

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighteenth 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 Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhner  
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 Stewardship Message** — Mr. Spence Flatgard

**The Prelude** — “Nearer, Still Nearer” ..... Leila Morris arr. by Dan Forrest  
Dr. David Snyder, Pianist

**The Introit** — “Come Join Our Cheerful Song!” ..... Dale Wood

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 310** — “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

**The Public Profession of Faith**

The Biblical Basis

The Introduction of New Members

The Questions of Membership

The Prayer

The Declaration

The Blessing

‡ **The Hymn No. 322** — “O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All”

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

**The Offertory** ..... Felix Mendelssohn

“How Lovely Are the Messengers” (St. Paul)

“How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,

Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Revelation 20:11-15 (Pew Bible pages 1040-1041)

**The Sermon** — *Last Things: “Judgment”* ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 523** — “My Hope Is in the Lord”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Choral Response** — “Four Fold Amen” ..... W. Wymond

**The Postlude** — “Lord of the Dance” ..... Sydney Carter arr. by Joel Raney

Dr. David Snyder, Pianist; Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Assisting — Mr. Andrew W. Triolo

Director of Students and Families

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

**The Prelude** — “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”.....Arr. Wymond  
The FPC Strings

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 170** — “Fairest Lord Jesus”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn** — “How Deep the Father’s Love”  
(See Evening Guide)

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Steve Rosenblatt

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

**The Offertory** — “A Joyful Magnificat” ..... Joseph Martin  
The FPC 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**

Q 14. Where do you learn how to love and obey God? A: In the Bible alone.

Q 15. Who wrote the Bible? A: Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**The Meditation** ..... Joe Johnson, Young Adults Intern

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

**The Hymn No. 94 (Stzs. 1-5)** — “How Firm a Foundation”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — 1 John 3:1-3 (Pew Bible page 1022)

**The Sermon** — “Behold, What Manner of Love” .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

**The Postlude** — “How Firm a Foundation” ..... Traditional  
FPC Brass

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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.

# How Deep the Father's Love

Words and Music:  
Stuart Townend



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us,  
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross,  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing,



How vast be - yond all mea - sure,  
My sin up - on His shoul - ders;  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;



That He should give His on - ly Son  
A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice  
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ,



To make a wretch His treas - ure.  
Call out a - mong the scoff - ers.  
His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Why should I gain from His re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns His face a - way,  
Un - til it was ac - com - plished;  
I can - not give an an - swer;



As wounds which mar the Cho - sen One  
His dy - ing breath has brought me life  
But this I know with all my heart



Bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
I know that it is fin - ished.  
His wounds have paid my ran - som.

# 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 18, 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  
**College Luncheon** — 12:00 noon in the gym  
**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 Crawfords  
 (1962 Douglass Drive)

## Monday

**Circles Meet This Week**  
**Shepherding Group Meeting** — 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 WH202  
**Sew and Sow** — 9:00 a.m. in SC211  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Student Ministry Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in MH  
**MNA Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Presbytery Committee Meeting** — 3:00 p.m. in WH202  
**Internationals Bible Study** — 5:30 p.m. in SC213B  
**Shepherding Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215  
**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.  
**MOMS Ministry Team Meeting** — 11:15 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  
**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.  
**MTW Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH

## 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...." **Sebastian & Isabel Heck** – Serving as church planters in Heidelberg, Germany. Mailing address: Kurpfalzring 94, 69245 Bammmental, Germany. Email: sebheck@mac.com **Mark & Raylene Casson** – serving as director of Metanoia Prison Ministries, a part of Mission to North America. Mailing address: 613 Stimpson Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37411; Email: mcasson@pcanet.org

## FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving for the marriage of Ellen Augusta Williams and Bailey Robertson Fair, in honor of Mrs. Joseph Decidue Alfonso and Mrs. Marshal Ney Williams, Jr., and in loving memory of Mr. Joseph Decidue Alfonso and Dr. Marshal Ney Williams, Jr., grandparents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Llewellyn Bailey, Mr. Eugene Love Fair, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Percy Bennett, grandparents of the groom.

## NEW MEMBERS

On October 4, 2015, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jathorne (Catherine) Dambrino, Mrs. Fenly Akers Davis, Mrs. Callie Caldwell Fluhrer, Miss Jennybeth Seabrook Hendrick, Ms. Genie Thurman Hyde, Mr. Joshua Alexander Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. John Rakshith (Kelley Beth) Prabhakar, Mr. Jeremiah John Reese, Mr. Howard Lester Triplett, Jr.

## COLLEGE LUNCHEON

College students, join us for lunch today in the gym following the 11:00 a.m. service. The lunch is free, so come on out, and bring your friends!

## 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!

## YOUNG ADULTS HYMN SING

Young Adults, please save the date for our hymn sing in Hutton Chapel, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we will read, sing, and set our hearts towards God's pattern of redemption in rescuing His people, adopting them into His family, cleansing them from the pollution and power of sin, and bringing them home to glory. We will enjoy a party afterward with refreshments. Save the date, spread the word, and invite your friends!

## BAPTISM

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

## 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/admissionsprocess> or contact Amy-Allison Russ at [aaruss@fpds.org](mailto:aaruss@fpds.org).

## CIRCLES

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

CIRCLE 2: *Fair Hurst*  
10:00 a.m. – home of Beth Crasto  
4030 Dogwood Drive

CIRCLE 4: *Rebecca Redman*  
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 5: *Laura Blaylock & Bess Corbitt*  
9:45 a.m. – Church Library

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, OCTOBER 20TH

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole & Grace Toler*  
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*  
10:00 a.m. – home of Ashleigh Coleman  
1001 Belhaven St.

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*  
10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham,  
4005 Cabell Lane

CIRCLE 13: *Karen Crawford*  
12:00 noon – Miller Hall

NOTE: This circle is ideal for ladies who work outside the home; for more information, contact Karen Crawford at 601-668-5299 or [kcrawford06@windstream.net](mailto:kcrawford06@windstream.net)

## 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. As we are highlighting various aspects of our worship service each week, let us focus on church membership today:

*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 the 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 cause us to 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 where 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.