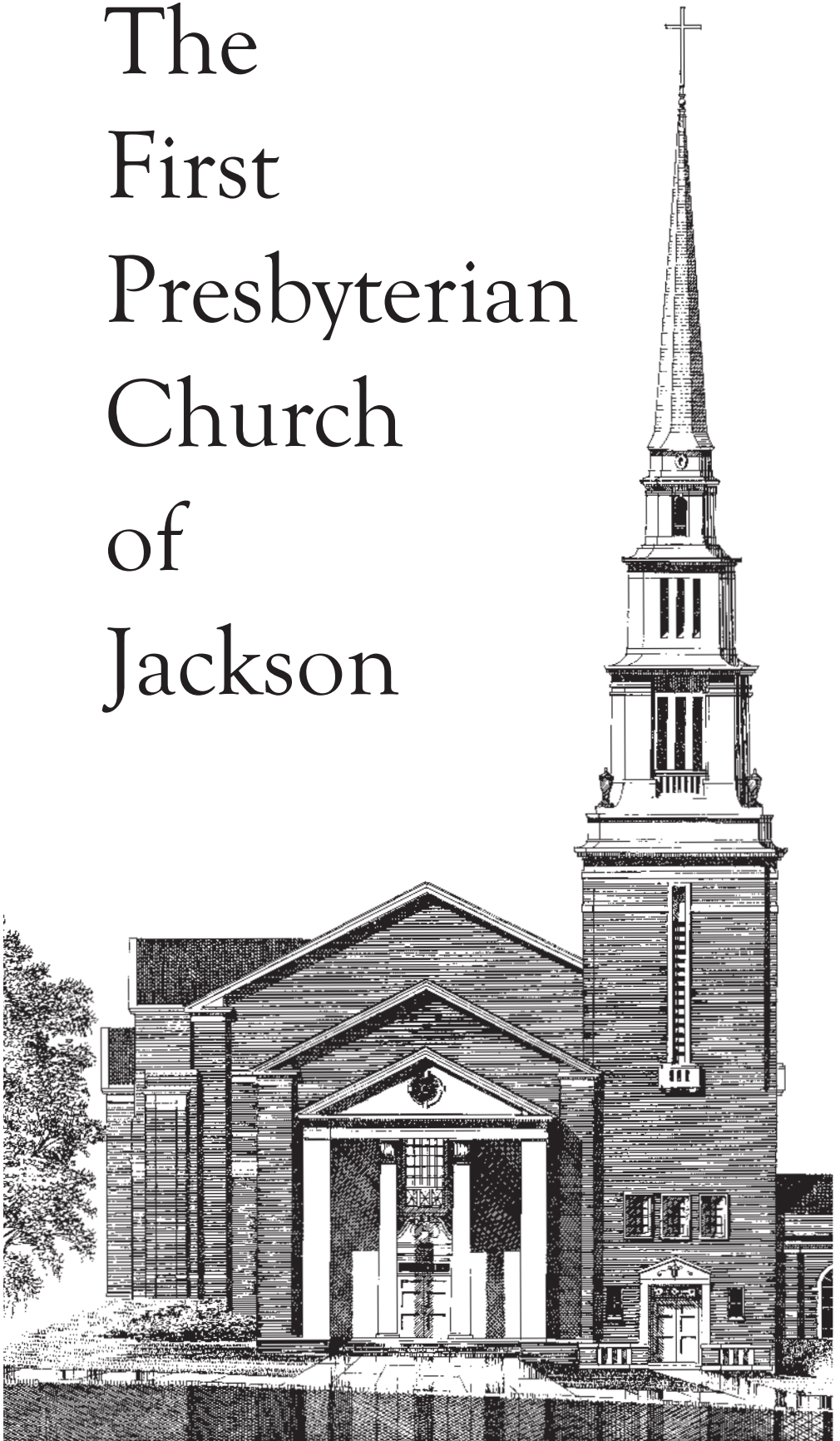


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fifth 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. Andrew W. Triolo — Minister of Students & Families

