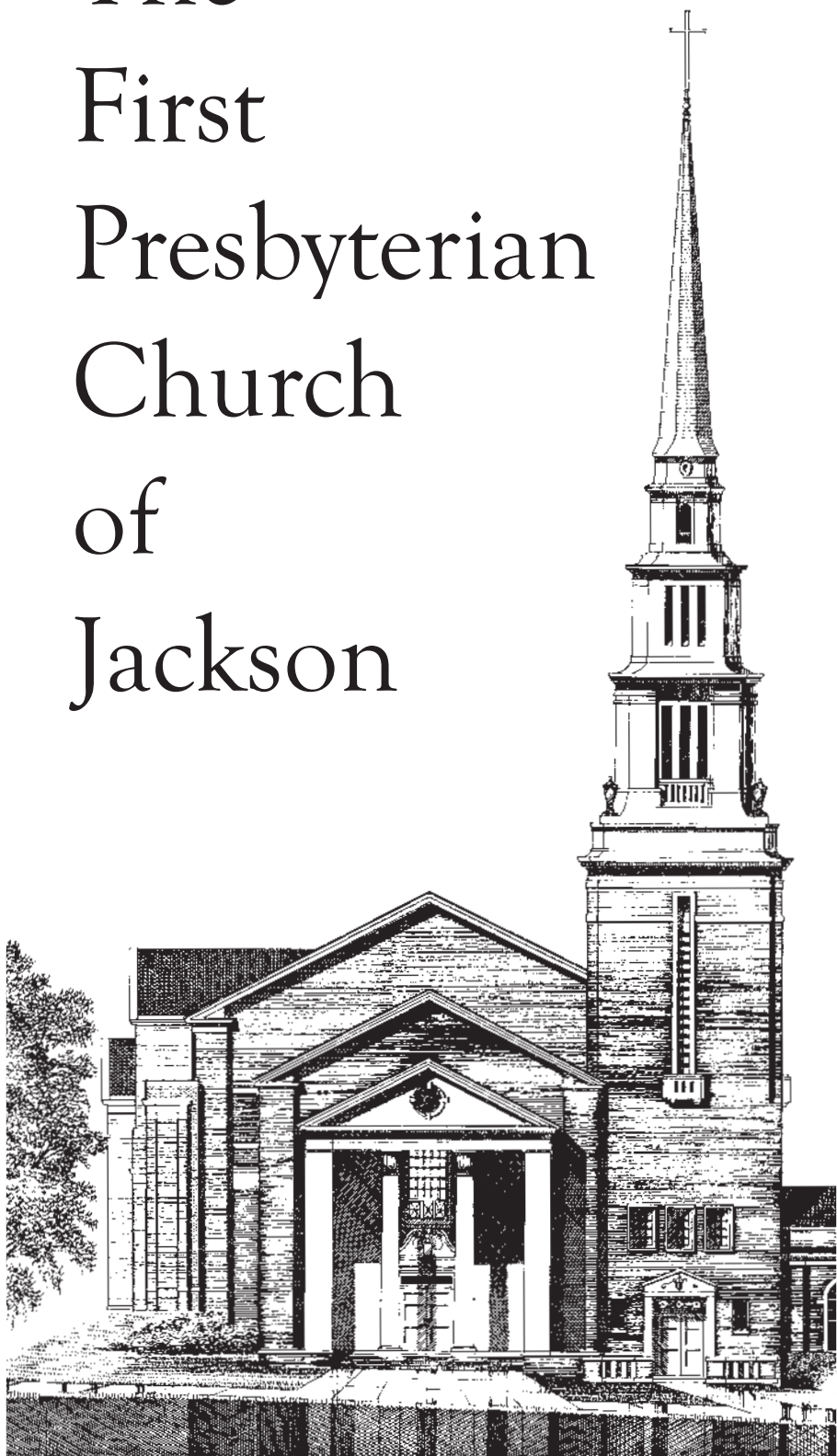


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourteenth Day of October, Two Thousand Eighteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College

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

**The Prelude** — “Aria” ..... John Rutter  
Sybil Cheesman, Flute; Rae Shannon, Organ

**The Introit** — “Worthy Is the Lamb” (*Messiah*).....G. F. Handel

**The Call to Worship**

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

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Solo** — “Oh Glory! Glory!” .....Spiritual Arr. by Johnson/Wymond  
Gena Everitt with Sybil Cheesman, Flute

“Oh, glory! There’s room enough in Paradise to have a home in Glory”

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone to have a home in Glory.

