

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Second 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. 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 a.m.)

The Prelude — "Prelude on 'The King of Love'"Eric Thiman

The Introit — "He Is Lord!"David Clydesdale

Jeff Brown, Guest Director; Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 283** — "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Apostles' Creed**

(See Guide)

‡ **The Doxology**

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

The Scripture Reading — Mark 9:14-29 (Pew Bible pages 844-845)

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 647** — "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "I Will Sing of the Mercies" Arr. Rashback

"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.

With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. "

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 26 and 27 (Pew Bible pages 66-68)

The Sermon — *God Reigns: "Gospel Pictures, Part 2"*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 156** — "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

"We rest on Thee' – our shield and our defender!

We go not forth alone against the foe;

Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,

'We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.'

Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,

'We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.'"

The Postlude — "Postlude on 'O Worship the King'"Eric Thiman

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — “Prelude on ‘Macedonia’”Arr. J. Hunt
The FPC Brass

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 175** — “A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Psalm** — “From Depths of Woe” (See Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Noel Toler

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “The Christian Life” Charles Loudemilk
Allen Burrows and Frazier Riddell

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q122: What is the fifth petition? A: The fifth petition is “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

Q123: What does it mean to pray, “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”? A: We are asking God to forgive our sins for Christ’s sake, and to make us willing to forgive others.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**Gabe Fluhrer, Minister of Discipleship

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 646 (Stz.1-4)** — “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 12 (Pew Bible pages 1034-1035)

The Sermon — *Behold, A Throne*: “The Woman and the Dragon” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o’er the world Thy holy light.”

The Postlude — “God of Our Fathers” George Warren
The FPC Brass

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**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.

From Depths of Woe

Music: Christopher Miner

Psalm 130

Words: Martin Luther



1. From depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of la-men-ta - tion;
2. To wash a-way the crim-son stain, grace, grace a-lone a-vail - eth;
3. *There-fore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own mer - it;*
4. What tho' I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn ap-pear-eth,
5. Tho' great our sins and sore our woes his grace much more a-bound-eth;



Lord, turn a gra-cious ear to me and hear my sup-pli-ca - tion:
our works, a-las! are all in vain; in much the best life fail - eth:
on him my soul shall rest, his Word up-holds my faint-ing spir - it:
my heart still trust-eth in his might; it doubt-eth not nor fear-eth:
his help - ing love no lim-it knows, our ut-most need it sound-eth.



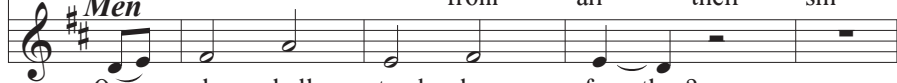
if thou in-iq-ui - ties dost mark, our se-cret sins and mis-deeds dark,
no man can glo-ry in thy sight, all must a-like con-fess thy might,
his prom-ised mer-cy is my fort, my com-fort, and my sweet sup-port;
do thus, O ye of Is-rael's seed, ye of the Spir-it born in - deed;
Our Shep-herd good and true is he, who will at last his Is - rael free

Ladies



O who shall stand
and live a - lone
I wait for it
and wait till God
from all their sin

Men



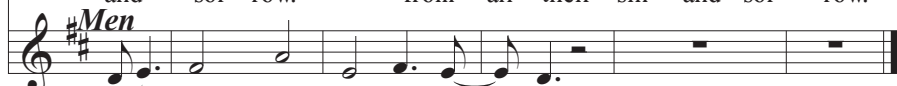
O who shall stand be - fore thee?
and live a - lone by mer - cy,
I wait for it with pa-tience,
and wait till God ap - pear - eth,
from all their sin and sor - row,

Ladies



be - fore thee? O who shall stand be - fore thee?
by mer - cy. and live a - lone by mer - cy.
with pa-tience. I wait for it with pa - tience.
ap - pear - eth. and wait till God ap - pear - eth.
and sor - row. from all their sin and sor - row.

