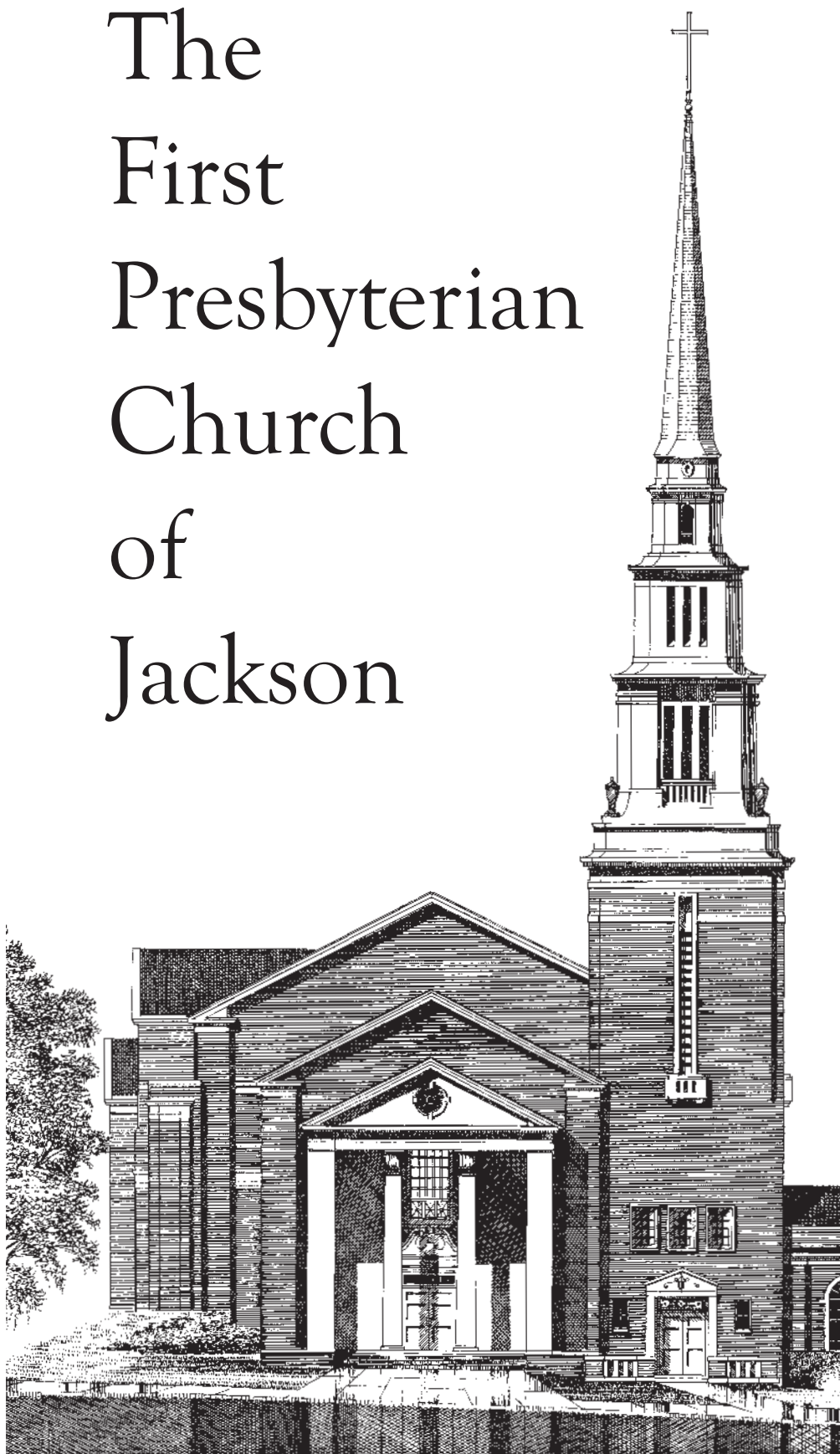


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighteenth 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. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral 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 — "Sinfonia: God's Time Is Best"J. S. Bach

The Introit — "Come, Join Our Cheerful Song" Paul Sjolund
Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern, Directing

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 No. 296** —

"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all."