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 — “What Wondrous Love Is This?” Arr. by Wasson
Rae Shannon, Guest Organist; Nancy Bateman, Cellist

The Introit — “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Spanish Melody

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 117** — “The Spacious Firmament on High”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Solo** — “It Is Well with My Soul” P. Bliss
Clint Pride, Soloist

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (See Guide)

‡ **The Psalm No. 66** — “God Is Known among His People” (from Psalm 76)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether” Harold Friedell

“Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in Thy name,

Two or three are met together, Thou are in the midst of them:

Alleluya! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,

Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluya! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,

That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.

Alleluya! We will serve Thee faithfully.”

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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 25 (Pew Bible pages 65-66)

The Sermon — *God Reigns: “Gospel Pictures, Part 1”* Mr. Strain

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

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Benedictus” Wymond

The Postlude — “Organ Tuba Tune” C. S. Lang

*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 — “Evening Meditation”Dom Paul Benoit
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn No. 32** — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Psalm No. 9D** (See Guide)

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Tim Threadgill

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Cantate Dominum”Mary Lynn Lightfoot
The Student Choir, Maleesa Brenchley, Accompanist
“Come let us sing! Sing a new song! Sing unto the Lord, alleluia!
Sing a new jubilant song. Hosanna in the highest.
Let us give thanks today.”

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q120: What is the fourth petition? A: The fourth petition is “Give us this day our daily bread.”

Q121: What does it mean to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread”? A: We are asking God to provide us with all that we really need.

**The Meditation and Prayer.....Hunter Nicholson, Students & Families Ministry Assistant

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 689 (Stz. 1-3)** — “Be Still, My Soul”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 11 (Pew Bible page 1034)

The Sermon — *Behold, A Throne: “Mission Impossible?”*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.”

The Postlude — “Final Chorus from St. Matthew Passion”J. S. Bach

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡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 9D

Tune: Azmon



(vs. 16) The Lord has made Him - self be known
(vs. 17) The wick - ed will to She - ol go,
(vs. 18) The need - y will not be ig - nored,
(vs. 19) A - rise, LORD! Let not man pre - vail;



And ex - er - cised judg - ment;
To She - ol will re - turn,
No, not for - ev - er - more;
Judge na - tions be - fore You.



The wick - ed are en - snared in traps,
Where all the hea - then na - tions go
The hope and long - ing of the poor
(vs. 20) Put them in fear and let them know



The work of their own hands.
Who have for - got - ten God.
Will not be crushed al - ways.
That they are on - ly men.

The Lord's Prayer

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever.”

God's Glory and Our Needs

In Matthew chapter 6, within Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He gives us a model for what prayer should look like for a Christian. It is prayer that is both “vertical” (centering on “Our Father, who art in Heaven”) and “horizontal” (addressing tangible, earthly needs and concerns). The very structure of the prayer teaches us a lesson of vital importance: that our most pressing need is for our Father in heaven. Since “from Him and through Him and to Him are all things, ” He necessarily deserves “all glory forever” (Rom. 11:36). Therefore, all prayer should be rooted in the Fatherhood of God with an aim toward His glory. But Jesus also taught us to pray for the physical, felt needs of this life. Something so basic as bread, Jesus commends as a worthwhile and necessary component of God-honoring prayer. This reminds us that we are incapable of providing for the most basic needs of our lives, but are instead, dependent on the provision of our heavenly Father. May this be an encouragement to our hearts this morning, that our Father is not one who is aloof and unconcerned with the tangible needs of earthly life, but is the one who kindly cares for us by bestowing them.

