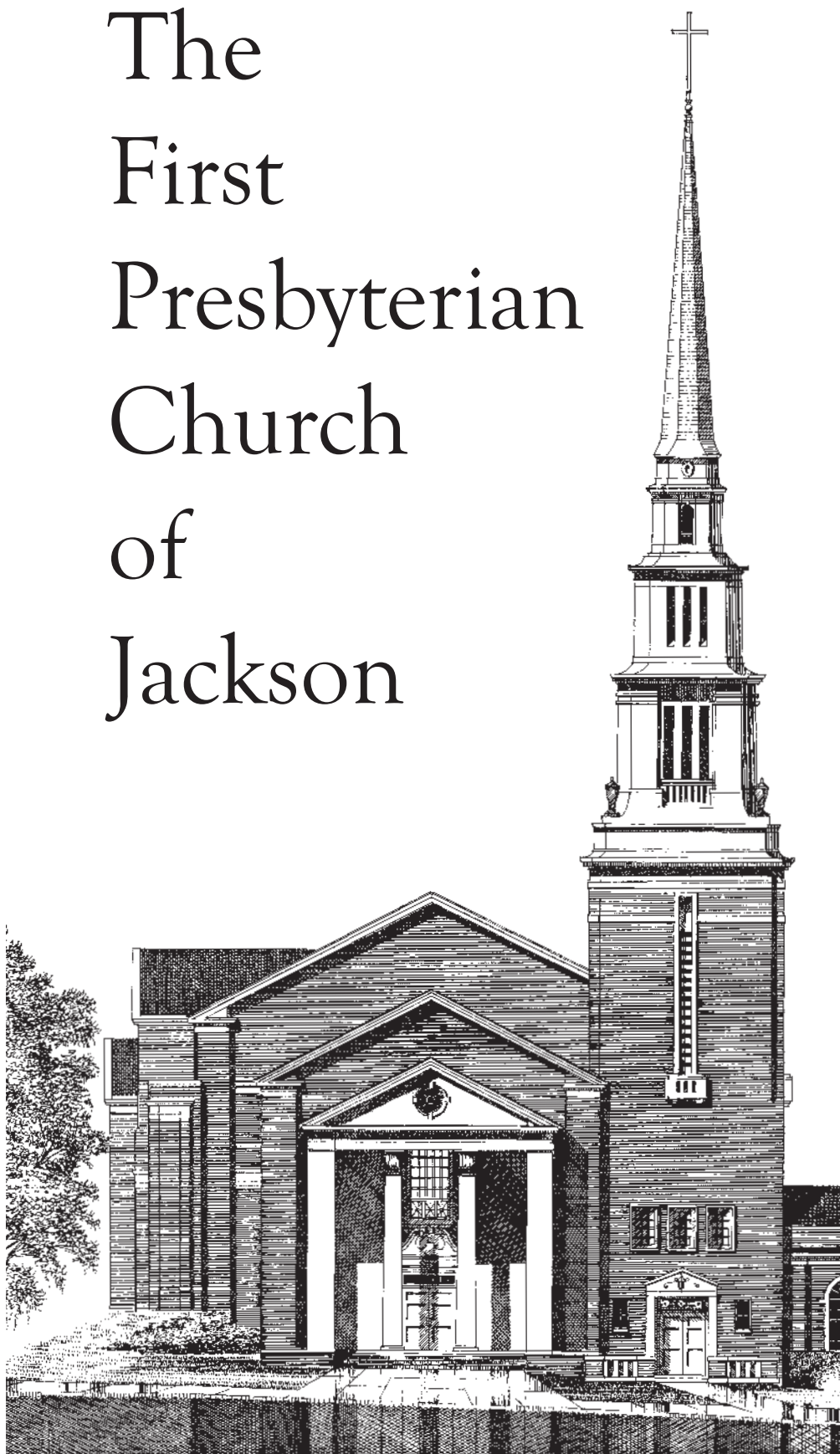


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth Day of September, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker

Minister of Young Adults and College

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 — “Reverie on ‘St. Peter’”Eric Thiman
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”Caradog Roberts

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 165** — “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

‡ **The Apostles’ Creed** (See Guide)

‡* **The Doxology No. 115 (Stz. 5)** — “All Creatures of Our God and King”

“ Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one: O praise Him, O praise Him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

The Scripture Reading — Ecclesiastes 9:1-6 (Pew Bible pages 557- 558)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 677** — “Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “My God Is So High” Moses Hogan
The Choir with René Young, Soloist

“My God is so high you can’t get over Him, He’s so low you can’t get under Him,
He’s so wide you can’t get ‘round Him, You must come in by and through the Lamb.

