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m. in Miller Hall with a Q&A session with Dr. John Cox and Dr. David Elkin. For time purposes, the questions discussed will be those that have been emailed in advance to bdempsey@fpcjackson.org or lisaw@fpcjackson.org. Lunch is provided for \$6. To sign up, please call 601-353-8316 by Tuesday, or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

## TWIN LAKES DINNER/WORSHIP SERVICE — OCTOBER 25

Whether a visitor or long-time member, you are invited to join the First Pres family Sunday, October 25, for a churchwide dinner on the grounds followed by evening worship at beautiful Twin Lakes. The gates will open at 4:45 p.m. We will be served a delicious BBQ meal at the Dining Hall and enjoy a time of fellowship together. Then at 6:00 p.m. we will gather at the Pavilion for worship. There is no charge for the meal and dress is casual. Hope to see you there!

## FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

*For new students only:* The deadline for First Presbyterian Day School priority enrollment for church members is midnight, October 31. This applies to new students who will be in grades kindergarten through sixth in the 2016-17 school year. If you are new to the church, or even a long-time member, we invite you to visit our school and discover what sets us apart. For more information visit <http://www.fpds.org/admissions/admissions-process> or contact Amy-Allison Russ at [aaruss@fpds.org](mailto:aaruss@fpds.org).

## HEARING ASSISTANCE

Several members of our congregation have benefitted from the hearing devices that are available during our worship services. These devices transmit the sound from the pulpit directly into a small and unobtrusive earpiece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office: 601-353-8316.

## 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 Sacrament of*  
**THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*will be observed today.*

*Participation requires your:*

1. Reverence and attention
2. Discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper
3. Meditation on Christ's death and suffering
4. Self judgment
5. Sorrow for sin
6. Desire for Christ
7. Feeding on Him in faith
8. Trusting in Him
9. Rejoicing in His love
10. Giving thanks for His grace
11. Renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ
12. Special love to all Christians