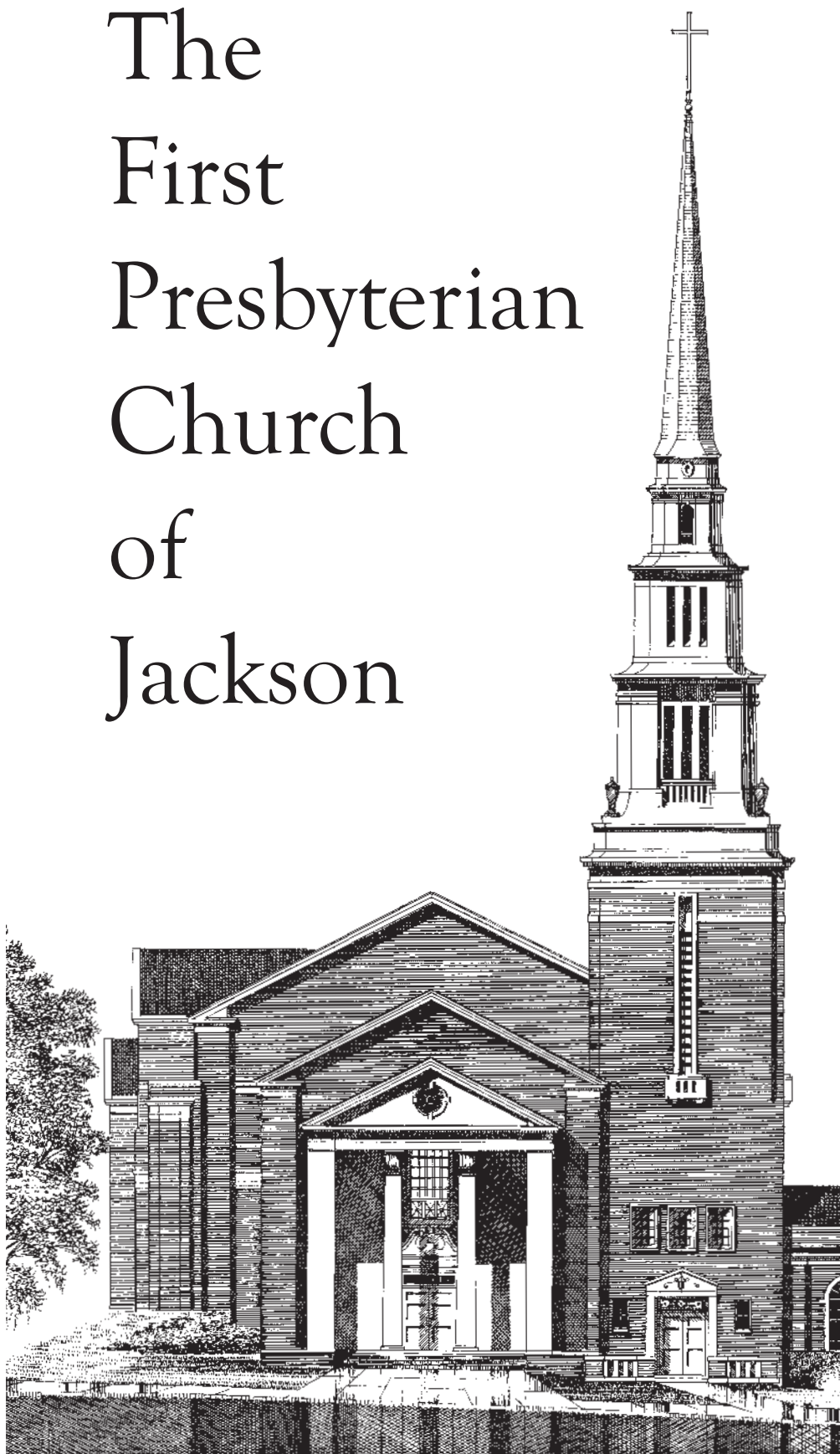


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of September, 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 — "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Wilbur Held
Rae Shannon, Guest Organist

The Introit — "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Ludwig van Beethoven

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 168** — "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

The Scripture Reading — Mark 9:2-13 (Pew Bible page 844)

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 649** — "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"Gilbert Martin
With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

"Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling O sinner, come home!

Pleading for you and for me! Mercies for you and for me!

Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home . . .

O, for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me;

Tho' we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me,

Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home . . ."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 23:20-33 (Pew Bible page 64)

The Sermon — *God Reigns: "The Warrior God"*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 534** — "O for a Closer Walk with God"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Four-Fold Amen" W. Wymond

The Postlude — "Come, Thou, Almighty King"James Pethel

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach

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

The Prelude — “By the Waters of Babylon”J.S. Bach
The FPC Brass

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 457** — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Psalm No. 9B** (See Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder David Elkin

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Worthy of Worship” Arr.. by Fettke/Grassi
The Student Choir

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q116: What is the second petition? A: The second petition is “Thy kingdom come.”

Q117: What does it mean to pray, “Thy kingdom come”? A: We are asking God
to bring more and more people to hear, believe, and obey His gospel.

****The Meditation and Prayer**.....David Felker, Minister of Young Adults & College

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 95 (Stz 1-3)** — “Though Troubles Assail Us”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 6:1-8:5 (Pew Bible pages 1031-1032)

The Sermon — *Behold, A Throne: “Seven Seals”*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
Yet, since we have known of the Savior’s great name,
In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, “The Lord will provide.””

The Postlude — “Amazing Grace” Newton, arr. by J. Hunt
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.

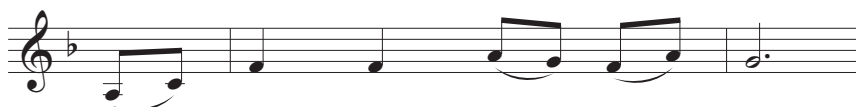
Singing through the Psalter

Psalm 9B

Tune: Pisgah



(vs. 7) 1. The LORD for - ev - er reigns on high;
(vs. 9) 2. Je - ho - vah is a re - fuge strong
(vs. 10) 3. All those who know your name, O LORD,



his throne for judg - ment's set.
for those who are op - pressed,
in you their trust will place,



(vs. 8) He'll judge the world in right - eous - ness,
And he will be a strong de - fense
For you do not a - band - on those



with just - ice judge the lands.
for those who are dis - tressed.
who seek your gra - cious face.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

ADOPT-A-COLLEGE-STUDENT PROGRAM

Would you consider inviting an undergraduate into the life of your family and making them feel at home during their time away from home? The Lord has blessed First Presbyterian Church by surrounding it with many colleges and universities in the Jackson area. As these undergraduate students move to town throughout the next few weeks, many of them are looking for opportunities to get plugged in and to experience community with other believers outside the college context. The Adopt-a-College-Student program is our attempt to meet that desire. Please contact Kelly Jackson, FPC College Coordinator, to sign up or for more information: kellyj@fpcjackson.org.

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, October 2. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, September 21. Any forms received after September 21, will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Walters at lisaw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9102.

SEPTEMBER CIRCLES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

CIRCLE 2: *Beth Keeler*

10:00 a.m. – home of Becky Ivison
2631 Lake Circle

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. – home of Tot Bailey
2420 Sandridge Drive

CIRCLE 4: *Bess Corbitt & Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 6: *Rhonda Baird*

6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer
2257 East Northside Drive

CIRCLE 7: *Marcia Penn*

5:30 p.m. – Miller Hall

CIRCLE 8: *Janie Purvis*

9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

CIRCLE 14: *Susan Turner & Georgia Miller*

12:00 noon – Miller Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole & Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of Diana Howie
1551 Douglass Drive

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*

10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham
4005 Cabell Lane

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston & Rachel Bonner*

10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine's, Marian Hall

CIRCLE 13: *Elizabeth Fulcher*

5:30 p.m. dinner, 6:00 p.m. meeting –
Corner Bakery, Madison

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 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
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 Triolo home
 (1047 Parkwood Place)

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting — 7:30 a.m. in MH
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Twin Lakes Executive Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Presbytery Credentials Committee Meeting — 4:00 p.m.
 in WH202
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

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.
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
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Understanding Islam — 6:30 p.m. in PH
FPC Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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....”

