

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth 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. Edward A. Hartman
Minister of Mission and Outreach

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 in F"Eric Thiman
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — "Almighty God of Our Fathers "Will James

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 343** — "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Ten Commandments (See Guide)

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Doxology**

"O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker,
and all within me bless His holy name; bless thou the Lord,
forget not all His mercies, His pardoning grace and saving love proclaim.
Bless Him forever, wondrous in might; bless Him,
His servants that in His will delight."

The Scripture Reading — Ecclesiastes 9:7-17 (Pew Bible page 558)

The Morning Prayer

The Hymn — "O Great God" (See Guide)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Lo, I Am with You Always" John Rutter

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Yet a little while, and the world see-eth me no more; but ye see me:

Because I live, ye shall live also.

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:

And he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:

Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,

Neither let it be afraid. Lo, I am with you always."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 6:10-24 (Pew Bible page 979)

The Sermon — "Stand Firm!"Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 577** — "Stand Up, My Soul; Shake Off Your Fears"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Choral Response** — "Benediction Prayer" W. Wymond

The Postlude — "Postlude in D" James Southbridge

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

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Six O'Clock

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

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

The Prelude — "St. Anthony Chorale" Haydn/Brahms
The Cello Choir, Nancy Bateman, Leader

The Call to Worship

‡ The Hymn No. 521 — "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

‡ The Invocation

‡ The Evening Hymn No. 405 — "God, That Madest Earth and Heaven"

* The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Arthur Davis

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "We Rest On Thee" Sibelius arr. by J. Hunt
The FPC Brass

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q7: "In how many Persons does this one God exist?" A: "In three Persons."

Q8: "Name these three Persons." A: "The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Q9: "What is God?" A: "God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men."

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

‡ The Hymn No. 500 (Stz. 1-3) — "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ruth 4:1-12 (Pew Bible page 224)

The Sermon — "The Gateway to Rest" Mr. Strain

‡ The Benediction

‡ The Response No. 500 (Stz. 4) — "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

"While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee."

The Postlude — "A Mighty Fortress" Martin Luther
The FPC Brass

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**Children dismissed after the prayer

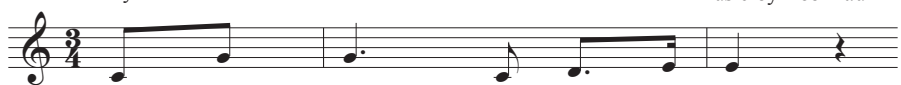
To All Our
Visitors

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.

O Great God

Words by Bob Kauflin

Music by Bob Kauflin



1 O great God of high - est heav'n
2 I was blind - ed by my sin;
3 Help me now to live a life



Oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
Had no ears to hear Your voice;
That's de - pend - ent on Your grace.



Own it all and reign su - preme
Did not know Your love with - in
Keep my heart and guard my soul



Con - quer eve - ry re - bel pow'r.
Had no taste for heav - en's joys.
From the e - vils that I face.



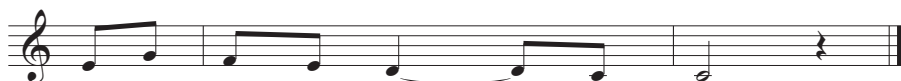
Let no vice or sin re - main
Then Your Spir - it gave me life,
You are wor - thy to be praised



That re - sists Your ho - ly war.
O - pened up Your Word to me.
With my eve - ry thought and deed.



You have loved and pur - chased me
Through the gos - pel of Your Son,
O great God of high - est heav'n



Make me Yours for - ev - er - more
Gave me end - less hope and peace.
Glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

As Christians, we are prone to wander and leave the God we love. But when we come to the knowledge of our straying, we often come before God with a self-reproach that does not look at the mercies of God in Jesus Christ but rather upon ourselves. This is what Scripture calls a “sorrow that leads to death,” while Godly sorrow is one that “produces a repentance that leads to salvation” (2 Corinthians 7:10). Godly sorrow is not only a sorrow over sin – indwelling or acted – but also lays a firm gaze upon the promises of God for forgiveness. This week, we will look at the purpose and placement of The Assurance of Pardon during our worship services.