One day as I was a-walkin’ along the heavenly road, my Savior spoke unto me

And He filled my heart with His love. My God is so high.

I’ll take my gospel trumpet and I’ll begin to blow,

and if my Savior helps me I’ll blow wherever I’ll go.

My God is so high.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 6:5-9 (Pew Bible page 979)

The Sermon — *New Community*: “Slaves of Christ”Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 585** — “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Choral Response** — “Seven-Fold Amen”Peter Lutkin

The Postlude — “Fanfare on an Original Theme”Gilbert Martin

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing



*JOIN US FOR A
JOYFUL EVENING OF PRAISE*

—→ AT THE ←—

FESTIVAL SERVICE



*HYMNS &
SPIRITUALS*

SIX O'CLOCK THIS EVENING

*THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHOIR
WITH ORCHESTRA*

*A NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED
FOR CHILDREN THROUGH FIVE YEARS OLD.*

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.

DEPRESSION SEMINAR SERIES

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

A four-week luncheon seminar series is scheduled for September 23, 30, October 7, and 14, 12 noon-12:45 p.m. Lunch is provided for \$6. The four sessions will be centered around understanding the causes of depression, recognizing some of its warning signs, encouraging those who may struggle with depression, and particular emphasis on adolescents and depression. Our speakers will be Dr. John Cox and Dr. David Elkin. The schedule will be as follows:

September 23: Dr. John Cox
"Why do Good Christians Sometimes get Depressed?"

September 30: Dr. John Cox
"How Good Christians get Undepressed (and how we help?)"

October 7: Dr. David Elkin
Adolescents and depression.

October 14: Dr. Cox and Dr. Elkin
Question and Answer session.

To sign up, please call 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

An often quoted verse from Scripture in which Jesus encourages giving reads: “give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” But this verse is introduced by another well-known verse, “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven (Luke 6:37).” Jesus is not ruling out church discipline or discernment, but rather commands us to discontinue the eagerness to see fault in others. And He reinstates that with two positive commands: forgive (change of attitude) and give (the evidence of the change). In other words, instead of seeking the ill-welfare of others in criticizing, we are to seek the welfare of others. This week we will explore the meaning of and the place for Offertory during our gathered worship.

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

What are tithes and offerings? Tithing is an Old Testament concept that perhaps finds its initial practice in the life of Jacob; much before the giving of the Law. When Jacob was fleeing from his brother, he dreamed a dream at Bethel. In that dream, God promised Jacob saying, “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you” (Genesis 28:15). In response, when Jacob awoke from his sleep, Jacob vowed to God saying, “... of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you” (Genesis 28:21). Jacob’s giving was his response to God’s promise to keep His covenant promises toward Jacob. The New Testament, however, does not designate a particular portion of income, but rather encourages us to give in keeping with our income: “On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper”(1 Corinthians 16:2). Even so, giving a tenth portion can be a good formula for our giving.

Why is it a part of corporate worship? Acts 2:42 says, “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). The word “fellowship” can likewise be translated as “sharing of material goods.” In other words, the worship service of the early church constituted the ordinary means of grace (the Word, the prayer, and the sacraments) and the practice of giving. This is the reason why giving is a part of public worship at First Presbyterian Church: so that we might continue to be useful in the work and worship of the Lord at First Church, in charitable giving and in missionary works.