William and Judith Traub – Serving with MTW in partnership with the Free Church of Scotland as a Bible teacher and as an elder in Dundee, Scotland. Email: willtraub@mac.com

Franky Garcia – Serving as an intern for the Christian Medical and Dental Association at UMMC. Email: KennethFranklinGarcia@gmail.com

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Please join us on Wednesday, September 14, in Miller Hall for a special prayer meeting. Ed Hartman will lead us in prayer for specific concerns in the Islamic world, and Gabe Fluhrer will teach on the topic of “Understanding Islam to Love our Neighbors Well.” Please note that D Groups will not meet on this evening.

FALL FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The Fall *Foundations Class* begins today at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through October 23, 2016. This class is for members and visitors who want to know more about our church and its ministries, our denomination, Presbyterian doctrine and beliefs, church history, and church government. To sign up, please email Lisa Walters at lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

YOUNG ADULTS LADIES’ AND MEN’S EVENTS

The Young Adults Ministry will have two events on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:45 p.m. The ladies’ event will be held at the Wade’s home (2417 Eastover Drive) with Casey Cockrum speaking. Casey is the Staff Counselor for female RUF interns and staff across the country. The men’s event will be held at the Walters’ home (1514 Riverwood Drive), and the speaker will be the Rev. Billy Dempsey. Please RSVP to Anna, Joe, or David or by joining the events on Facebook.

NEW CLASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES AND NEWLYWEDS

Consider joining us for a new six-week study starting Wednesday, September 14, for engaged couples and newlyweds (up to five years of marriage). It will be taught by various people, include mentor couples, and cover topics that are often included in premarital counseling (conflict, communication, intimacy, money, in-laws, etc.). Please sign up by talking to David Felker or emailing youngadults@fpcjackson.org by Monday, September 12.

“TRUTH AT DAWN” MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Men, Gabe Fluhrer will again lead a weekly morning Bible study, and the topic this fall will be *The Book of Numbers: Experiencing the Presence of God in Daily Life*. Take advantage of this opportunity for learning and fellowship if you are able! The Bible study will resume on Tuesday mornings from 6:30 a.m.– 7:45 a.m. in Miller Hall beginning September 13, 2016. A breakfast will be served each week for \$6.00. To sign up for this study, please contact Lisa Repair at lisar@fpcjackson.org or call 601-326-9243.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, September 18. Space is available for both services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or lisaw@fpcjackson.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GAME NIGHT

Attention all high school seniors: We love getting to spend time with our seniors as they finish their last year of high school. Come to Augusta’s house (1740 Howard Street) on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m., for fellowship, food, and games. We hope to see you there!

JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT

Junior High students, join us for Junior High Fall Retreat 2016, October 7-9, 2016, at Twin Lakes. The cost is \$120 but sign up by our early bird deadline, tomorrow, September 12, and pay \$80. This is a great weekend full of games, relays, and fellowship with other students. The students will also spend time in small groups led by staff members, singing together, and being taught by 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.

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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 fpcjackson.org. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 15: By what sin did our first parents fall from their original condition?

Answer: Our first parents' sin was eating the forbidden fruit.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:1-8

Key Thought: The first sin was an act of unbelief.

Questions:

- What specific sin did our first parents commit?
- Was there anything evil or sinful about the fruit itself?
- What made the eating of this fruit a sin?
- How did the serpent tempt them to disbelieve God's word?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:1-8

Key Thought: The first sin was an act of ingratitude and discontent.

Questions:

- What is ingratitude? What does it mean to be discontented?
- How did the serpent tempt Eve to be ungrateful and discontented?
- What do ingratitude and discontent imply about God?
- In what ways are you tempted to be ungrateful or discontented?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:1-8

Key Thought: The first sin was an act of pride and blasphemy.

Questions:

- Wasn't Eve already "like God" since she was created "in His image"? What did the serpent mean by this?
- What is pride? What is blasphemy?
- How is all sin an expression of pride and blasphemy?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:1-8

Key Thought: The first sin was an act of murder.

Questions:

- Do you have to physically take someone's life to be guilty of murder? What other ways can murder be committed?
- Did our first parents act only on behalf of themselves?
- What was the result of their sin for themselves?
- What was the result of their sin for their descendants?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:1-8

Key Thought: The first sin was an act of disobedience to both tables of the moral law.

Questions:

- Where do we find the "moral law" of God?
- What is the focus of the first table? What is the focus of the second table? How did Jesus summarize them?
- How did the sin of our first parents break both tables of the law?
- Is this true of all sin?

Prayer