

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-fifth 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. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational 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 — "Meditation"J. Massenet
McGinty Chilcutt, Violin; Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"R. Vaughan Williams

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 289** — "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

‡ **The Heidelberg Catechism No. 1** (See Guide)

‡ **The Doxology**

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

The Scripture Reading — Ecclesiastes 10:1-15 (Pew Bible page 558)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. No. 546** — "The Sands of Time Are Sinking"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Luther/Young

"A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal. Alleluia.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

His Word above all earthly powers, our thanks to Him abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever. Amen."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 21:1-8 (Pew Bible page 1041)

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

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 524** — "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Choral Response** — "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"P. Lutkin

The Postlude — "Postlude in D" William Shelby

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

JOIN US
THIS EVENING
FOR A
DINNER ON THE GROUNDS
AND EVENING
WORSHIP SERVICE
AT



Gates open at 4:45 p.m.

A Bar-B-Que meal will be served at 5:00 p.m., free of charge, in the Lakeside Dining Hall.

The worship service will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Pavilion.

Come and hear Ralph Kelley preach on 2 Corinthians 4, "*The Triumph of Grace.*"

The dress is casual.

You do not need to bring anything.
We hope to see you there!

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This week we are confessing our faith from the Heidelberg Catechism. It was written by Casper Olievanus and Zacharius Ursinus in the 16th century in order to teach children fundamental Christian truth, help guide preaching, and provide a basis of confessional unity for Protestant believers. The Heidelberg Catechism, along with the Belgic Confession and Canons of Dort, became a part of the Three Forms of Unity, the official doctrinal standards of the Continental European Reformed tradition, in much the same way as the Westminster Standards function in the English speaking Reformed tradition. Similar to its English counterpart, the Westminster Shorter and Larger Catechisms, the Heidelberg Catechism is composed of concise theological questions and answers. Unlike the Shorter Catechism, the Heidelberg Catechism is structured around the 52 Lord's Days in a year in order to facilitate its use, Sunday by Sunday, in the teaching ministry of local congregations. It has proven especially precious to Christians in the Reformed tradition all over the world because of its warm pastoral tone, with questions and answers written in the first person, designed to encourage believers in their walk with the Lord.

Our Only Comfort in Life and in Death

This warm pastoral tone is especially clear in the most famous first question of the Catechism: *What is your only comfort in life and in death?* This is in contrast to the well-known question one of the Westminster Shorter Catechism, *What is the chief end of man?* The Westminster Shorter Catechism states the purpose for which we are made: God's glory. In contrast, the Heidelberg Catechism says how we can fulfill that purpose: God's grace. We long for comfort to continue on this journey; for solace and strength for the battles we are called to wage as Christians. The catechism finds that comfort in six truths. First, we belong to Christ because we are sons of God. Secondly, we are reconciled to God through the blood of Christ. Thirdly, we have been freed from the condemnation we have justly deserved. Fourthly, as a result of the previous truths, our heavenly Father cares for us, so that, fifthly, even the hair that falls from our head works for our good. Sixthly, and finally, the Holy Spirit works in us by assuring us of our salvation, and in doing so, strengthens us to live for the glory of God and love Him from now on.

This confession of our faith in His promises comes immediately after the Prayer of Adoration and Confession and the Assurance of Pardon. Having confessed our many offenses against God in His presence so as to remove any human barrier in our worship of Him, we flee from ourselves and cling to the promises of our God laid in Holy Scripture. Question one of the Heidelberg Catechism reminds us of the certain promises made to us by God and sealed by the precious blood of our Savior. Let us remind ourselves of our only comfort in life and death that we belong to our Savior. And, let us prepare our hearts as we meet our Savior in the preached Word on *Heaven* this morning, so that we might taste heaven's riches through being comforted.

The Heidelberg Catechism No. 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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 • OCTOBER 25, 2015

Sunday	<p>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 Senior High Insight — 7:45 p.m. at the home of the Triolos (1047 Parkwood Place)</p>
Monday	<p>Circle Bible Teachers — 9:00 a.m. in WH204 Mission Conference Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 Young Adults Hymn Sing — 7:00 p.m. in Hutton Chapel</p>
Tuesday	<p>"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. Young Adults/College 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</p>
Wednesday	<p>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. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH MTJ Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. 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</p>
Thursday	<p>"Gospel-Shaped Living" Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH "The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
Friday	<p>No Scheduled Activities</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

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..." **Rick & Terri Herr** – Serving in logistics and administration with Jungle Aviation & Radio Service. Mailing address: 7801 Farmbrook Dr., Waxhaw, NC 28173. Email: rick-terri_herr@sil.org. **Center for Pregnancy Choices** – CPC is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson. This ministry seeks to minister to women who are at risk for abortion as well as to the needs of their unborn children. Mailing address: 114 Office Park Plaza, Jackson, MS 39206. Email: cpcmetro@bellsouth.net Website: www.mypregnancychoices.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Roberta S. Feild — October 16, 2015

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Cook by their daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth Cook.

TWIN LAKES DINNER/WORSHIP SERVICE TONIGHT

Whether a visitor or long-time member, you are invited to join the First Pres family this evening 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 join us for a hymn sing in Hutton Chapel this Monday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m., as we 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 then enjoy a party afterward with refreshments. Invite your friends!

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Men, join us Thursday, November 3, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring Justin Jones-Fosu, President of African-American Leadership Initiative. Reservations are not required and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Please bring a friend, co-worker or neighbor.

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 at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

Senior High Students, registration is open for the Senior High Winter Retreat 2016! Save the date and register now for the retreat January 15-18, 2015. 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.

FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

For new students only: The First Presbyterian Day School Board of Trustees has established priority enrollment for First Presbyterian Church members for remaining vacancies beginning August 2016. The application deadline will be midnight, October 31. 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 www.fpds.org or contact Amy-Allison Russ at aaruss@fpds.org

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2015

**“For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.”**

MATTHEW 6:21 (ESV)