How must we give? If Jacob could give joyfully to a God whom he had known only through the partial revelation of the Old Testament, how much more should we give joyfully to God who has disclosed Himself to us fully in the face of Jesus Christ! Our offering, therefore, is not simply about giving money, but rather giving ourselves. The act of offering our money should be a demonstration of a deeper reality: because God has brought us from death to life in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are to joyfully give ourselves as living sacrifices unto God (Romans 6:13, 12:1) and provoke one another to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24). Therefore, may each of us “give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7)."

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Sunday	<p>Pre-Service Announcements — 8:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Inquirers' Class — 9:40 a.m. in Hutton Chapel</p> <p>Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in YH</p> <p>Children's Church for 3- and 4-year-olds — 10:50 a.m. – 12:00 noon in M135</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>College Luncheon — 12:00 noon in Gym</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Senior High Insight — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Meenas (4764 E. Massena Drive)</p>
Monday	<p>Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210</p>
Tuesday	<p>"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202</p> <p>Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>Young Adults and College Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210</p> <p>Internationals Bible Study — 5:30 p.m. in SC213B</p> <p>Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p>Depression Seminar Series — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p>College Coffee & Conversation — 5:00 p.m. in WH204B</p> <p>Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground</p> <p>The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Junior High D Groups — 6:15 p.m. in YH</p> <p>Christianity Explored — 6:30 p.m. in WH202</p> <p>Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p> <p>D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym</p>
Thursday	<p>"Gospel-Shaped Living" Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH</p> <p>"Son of God: The Gospel of Matthew" Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in MH</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
Friday	<p>No activities</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

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..." **Dale & Susan Ellison** – Serving in administration and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru. Current mailing address: 3622 Longstreet, Pearl, MS 39208 Email: daleellison@perumission.org. **Per & Beth Almquist** – Serving as church planters with Mission to North America in Lewiston, ME. Mailing address: 160 Canal St., Lewiston, ME 04240 Email: per.almquist@freegrace.us

FALL INQUIRERS' CLASS

The Fall Inquirers' Class meets today at 9:40 a.m. in Hutton Chapel and runs through the fall Sunday School quarter. The 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 contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

COLLEGE LUNCHEON

College students, join us for lunch today in the gym following the 11:00 a.m. service. The lunch is free so come on out, and bring your friends!

BEARING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

Each of us has a longing to be deeply known. And each of us is afraid to be so. The Body of Christ has the resources to be the most honest collection of people on Earth. Sadly, this is not our reputation. On Sunday, September 27, Brian Habig, a son of First Presbyterian Church, will preach from Paul's letter to the Galatians, where he urges these early Christians to bear one another's burdens for the sake of the gospel. During the Sunday School hour, we will explore what that looks like as we hear from several church members about the massive struggle of substance abuse, and how we can be a safe place for recovery. Each of us carries burdens, *mostly invisible*. We need each other's help. This is the normal Christian life. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

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 4. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, September 23. Any forms received after September 23, will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained from Lisa Walters or 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.

COLLEGE COFFEE & CONVERSATION

College Students, join us each Wednesday night this semester at 5:15 p.m. in WH204 for coffee as we meet for a five-minute "flash devotional" from the ministers and interns of First Presbyterian. We are using John Leonard's book *Get Real* to help us take a look at evangelism.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Men, join us Thursday, October 1, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring Andrew Triolo, Director of Students and Families. Reservations are not required and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Please bring a friend, co-worker or neighbor.

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.

ISLAM: RADICALISM AND COMPASSION

Please join us on Thursday, October 8, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Miller Hall. As we delve into Islam and the Muslim culture, we will be looking at 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.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent
Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator
Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators
Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

THE SUNDAY SERVICES:

* Sunday School	9:40 A.M.
* Morning Worship.....	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
* Evening Worship.....	6:00 P.M.
Senior High Insight	7:30 P.M.
Communion	2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October
Baptism.....	3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November
New Members Received	1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:00 p.m. in PH

*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING:..... Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Family Night Dinner..... Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Junior High D Groups..... Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.
Children's Activities..... Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.
The Choir Rehearsal..... Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.
Discipleship Groups..... Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting..... Wednesday 6:30 P.M.