He whom I fixed my hopes upon, to have a home in Glory.

There’s room enough in Paradise to have a home in Glory.

His track I see and I’ll pursue, to have a home in Glory.

The narrow way, till Him I view, to have a home in Glory.

Oh, glory! There’s room enough in Paradise to have a home in Glory.”

**The Ten Commandments** (See Guide)

**The Prayer of Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon**

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

**The Offertory** — “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” .....Arr. Dale Wood

“Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand,

The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;

A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,

From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see

The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.

And from my contrite heart with tears, two wonders I confess:

The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;

I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;

Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Colossians 2:1-5 (Pew Bible page 983)

**The Sermon** — *Rooted*: “Full Assurance”

‡ **The Hymn No. 521 (Stzs. 1,2)** — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

**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. 521 (Stzs. 3,4)** — “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “Four-Fold Amen” ..... Wymond

**The Postlude** — “Amazing Grace” ..... Denis Bedard

‡ Congregation standing



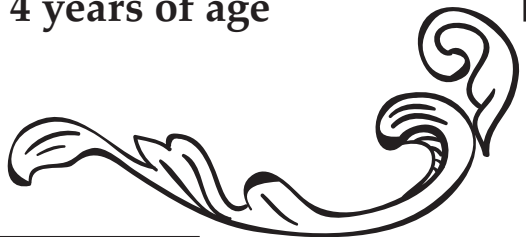
# THE GLORY OF THE GOSPEL

*The Good News of  
Jesus and His Love  
Proclaimed through*

**GOSPEL HYMNS,  
SPIRITUALS, AND  
GOD'S WORD!**

**This evening at 6:00 p.m.**

**Nursery for children  
up to 4 years of age**



## 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.

### **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:30 P.M.

*Sinclair Ferguson preaching at FPC*



We are fortunate to have Dr. Sinclair Ferguson preach to us on Wednesday, October 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. He is in Jackson to deliver the John Reed Miller Lectures on Preaching at RTS this week.

A native of Scotland, Dr. Ferguson is a systematic theologian, preacher, and author well-known in Reformed Christian circles worldwide for his preaching, teaching, and writing. He has taught at Westminster Theological Seminary, in Philadelphia and Dallas, and at Redeemer Seminary for many years. He was minister of two churches in Scotland, as well as serving as senior minister at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S.C. In 2017 he was appointed as Chancellor's Professor of Systematic Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary. Dr. Ferguson is also a Teaching Fellow with Ligonier Ministries. He continues to preach God's Word in churches and at conferences, has authored around fifty books and contributed to many others. He and his wife, Dorothy, have been blessed with three sons, a daughter, and eleven grandchildren.

We encourage you to invite friends and family members, and make plans to join us on Wednesday, October 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to hear Dr. Ferguson preach God's Word to us.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018**

## 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 MB133  
**Communicants Fall Meet & Greet** — 9:40 a.m. in MH 205A  
**Children's Church for 3- and 4-year olds** — during 11:00 a.m.  
 worship service in MB135  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. at the Hederman home  
 (125 Cherry Laurel Lane, Ridgeland)

## Monday

**No Scheduled Activities**

## Tuesday

**Truth at Dawn Men's Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in PH  
**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in MH  
**French Camp Quilters** — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library  
**Adult Sunday School Luncheon (Presidents/Vice Presidents)** —  
 11:45 a.m. in WH 204  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Internationals Bible Study** — 6:00 p.m. in SC 213A  
**Internationals Class** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## Wednesday

**MOMS Bible Study** — 9:00 a.m. in various rooms  
**Men's Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Shepherding Training** — 12:00 noon in WH 204B  
**Interns Meeting** — 4:00 p.m. in Basement Classroom  
**Midweek Dinner** — 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in MH  
**GriefShare Class** — 5:30 p.m. in the Session Room  
**Shepherding Training** — 5:30 p.m. in WH 204A  
**Compass Financial Class** — 5:45 p.m. in WH 202A&B  
**Adult Choir Rehearsal** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Chinese Bible Study** — 6:00 p.m. in SC 210A  
**Junior High D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in YH  
**Senior High Small Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in YH 201  
**First Pres Forum: Christianity and the Arts** — 6:30 p.m. in MH  
**Adult D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Men's Bible Study** — 6:30 p.m. in WH 204B  
**Christianity Explored** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**Evangelism Group** — 6:30 p.m. at Methodist Rehab  
**Brass Rehearsal** — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary

## Thursday

**Senior Adult Day Trip to Cleveland** — 7:30 a.m. FPC parking lot  
**Acts Bible Study** — 9:30 a.m. in PH & SC  
**God's Covenant King Bible Study** — 9:45 a.m. in MH  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**MTW Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH 202A  
**Committee on Committees Meeting** — 12:00 noon in WH 204A

## Friday

**No Scheduled Activities**

## Saturday

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

**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...”*

**Becky White** – Serving as a professor at Christ’s College in Taiwan with Mission to the World.

**Tim & Lana Higginbotham** – Tim serves as the Operations Director of North American Indigenous Ministries (NAIM) overseeing field directors and ministries.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Kathryn Dale Parker — September 30, 2018

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Houston Stephenson IV by Mr. and Mrs. Alan Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brink, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Alan Walters. John 17:24

## COMMUNION TODAY

Today is Communion Sunday. Please prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds to receive the Lord’s Supper. For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free crackers will be available on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard. Please pick up a piece on the way into the morning worship service.

## COMMUNICANTS MEET AND GREET

This morning at 9:40 a.m. in MH 205A, there will be a Meet and Greet for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and parents who are interested in learning more about joining FPC and the communicant process. Prospective communicants will meet their elder-sponsor who will shepherd them throughout the communicant process.

## WOMEN’S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER GROUPS

Fellowship Supper Groups are small groups made up of women of all ages who desire to share a meal and fellowship with one another. These groups will meet in various homes in the area on October 23 at 6:00 p.m. and again at a later date in the Spring. Please let us know if you would be willing to host one (no cooking required - the meal will be provided by a team of volunteer cooks.) Sign up through the FPC app or contact Lisa Oswalt at [lisao@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisao@fpcjackson.org) or 601-973-9115.

## CHANGE OF SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 4 — “1 SUNDAY”

Please note that on November 4 we will have only 1 worship service at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by 1 Sunday School class for *all* adults at 10:15 a.m. in Miller Hall, then ending with “Lunch on the Lawn” for everyone. Children’s Sunday School classes will meet at 10:15 a.m. in their usual locations. Watch for details!

## INTERESTED IN A NAME TAG?

There are already 700 name tags being worn! If you are a member of FPC and are interested in wearing a First Presbyterian Church name tag, please fill out a request card in the pew back and place it in the offering plate.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Men of all ages are invited to attend a Bible study led by Billy Dempsey and Wiley Lowry on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in WH 204B. The study is on the book of 1 Chronicles, emphasizing major themes from the life of King David, with a particular focus on priorities.

## JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT

The Junior High Fall Retreat will be October 26-28 at Twin Lakes. The students will spend time in small groups led by staff members, singing together, and being taught in a large group setting by our new Director of Students & Families, Stephen Biggs, as well as Austin Lenox and Charles Marchman. Register online at [www.fpcjackson.org/youth](http://www.fpcjackson.org/youth). Contact Lilly Foerter at [youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youthhouse@fpcjackson.org) with questions.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL PRIORITY ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

The deadline for First Presbyterian Day School priority enrollment for church members is October 31. This applies to **new students** who will be in **grades K3 through sixth** in the 2019-2020 school year. To apply, register online at <http://www.fpds.org/admissions/> admissions-process. If you are new to the church or even a long-time member, we invite you to visit our school. For more information visit “admissions” at [www.fpds.org](http://www.fpds.org) or contact Amy-Allison Russ at [aaruss@fpds.org](mailto:aaruss@fpds.org) or 601-940-9012.

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***“Therefore, as you received Christ  
Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,  
rooted and built up in Him and  
established in the faith, just as you  
were taught, abounding in  
thanksgiving.”  
- Colossians 2:6-7***

**Please join us as we focus this year on the following  
prayer priorities:**

- For true revival: that the power of the Holy Spirit would rest on the ministry of the Word that it might bear fruit in our lives; that a fresh movement of prayer and crying to God might characterize our church.
- For deep unity around a shared vision for the glory of God and the salvation of others.
- For the grace of self-forgetfulness: that we'd be so aware of our new identity and complete security in Christ that we'd become an increasingly hospitable and outward-facing congregation.
- For new gospel opportunities among our neighbors, especially on the North State Street Corridor (Fondren, Belhaven, Midtown, and Downtown).
- For creativity and boldness to make the most of gospel opportunities when they come.
- For fresh resources of people and finance, and the risk-taking faith to deploy them well in the service of the gospel here and around the world.