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution

The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families

The Biblical Promise

The Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction

The Congregational Response No. 131 —

"Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather:
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy."

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "O Lord God" Paul Tschesnokoff

"O Lord God, hear Thou my prayer, help Thou me, and give ear to my prayer.

Daily do I worship Thy great name and Thy power.

Thou alone canst help me: O send me Thy peace and love.

O protect me, my God. Let me never stray, O my Saviour.

Leave me not, O God of my salvation.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,

and praise Thy great name while I have my being.

Hear my prayer, hear Thou my prayer;

Help Thou me, and give ear to my prayer.

Glory to Thee!"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 24 (Pew Bible pages 64-65)

The Sermon — *God Reigns: "Behold the Blood of the Covenant"* ..Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 310** — "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Seven-Fold Amen"Peter Lutkin

The Postlude — "Finale" (*Royal Fireworks Music*) G. F. Handel

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley — Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — “Were You There?”Southern Spiritual
FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 7** — “From All That Dwell below the Skies”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Psalm No. 9C** (See Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Jerry Shivers

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Before the Throne of God Above” Cooke
Martin Antoon and Lawson Marchetti

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q118: What is the third petition? A: The third petition is “Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

Q119: What does it mean to pray, “Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”?
A: We are asking God to make us able and willing to serve Him on earth just as He is served in heaven.

****The Meditation and Prayer**.....David Groendyk, Pastoral Care Intern

‡ **The Hymn No. 324 (Stz. 1-3)** — “Christ Is Coming!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 8:6-10:11
(Pew Bible pages 1032-1034)

The Sermon — *Behold, A Throne: “A Call to the Unconverted”*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“With that blessed hope before us, let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:
‘Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!’”

The Postlude — “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” G. F. Handel
FPC Strings

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‡Congregation standing

**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.

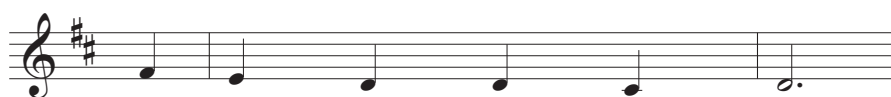
Singing through the Psalter

Psalm 9C

Tune: Dundee



- (vs. 11) 1. Sing prais - es to the LORD who sits
(vs. 12) 2. For the a - veng - er of blood - shed
(vs. 13) 3. *Be gra - cious un - to me O Lord*
(vs. 14) 4. That I may tell Your ev - 'ry praise,
(vs. 15) 5. The na - tions all have fal - len down



In Zi - on on His throne;
Re - mem - bers ev - er - more;
And see my mis - er - y,
At Zi - on's daugh - ter's gates,
In - to the pit they made;



A - mong the na - tions of the world
He nev - er shall for - get the cry
From those who've hat - ed me O Lord,
And that I may ex - ult with joy
Their own foot's tan - gled in the net



Pro - claim His might - y deeds.
Of the af - flict - ed one.
Lift me from gates of death,
In Your de - liv - er - ance.
Which they them - selves have hid.

The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

To the parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

And

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

First Presbyterian Church purposes to stand as a Reformed witness to Jackson, to the surrounding community, and ultimately to the world through the proclamation of the whole counsel of God as written in the verbally inspired, infallible Scriptures.

WORSHIP • DISCIPLESHIP • OUTREACH

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 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
College Crockpot Lunch — 12:00 noon at the Nettleton home
 (1141 Peachtree Street)
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 Hederman home
 (125 Cherry Laurel Circle in Ridgeland)

Monday

Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in MH

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.
Students and Families Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Shepherding Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
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.
Parents' Prayer Lunch — 12:00 noon in YH
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 D Groups — 5:30 p.m. 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

MOMS Leadership Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in SC210

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....”

