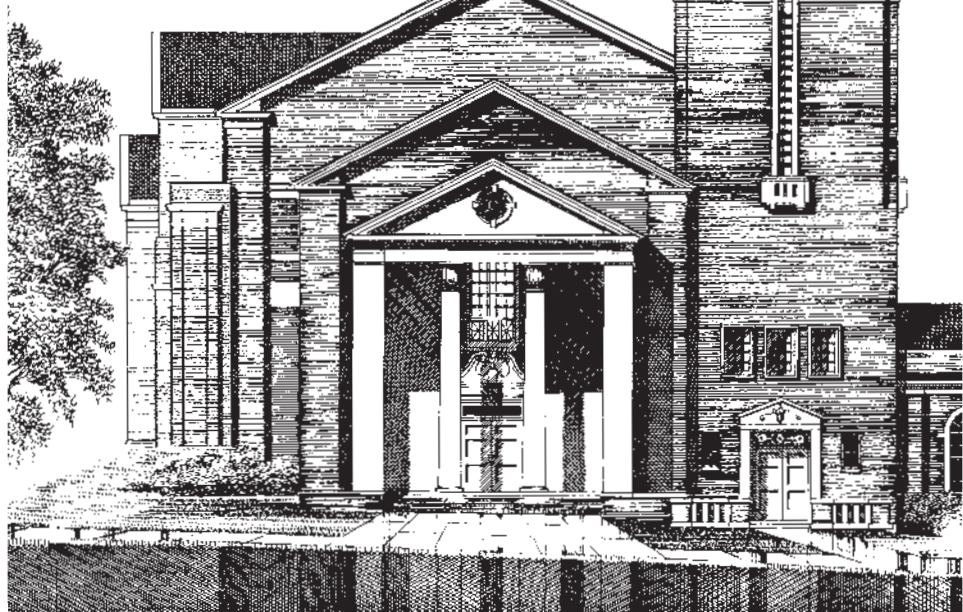


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-ninth Day of October, Two Thousand Seventeen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Stewardship Message — Zeb K. Henson

The Prelude — "Take My Life and Let It Be" Henri Malan
Nancy Bateman, Cello; Rae Shannon, Piano

The Introit — "Praise Ye the Lord" (from *Coronation Anthem*) G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 267** — "The Day of Resurrection!"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Doxology**

"Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!"

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 14 (Pew Bible page 453)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Arr. Walter Pelz

STANZA 1: CONGREGATION AND CHOIR

"O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

STANZA 2: ALL MEN

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

STANZA 3: CELLO AND ORGAN

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health and peace.

STANZA 4: CHOIR

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free:
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

STANZA 5: ALL WOMEN

He speaks, and list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

STANZA 6: CONGREGATION AND CHOIR

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

STANZA 7: CONGREGATION AND CHOIR

In Christ, your Head, you then shall now, shall feel your sins forgiven;
Anticipate your heav'n below, and own that love is heav'n."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 1:8 (Pew Bible page 909)

The Sermon — "Christ's Vision for the Church" Dr. Strain

‡ **The Psalm of Response No. 717** — "Blest the Man That Fears Jehovah"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Festival Amen" W. Wymond

The Postlude — "O Savior, Reign the Heavens" Helmut Walcha

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing



The Presbytery
of the Mississippi Valley
invites you to a special service
of worship to celebrate the



*500th Anniversary
of the Reformation*



6:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

A nursery will be provided
for children age 4 and under.



Today is Vision Sunday.

The Elders of FPC recently adopted a statement that defines our vision to be an outward facing church where the gospel changes lives.

Our Vision:

“First Presbyterian Church exists to glorify God by making disciples on the North State Street corridor, in the greater Jackson area, and around the world.”

What we must do...

“To glorify God”

Our chief end and deepest joy (*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #1*) is the exaltation of the Triune God of the Bible. In a narcissistic age, we exist to make much of God, seeking in all things to be and to gather true worshippers.

“by making disciples”

We purpose to reach, win, grow, equip, and deploy God’s people for the propagation of God’s glory throughout the world.

Where we have been called to do it...

“on the North State Street Corridor”

In His providence, God has placed us on the corner of North State and Pinehurst Streets, in central Jackson. We resolve to be good neighbors and gospel witnesses in the neighborhoods around our church campus (Belhaven, Mid-Town, and Fondren).

“in the greater Jackson area”

FPCJ draws visitors and members from the metro-Jackson area. We will continue to make disciples in our city by equipping believers to live for Christ in the home, the workplace, and in their neighborhoods across our region.

“and around the world.”

North America: With a renewed focus on church planting in North America, FPCJ will make disciples across our country by establishing new churches and supporting, sending, and serving church planters.

Globally: There remain 6,738 unreached people groups, over 42% of the global population.* In addition to other mission endeavors, we will begin to pray and work to support and establish gospel churches with special attention on the unreached.

(*source: https://joshuaproject.net/resources/articles/has_everyone_heard)



COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2018

STEWARDSHIP 2018

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Immediately prior to the ascension of Jesus, He commissioned each of us to be His witnesses for the gospel. The body of Christ at First Presbyterian Church exists to do just that in Jackson and throughout the world.

