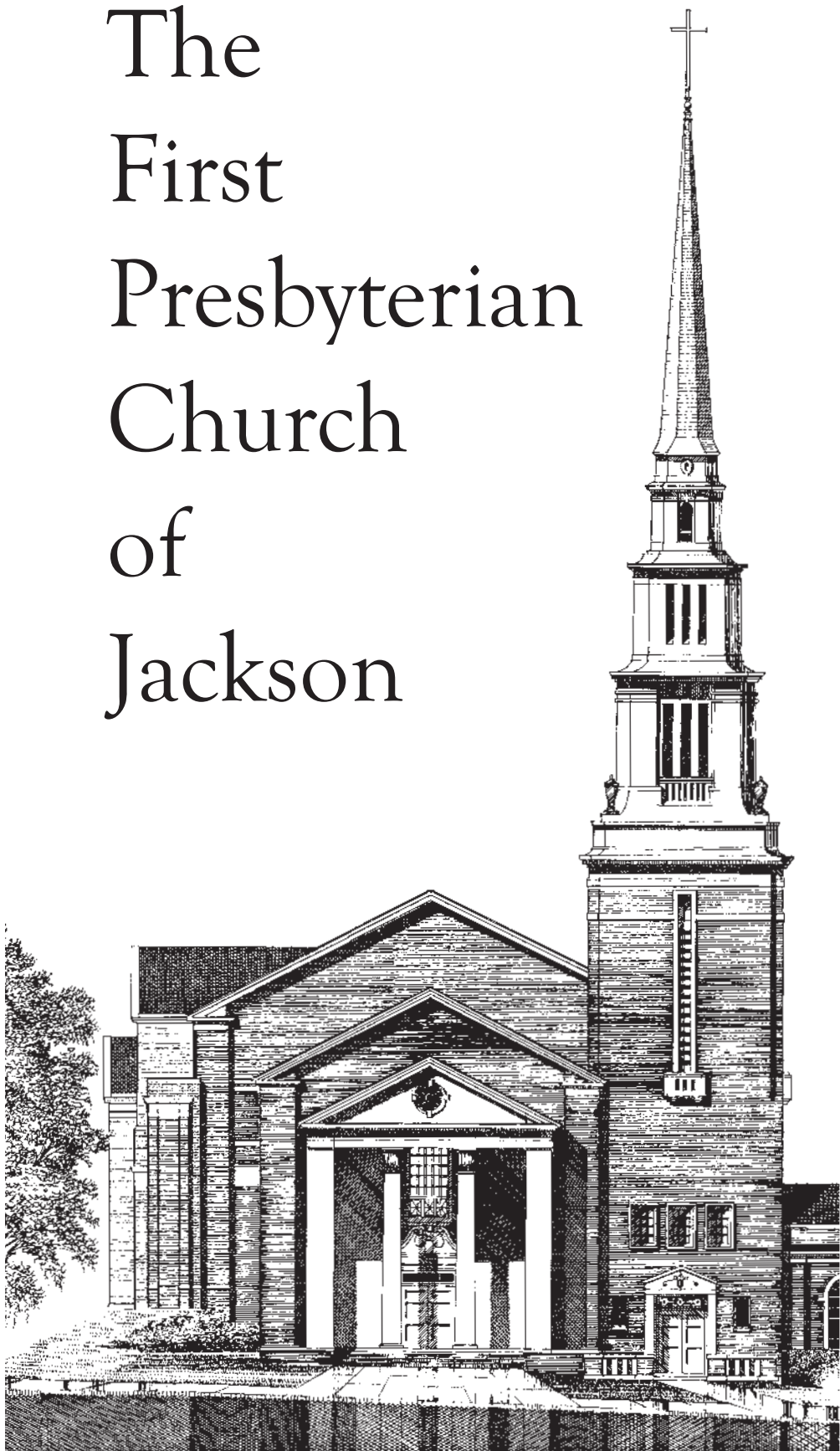


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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The Sixteenth Day of October, Two Thousand Sixteen

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

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

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 — "Prelude on Brother James' Air" Gilbert M. Martin
Rae Shannon, Guest Organist

The Introit — "Holy Is the Lord God of Sabaoth" Felix Mendelssohn

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 181** — "We Come, O Christ, to You"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

The Public Profession of Faith (8:30 a.m. only)

The Biblical Basis

The Introduction of New Members

The Questions of Membership

The Prayer

The Declaration

The Blessing

‡* **The Hymn No. 345** — "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

The Pastoral Prayer (11:00 a.m. only)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "O Love, How Deep" Everitt Titcomb
"O Love, how deep, how broad, how high.

How passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God,
Should take our mortal form for mortals' sake,

For us He prayed, for us He taught, for us His daily works He wrought,

By words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not Himself, but us,

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;

The Trinity whom we adore forever and forever more.

Amen."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 32 (Pew Bible pages 72-73)

The Sermon — *God Reigns: "Behold Your God?"* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 251** — "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Five-Fold Amen" W. Wymond

The Postlude — "Postlude in Classic Style" Gordon Young

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer — Minister of Discipleship

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

The Prelude — “Saraband” (Concerto in G Minor) G. F. Handel
Cello Ensemble, Nancy Bateman, Director

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 521** — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Psalm No. 10B** (See Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Paul Hurst

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “I’d Rather Have Jesus” Mary McDonald
The Student Choir

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q 126: How many sacraments are there? A: Two

Q 127: What are they? A: Baptism and the Lord’s Supper

Q 128: Who appointed these sacraments? A: The Lord Jesus Christ.

Q 129: Why did Christ appoint these sacraments? A: To distinguish His people from the world, and to comfort and strengthen them.

** **The Meditation and Prayer** James Ritchey, Students & Families Assistant

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 66 (Stz. 1-3)** — “God Is Known among His People”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 15:5-16:21 (Pew Bible pages 1036-1037)

The Sermon — *Behold, A Throne: “Bowls of Wrath”* Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Vow and pay unto Jehovah, Him your God forever own;
All men, bring your gifts before Him, worship Him, and Him alone;
Mighty kings obey and fear Him, princes bow before His throne.”

The Postlude — “Trumpet Tune in D” Gordon Young

*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.

Singing through the Psalter

Psalm 10B

Tune: Martyrdom



(vs. 4) 1. While in his pride with nose up high,
(vs. 5) 2. His ways do prosper at all times
(vs. 6) 3. The wick - ed one speaks from his heart



the wick - ed does not seek.
Your judg - ments are on high;
and says, "I'll not be moved;



In all his in - most thoughts he says,
They're far from him. As for his foes,
Through - out all gen - er - a - tions I'll



"There sure - ly is no God!"
he ev - er sneers at them.
not meet ad - ver - si - ty."

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Introduction of New Members

This week we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

Why must we be members of a local church? The Bible uses metaphors to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another (Romans 12:5). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into His community of the Trinity. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption by Whom we are made members of the family (Romans 8:15-17). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. So, why must we become members of a local church? It is because, having been united to Christ, we are necessarily united to all those who are united to Him. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

Who can be a member of the church? Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord’s Table can be a communing member of First Presbyterian Church. Children of believer(s) are, by virtue of their birth in a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant. However, they may not partake of the Lord’s Table as a way to protect them from eating and drinking judgment upon themselves, if they were to do so in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Hence, our children are called non-communing members of the church. We hope that all our covenant children would embrace the gospel and become communing members. While only the communing members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, all members of the church family are, however, entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church.

Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The first three of five questions seek to show to us our hellish plight before God, bring us to a point of desperate need for the person and work of Jesus, and rely upon the life-giving power in none but the Holy Spirit alone. We would do well to bring these grand truths of the gospel in our prayers every day. While the first three questions speak of our relation to each person of the Godhead, the next two questions speak of our relation to the Church of God which the Father loves, the Son died and rose to save, and the Spirit now indwells. Since each Person of the Trinity is interested and invested in the Church, we who are called by His name must do likewise. May we who are members of the covenant community pray for the welfare of the Church and of First Presbyterian Church. May we seek to live lives in which the gospel has pervaded every sphere. May we be growing disciples seeking to learn more of our God, His great majesty, and His magnificent Fatherhood. May we grow as committed members by regularly worshiping and seeking to gather with our family as often as opportunities provide us. May we be humble followers submitting to the wise leadership and discipline of those who care for our souls. May we grow to love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

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
Foundations Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Children's Church for 3- and 4-year-olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in M135
College Crockpot Lunch — 12:00 noon at the home of the
 Jacksons (1122 Lyncrest Avenue)
Student Choir Rehearsal — 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 Hursts
 (2210 Culleywood Rd.)

Monday

Circle 14 — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Students & Families Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Shepherding Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

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.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the
 Gym/Playground
Junior High D Groups — 5:45 p.m. in YH
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in Gym

Thursday

Ladies' Pilgrim's Progress Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in SC/PH
Ladies' Prophets Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Joint Officers Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in MH
Student Ministry Moms' Dinner — 6:30 p.m. at the home of
 the Fairs (4206 Oakridge Dr.)