Men



O who shall stand be - fore thee?
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles' Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its author, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is "Apostolic" in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: "Ghost" is employed where we would use "Spirit," the word "quick" where we would use "living," and "catholic" where we would use "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in MS
New Members Received — 5:00 p.m. in PH
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 Crews home
 (198 Kirkwood Place)

Monday

WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Deacons Executive Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. 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.
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting — 11:30 a.m. in MH.
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m.
 in SC210
Presbytery Mission to the Military — 4:00 p.m. in WH 202
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

Session Finance Committee Meeting — 7:30 a.m. in WH204
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.
Benevolence Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in Basement Classroom
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 Dinner — 5:30 p.m. meet in YH
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Newly Married and Engaged Class — 6:30 p.m. in HC
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Christianity Explored — 6:30 p.m. WH202
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.

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...”

Filemon & Natalie Shaded – Serving with International Messengers in Plock, Poland in evangelism and discipleship. Email: filemonshaded@gmail.com

Elliott & Carrie Everitt – Serving as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Mercer University in Macon, GA. Email: elliott.everitt@ruf.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Davant, Jr.

JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT 2016

There are still spots available for Junior High Fall Retreat, October 7-9, 2016, at Twin Lakes. The cost is \$120. There will be lots of fun and games, small groups, singing, and teaching from our guest speaker, John Perritt, Youth Director at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. The theme of the weekend is *Satisfied: Hungering & Thirsting for God*. Contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org with questions. Sign up online at www.fpcjackson.org/youth.

JUNIOR HIGH DINNER

Join us for Junior High Dinner this Wednesday, October 5, during our normal D Group time. Meet at the Youth House at 5:30 p.m. or meet at Rooster's in Fondren at 6:00 p.m. Students may be picked up at 7:00 p.m. at the restaurant or 7:30 p.m. at the Youth House. Please sign up online at www.fpcjackson.org/youth so we can plan for rides.

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 as Senior Minister David Strain leads us in a time of prayer, discussion, and teaching on practical issues related to the Christian life.

FRENCH CAMP HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please come to French Camp this Saturday, October 8, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., for their annual Harvest Festival. French Camp Academy is a Christian boarding school that provides healing and stability for young people and is an FPC supported ministry. Bring your friends and family to the Harvest Festival, enjoy the day, and support French Camp.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion Sunday will be next Sunday, October 9. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free crackers will be available for Communion. They will be placed on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard. Please pick up a piece on the way into the morning worship service.

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.

GOLDEN CIRCLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many ladies, for various reasons are unable to attend worship services, Bible studies, or Circles, and would enjoy receiving visits, cards, and phone calls. Volunteers are needed throughout the year to help them stay connected with our church. Please contact Kortney Anderson 601-826-0043 or andersonkortney@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

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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 fpcj.ms/fam-devo. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 18: What is sinful about man's fallen condition?

Answer: The sinfulness of that fallen condition is twofold. First, in what is commonly called original sin, there is the guilt of Adam's first sin with its lack of original righteousness and the corruption of his whole nature. Second are all the specific acts of disobedience that come from original sin.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 5:12-21

Key Thought: Adam's sin has made us all guilty before God.

Questions:

- Must we commit actual sins to be found guilty before God?
- What nature has been passed down to us from Adam?
- Have you acknowledged that you are guilty before God?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 3:10-18

Key Thought: There is no original righteousness in man.

Questions:

- Was Adam created with original righteousness?
- How does Paul describe the condition of all men since Adam?
- Is man basically good?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 6:5-13

Key Thought: Man's whole nature is corrupt.

Questions:

- Is there any part of man that has not been corrupted by sin?
- If you put a few drops of poison into a glass of water, would the whole glass be contaminated? How is this like the effect of sin?
- What keeps man from being as wicked as he could be?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Matthew 15:10-20

Key Thought: Original sin leads to actual transgressions.

Questions:

- Are we called "sinners" because we sin, or do we sin because we are sinners?
- Which is worse: Our sinful nature or our actual sinful deeds?
- Can we be saved by trying to change our behavior? Why not?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 5:12-21

Key Thought: Christ has conquered sin for us.

Questions:

- What was the result of Adam's sin?
- What was the result of Christ's life?
- Do all men automatically receive the benefits of Christ's work?

Prayer