Reciting the Lord's Prayer

It is all too easy to unwittingly import worldly impulses into our corporate and private devotional lives; inclinations that assume what is best are those which are attained quickly and with the least amount of effort. Prayer is a counter-cultural practice because it is an exercise that is ultimately not about producing something quickly and immediately quantifiable. It is ultimately about our hearts and wills lining up with God's cosmic agenda of all creation worshipping Him. And by reciting this prayer together, we are participating in something formative. We are collectively reminding ourselves that God is our Father, His glory is our goal, and He takes care of our needs. The fact that the pronouns Jesus uses are all plural (our, us, we) indicate that this is a prayer for a community of people. And as we pray God's Word back to Him, we are strengthened as the Body of Christ. This is what led the Early Church Father, Cyprian of Carthage, to say of the Lord's Prayer, “how much more effectually do we obtain what we ask in Christ's name, if we ask for it in His own prayer?... Our prayer is public and common; and when we pray, we pray not for one, but for the whole people, because we the whole people are one.”

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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)
Communicants Meet & Greet — 9:40 a.m. in MH
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 Turner home
 (700 N. Agency Lane in Ridgeland)

Monday

Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Circle Bible Teachers Training — 9:00 a.m. in WH 204

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.
Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m.
 in SC210
Presbytery Administrative Committee Meeting — 3:00 p.m.
 in WH 204
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH
Senior High Bro Night — 7:00 p.m. in the Gym

Wednesday

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting — 7:30 a.m. in MH
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 SS Volunteer Training — 5:15 p.m. in SC211
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

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...”

Hermes & Alleen Tomás – Serving in administration and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru. Email: alleenmclain@me.com

J. C. & Alohalani Cunningham – Serving as church planters in Port St. Lucie, FL Email: christthekingpsl@gmail.com

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).

SENIOR HIGH INSIGHT

The Students & Families Ministry is going through a series on the tough issues many teenagers face on a regular basis. In *The Truth about _____* series, we are studying some of these issues (including Depression & Anxiety, Social Media, Gossip, Modesty, Family Issues, and Sex, among others) and asking the questions, “What is the problem?” and “What is the Bible’s solution?” Tonight we have guest speaker, Brian Sorgenfrei, RUF MSU, speaking on The Truth about Drugs & Alcohol. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at the Turner home (700 N. Agency Lane in Ridgeland).

SENIOR HIGH BRO NIGHT

Senior High Guys, join us for an open gym and pizza Tuesday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Tree at 601-973-9123 for more information.

JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT

Junior High students, join us for Junior High Fall Retreat 2016, October 7-9, 2016, at Twin Lakes. Registration is open now! The cost is \$120. 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.

“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.

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.

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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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 17: What happened to man in the fall?

Answer: Man fell into a condition of sin and misery.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:14-19

Key Thought: The fall has brought mankind under God's curse.

Questions:

- What blessings did Adam and Eve have before they sinned?
- How were their lives affected by their sin?
- How was the earth affected by their sin?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Ephesians 4:17-32

Key Thought: Sin has brought a curse upon the mind of man.

Questions:

- How does sin affect our ability to understand God's word?
- How does sin affect our desire to know God?
- Is the mind of man able to understand God by itself?
- How is the mind of man renewed?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Jeremiah 17:9-10; Matthew 15:1-20

Key Thought: Sin has brought a curse upon the heart of man.

Questions:

- What does Jeremiah say about man's heart?
- What does the "heart" of man refer to?
- What kinds of things are in your heart because of sin?
- How do your actions reveal what is in your heart?
- How does God undo the effects of sin in a man's heart?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 1:28-32; Psalm 110:3

Key Thought: Sin has brought a curse upon the will of man.

Questions:

- What is the will?
- Did Adam choose to obey God's will or his own?
- When we say someone is "willful" what do we mean?
- What are the results of man's willful rejection of God according to Romans 1:28-32?
- What does Psalm 110:3 promise? How does this happen?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Galatians 5:16-26

Key Thought: Sin has brought a curse upon the affections of man.

Questions:

- What should be the object of our highest affection?
- How has sin corrupted our affections?
- Can we trust our feelings to lead us to do what is right?
- How does God renew our affections?
- Do believers always "feel" like doing what is right?

Prayer