The Assurance of Pardon

What is the Assurance of Pardon? Simply put, the Assurance of Pardon is a reminder of the Scriptural promise that all who trust in Christ are truly forgiven their sins. All believers can personally claim this truth. The Assurance of Pardon soon follows The Prayer of Adoration and Confession. During the prayer of confession, we join the minister with heartfelt agreement to confess the times we have desired the things of this world that are in opposition to the things of God, left undone those things we ought to have done, and done those things which we ought not to have done. As quick as we are and must be to confess our sin, we are likewise quick to receive the assurance of God’s pardoning grace because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Why is it a part of our worship? In order to remove any human barrier to our experience of grace conferred through the Word, prayer, and the sacraments, we confess our sin and receive the assurance of grace. Moreover, gospel people are a confessing people simply because the gospel convicts of sin, causing us to confess our shortcomings, to rejoice in the God of our salvation, while moving us toward good works for His glory. Hence, just as confession of sin characterizes gospel people, so does laying hold of the promises of God that are “yes” and “amen” in Christ Jesus. The Scottish minister, Robert Murray M’Cheyne, is noted to have said, “For every look at self, take ten looks at Christ.” May we, in having a look at ourselves in the Prayer of Confession, gaze upon the wonderful work that Christ has wrought for us in the words of Assurance of Pardon that we may have true joy in our heavenly Father.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 4, 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
Student Choir — 4:40 p.m. in MS
New Members Received — 4:45 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 home of the Hedermans
 (4265 Brussels Drive)

Monday

Women's Ministry 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 WH202
Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Women's Ministry Fall Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Internationals Bible Study — 5:30 p.m. in SC213B
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 Mentors Lunch — 11:15 a.m. in WH204
Depression Seminar Lunch — 12:00 noon in MH
Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in Basement Classroom
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.
Islam Lecture/Panel Discussion — 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 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..." **Mr. & Mrs. William H.** - Serving with SIM in Africa. For contact information, please contact the Mission Department. **Bethany Christian Services** - Bethany Christian Services is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson. They seek to manifest the love and compassion of Christ by protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families through quality social services. Email: lifelines@bethany.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today, from the wedding of Elizabeth Wade and Martin Antoon, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Barney Harold Jackson and Mr. John Ernest Wade, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Granville Mays Martin, Jr., grandparents of the groom.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL LUNCHEON

Ladies, mark your calendars now and make plans to attend our fall luncheon. Dr. Tracy Ford will speak to us on the "Hope of Heaven." The luncheon will be on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Miller Hall. The cost is \$6.00 per person. To register, call 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org. A nursery is available upon request at the time of registration.

DEPRESSION SEMINAR SERIES

Depression: "What It Is and How We Deal with It"

Our luncheon seminar series continues this Wednesday, October 7, 12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m. in Miller Hall. Lunch is provided for \$6. These sessions are centered around understanding the causes of depression, recognizing some of its warning signs, encouraging those who may struggle with depression, with particular emphasis on adolescents and depression. Our speaker this week is Dr. David Elkin. The series will conclude on October 14 with a Q&A session. We hope you'll join us. To sign up, please call 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org

ISLAM: RADICALISM AND COMPASSION

Please join us on Thursday, October 8, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Miller Hall as we delve into Islam and the Muslim culture. Ligon Duncan and Matt Kirkas will be speaking on the growing radicalism in Islam and our call to a compassionate response in ministering the gospel of grace to Muslims. The evening will end with a panel discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. For more information, please contact the Mission Department at missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org or by calling 601-973-9125.

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

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 ear piece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office: 601-353-8316.

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.

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LAST THINGS

DEATH, JUDGMENT, HEAVEN, & HELL

Is there hope that wrongs will one day be righted? Is death the end? Can there be meaning to life if it has no purpose? How we answer these questions changes everything. In a world of suffering and injustice where evil too often appears to prevail, the Christian gospel proclaims that ultimate justice governs the universe.

Please join us on Sunday mornings as we explore how the gospel addresses the LAST THINGS:

OCTOBER 11 - DEATH

OCTOBER 18 - JUDGMENT

OCTOBER 25 - HEAVEN

NOVEMBER 8 - HELL

4-PART SUNDAY MORNING SERIES