Making a financial pledge is your investment in our church's mission, as we seek to fulfill the mandate Christ has given us. The resources you give help to change lives through the gospel. Please prayerfully consider your Stewardship Commitment for 2018.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

Sunday	<p>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)</p> <p>Coffee/Donuts — 9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in LH Churchwide Gathering — 9:40 a.m. in Sanctuary Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m. worship service in M135MB Joint Choirs Rehearsal — 4:30 p.m. (Sanctuary) The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only) Reformation Youth Event — 7:30 p.m. on the Playground</p>
Monday	<p>Circle Bible Teachers Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in PH Mission First Tutoring — 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. in SC 210/213</p>
Tuesday	<p>“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211 French Camp Quilters/Cross Stitchers — 9:00 a.m. in MB132 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. “Christianity Explored” Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC213A Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS Bible Study (Joshua) — 9:00 a.m. in PH & SC Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m. Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in LH College Dinner & Discussion — 5:15 p.m. in SC211B Junior High D Groups — 5:30 p.m. in YH Children’s Playtime — 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in Gym/Playground Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC210 Senior High Small Group Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in Y201 and Y202 Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH Working Women’s Bible Study (1 Timothy & Titus) — 6:30 p.m. in Parlor Engaged & Newly Married Class — 6:30 p.m. in HC Adult D-Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations Brass Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary</p>
Thursday	<p>Ladies’ Bible Study (Daniel) — 9:00 a.m. in PH & SC Ladies’ Bible Study (Hebrews) — 9:45 a.m. in MS 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 SC211</p>

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...”

Beginning Again in Christ — BAIC is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson. They minister in state prisons, county jails, and work centers in MS and seek to mobilize the local church for prison ministry.
Email: beginning@bellsouth.net

Alonzo & Esther Ramirez — Serving in university campus ministry, seminary training and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Cajamarca, Peru. Email: ssagustin21@yahoo.com

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Frances Roberts — October 18, 2017

FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT FOR FPC MEMBERS

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 K3 through sixth in the 2018-2019 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 or contact Amy-Allison Russ at aaruss@fpds.org or (601) 940-9012.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

This past May, the children gathered enough materials to make 63 Operation Christmas Child boxes which will soon be shipped to happy children across the globe. The Children’s Sunday School offering for the months of November and December will help fund this shipment. Please be in prayer for the recipients of these boxes, and encourage your children to bring money for the offering. Thank you for supporting this. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Henson at annah@fpcjackson.org.

REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY — WEDNESDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERIES

Five-hundred years ago, the Protestant Reformation signaled a decisive break from the superstitious religion of the Medieval church. The Lord, in His grace, used this movement to drive people away from a trust in man-made tradition and back to the source of true revelation — the Bible — as the only Word of God to man. In continuation of our observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, join us on Wednesday evenings for the next three weeks at 6:30 p.m. in Patterson Hall as we further consider the history and lasting significance of our Reformed legacy.

Wednesday, November 1, Dr. Andrew Hoffercker:
“How Did God Reform His Church in Switzerland?”

Wednesday, November 8, Dr. Guy Waters:
“Justification by Faith Alone”

Wednesday, November 15, Dr. David Strain:
“John Knox: Reformation of Courage”

THE PCA GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 10-12 – DALLAS

Join us at the PCA Global Missions Conference to discover how you can help expand the reach of the Great Commission. Once registered, a link will be provided to receive a group rate for a hotel room at the Hilton Anatole where the conference will be held. To find out more or register visit www.mtw.org/gmc. Come early for *Welcoming the Refugee*, a timely pre-conference that will lead you to dive deep into this critical global need. Nov. 9–10, 2017. **Partial scholarships are available as needed, please contact missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org with questions.**

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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. It is also available on the app under "Resources."

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 79: Which is the tenth commandment?

Answer: The tenth commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's."

MONDAY

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Key Thought: Covetousness is a subtle sin.

Questions:

- What does it mean to covet? What does the word "subtle" mean?
- How does this commandment differ from the other nine?
- What excuses or false arguments do people use to convince themselves that they are not covetous?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23; Galatians 5:16-17

Key Thought: Covetousness is a spirit-killing sin.

Questions:

- Where is covetousness seen in the parable of the sower?
- What is the effect of covetousness there?
- How does covetousness kill the spirit?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Luke 18:18-23

Key Thought: Covetousness is a root sin.

Questions:

- Why did the rich young ruler think that he had kept all of the commandments?
- Which commandment did Jesus use to expose his self-deception?
- How does breaking the 10th commandment lead to breaking the other nine?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: James 3:13-4:4

Key Thought: Covetousness is a base sin.

Questions:

- How does James describe bitter envy and self-seeking?
- What is meant by the words "earthly," "sensual," "demonic"?
- How does covetousness make a man behave like a beast?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Luke 16:19-26; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Key Thought: Covetousness is a damnable sin.

Questions:

- What do men seek to gain by covetousness?
- What will happen to the objects of covetousness when we die?
- What will happen to the souls of the covetous at death?

Prayer