Mel and Martha Pike – Serving with Mission to the World in Ukraine as church planter and pastor-mentor. Email: rmpike@gmail.com

Christian Witness to Israel – CWI is a UK-based interdenominational evangelistic society committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus the Messiah with the Jewish people. Email: sgt.atkinson@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Campbell Grady Dale by his parents, Jill and David Dale, and his sister, Avery.

BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Annabelle Corrine Brower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Richard (Beverly) Brower; Harrison Glenn Chamblee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Glenn (Kirke) Chamblee; Marcus Walter Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Auston Ramsay (Rachel) Edwards; Oliver Wesley Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Christopher (Sarah Beth) Jones; Carolyn Sue Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Louis (Sarah) Little; Caroline Hill McGraw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joel (Anna) McGraw.

COLLEGE CROCKPOT LUNCH TODAY

College students, join us today for lunch following the 11:00 a.m. service at the home of Wil Nettleton (1411 Peachtree Street). Bring a friend!

FALL FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The Fall *Foundations Class* meets today at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through October 23, 2016. All members and visitors who want to know more about who we are and what we believe as a church are welcome to attend this class (no advance sign-up is required).

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.

PARENTS' PRAYER LUNCH AND DADS' PRAYER BREAKFAST

Parents of teenagers, please join us in the Youth House at 12:00 noon on the following dates to pray for our children: September 21, October 26, and November 16. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org.

Dads, please consider joining us at 6:45 a.m. at one or more of the following Dads' Prayer Breakfasts: **September 23, at Broad Street; October 29, at Beagle Bagel in Madison, and November 18, at Starbucks at the Renaissance.**

COMMUNICANT CLASS 2016-2017

The new Communicant Class will begin with a Meet & Greet on Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in Miller Hall. This class is open to students in the 6th grade and above. As in the past, the regular class will meet during four Sundays in January, but the Meet & Greet will provide an opportunity for the students and families to meet their FPC elder sponsor. Please register for the Communicant Class process and the Meet & Greet by tomorrow, September 19, on the church's website at www.fpcjackson.org or by contacting Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105.

“TRUTH AT DAWN” MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in Miller Hall, Gabe Fluhrer will lead a *Bible study* on The Book of Numbers: Experiencing the Presence of God in Daily Life. 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.

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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 16: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first disobedience?

Answer: Since the covenant was made not only for Adam but also for his natural descendants, all mankind sinned in him and fell with him in his first disobedience.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 5:1-12

Key Thought: Adam stood before God as our representative.

Questions:

- What does it mean to "represent" someone?
- Why weren't all of the angels corrupted when some sinned?
- Are children affected when their parents act sinfully?
- What was the result of Adam's actions in our lives?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Psalm 51:1-5

Key Thought: As Adam's descendants we are born sinners.

Questions:

- What does David mean when he says, "I was conceived and brought forth in sin"?
- How is Adam's sin passed on to us?
- What signs of your sin nature do you see at work in your own heart and life?
- Can we do anything on our own to change the sinful nature we have from birth?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 6:5-13

Key Thought: Original sin completely corrupts our hearts.

Questions:

- What result did sin have among the first inhabitants of the earth?
- What was different about Noah? Why did he find favor with God?
- What did we lose as a result of Adam's sin?
- How did Adam's sin affect our thinking about God?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:6-20

Key Thought: Original sin separates us from God.

Questions:

- What did Adam do after he ate from the forbidden tree?
- Why did Adam hide from God?
- What does this tell us about how sin affects our relationship with God?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-23

Key Thought: Christ has overcome original sin.

Questions:

- What comparison does Paul make between Adam and Christ?
- What was the effect of Adam's actions for mankind?
- What was the effect of Christ's actions for mankind?

Prayer