Friday

FPDS Holiday Potpourri — 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Pinehurst

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
LR - Learning Resource
 Center
SR - Session Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1 – “Finally, brethren, pray for us....”

Bruce & Pam Sinclair – Serving as leader of the East African ministry training team with Mission to the World in Uganda. Email: bpsinclair@gmail.com
Youth for Christ – YFC seeks to reach young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus. Email: kass@jacksonyfc.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Louise Ratliff – October 4, 2016
Mr. Bobby J. Raines – October 9, 2016

FLOWERS

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

NEW MEMBERS

On October 2, 2016, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Mr. William Tyler Fuller, Miss Jane Shannon Guthrie, Miss Mary Claire Jarrell, Mr. Christopher Ray Loftin, Dr. Daniel Forrest Lyons, Mr. Caleb Scott Martin, Miss Evelyn Mills, Miss Laura E. Mitchell, Mr. Walker Jefferson Poole, and Mrs. Alexis Grabow Strahan.

COLLEGE CROCKPOT SUNDAY

College Students, join us at the Jacksons' (1122 Lyncrest Avenue) after the 11:00 a.m. service for a home-cooked meal. Feel free to bring a friend!

STUDENT MINISTRY MOMS' DINNER

All moms of 7th-12th grade students are invited to a night of fellowship on October 20, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of the Fairs (4206 Oakwood Drive). Come for dinner and community and to learn about the Student Ministry from the ladies on staff. We will end by 8:00 p.m., because we know school nights are busy. To RSVP, please email Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org. Contact Augusta Fair at (601) 540-6893 with questions or for more information.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT FORMAT: DISCUSSION AND PRAYER

“What does it look like to follow Christ in the 21st century? Does God get angry with me when I sin? How do I love my neighbor when they deny everything I believe?” As Christians, these are the kinds of questions we ask on a daily basis. Please join us on Wednesday evenings this fall at 6:30 p.m. in Patterson Hall as Senior Minister David Strain leads us in a time of prayer, discussion, and teaching on practical issues related to the Christian life.

FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

The deadline for First Presbyterian Day School priority enrollment for FPC church members is midnight, October 31. This applies to new students who will be in grades kindergarten through sixth in the 2017-2018 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. Group tours will be held Tuesday, October 18, and Monday, November 14. To register, or for more information, visit “admissions” at www.fpds.org or contact Amy-Allison Russ at aaruss@fpds.org or (601) 940-9012.

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.

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 Cliff Ford in the church office: 601-353-8316.

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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.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

QUESTION 20: Did God Leave all mankind to die in sin and misery?

ANSWER: From all eternity and merely because it pleased Him God chose some to have everlasting life. These He freed from sin and misery by a covenant of grace and brought them to salvation by a redeemer.

MONDAY:

READ: Genesis 3:14-15; Ephesians 1:1-23

Key Thought: God has provided salvation out of His mere good pleasure.

Questions:

- After Adam sinned, was God obligated to save him?
- After the Fall, did mankind deserve to be saved?
- Why did God determine to save some of His creatures?
- What characteristics of God are seen in this?

Prayer

TUESDAY:

READ: Ephesians 1:1-23

Key Thought: God has provided salvation from all eternity.

Questions:

- Did God determine to save Adam only after he sinned? Does this mean that God knew that Adam would fall, along with his descendants?
- According to Ephesians 1:4, when did God choose us in Christ?
- What does this teach us about the wisdom of God's purpose?
- What does this teach us about the security of our salvation?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY:

READ: Romans 9:1-24

Key Thought: God has elected some to everlasting life.

Questions:

- What is election?
- How do Jacob and Esau illustrate election?
- Which is more amazing: that God loved Jacob or that God hated Esau? Why?
- Does the fact that God elects some to eternal life make Him unfair?

Prayer

THURSDAY:

READ: Psalm 2:1-12

Key Thought: God entered into a covenant of grace.

Questions:

- What is the covenant of grace?
- With whom did God enter into the covenant of grace?
- How was the covenant of grace fulfilled?
- How is the covenant of grace applied to God's elect?

Prayer

FRIDAY:

READ: Titus 2:1-15

Key Thought: God has brought His elect into an estate of salvation.

Questions:

- What is salvation? From what are God's people saved?
- How is the transition from the estate of sin and misery to the estate of salvation seen in the lives of God's elect?
- Is holiness and righteousness in daily living evidence of God's salvation in the heart?
- How is the grace of salvation seen in your life?

Prayer