

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-seventh Day of September, Two Thousand Fifteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Mr. Brian C. Habig

Pastor, Downtown Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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

*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 Stewardship Message** — Mr. Neil Witherow

**The Prelude** — "Morning Meditation" .....Eric Thiman  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

**The Introit** — "Praise Ye the Lord" ..... G. F. Handel

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Psalm of Praise No. 12** — "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim" (Psalm 135)

‡ **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 hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen"

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

**The Morning Prayer**

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — "Praise to the Lord" .....F. Melius Christiansen

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath,

Come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen sound from His people again;

Gladly for aye we adore Him."

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Galatians 6:2 (Pew Bible page 975)

**The Sermon** — "The Things We Carry" ..... Mr. Habig

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 359** — "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Choral Response** — "Let the Amen" .....Christiansen

**The Postlude** — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" .....Lani Smith

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain  
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey  
Minister of Congregational Care

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

**The Prelude** — "Evening Prelude" ..... W. Wymond  
The FPC Strings

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn No. 408** — "Day Is Dying in the West"

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn** — "O Great God" (See Evening Guide)

**The Ordination and Installation of a Deacon**

\* **The Greetings**

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — "All Because of the Wonderful Cross" ..... Mary McDonald  
The Student Choir, Maleesa Brenchley, Accompanist

**The Young Children's Devotional**

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

**The Children's Catechism**

Q6: "Is there more than one true God?" A: "No. There is only one true God."

**The Meditation and Prayer**\*\* ..... Wes Strebeck, Senior Minister's Intern

‡ **The Hymn No. 168 (Stz. 1-4)** — "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Ruth 3 (Pew Bible pages 223-224)

**The Sermon** — "The Wrong Turn?" ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Response No. 168 (Stz. 5)** — "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

"Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;  
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure  
That we can boldly conquer and endure."

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Postlude** — "Agincourt Hymn" ..... John Dunstable  
William Wymond, Organ

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed after the prayer

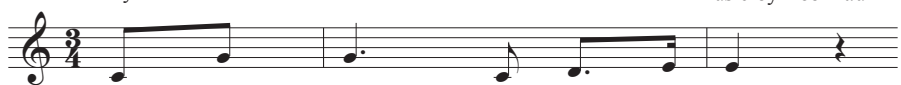
To All Our  
Visitors

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.

# 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.



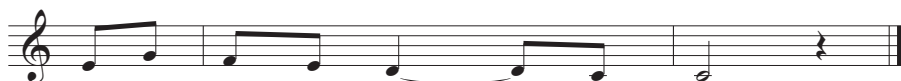
Let no vice or sin re - main  
Then Your Spir - it gave me life,  
You are wor - thy to be praised



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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONTINUED

### DEPRESSION SEMINAR SERIES

Our luncheon seminar series continues this week on Wednesday, September 30, from 12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m. in Miller Hall. Dr. John Cox will address why we become depressed and how we can help one another deal with depression. On Wednesday, October 7, Dr. David Elkin will discuss adolescents and depression. We will end the series on Wednesday, October 14, with a Q&A session. Lunch is provided for \$6. To sign up, please call 601-353-8316 by the preceding Tuesday or email [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

### MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Men, join us this 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](mailto: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](mailto:missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org) or by calling 601-973-9125.

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

What goes deepest to our hearts goes widest to the world. *Christianity Explored*: The gospel for you—The gospel for your neighbor. Because we never outgrow the gospel, would you consider joining us one evening a week for 10 weeks this Fall to explore the depths of the gospel for the first time or all over again? You may choose to attend Tuesday evenings or Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the church. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Christina Meenan in the Mission and Outreach Department at 601-973-9125 or [missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org](mailto:missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org).

### MEN'S "TRUTH AT DAWN" BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. in WH202. We are studying the gospel of Mark. The teacher is Gabe Fluhrer. Call or email the church office to sign up: 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

### 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](http://www.fpds.org) or contact Amy-Allison Russ at [aaruss@fpds.org](mailto:aaruss@fpds.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 meets of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction. This is 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

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 27, 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)  
**Panel Discussion on Addiction** — 9:40 a.m. in MH  
**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  
**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 Clarkes  
 (622 Broadway)

## Monday

**Circle Bible Teachers Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in WH204  
**Shepherding Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon 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.  
**Finance Committee 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 WH204  
**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  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Depression Seminar Series** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**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  
**Churchwide Night of Prayer** — 6:30 p.m. in MH  
**Junior High D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in YH  
**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.  
**Men of the Covenant** — 11:45 a.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..." **Foster & Laura Gullett**— Serving in campus ministry at the University of Bologna with Campus Crusade for Christ in Bologna, Italy. Mailing address: Via Santo Stefano 28, 40125, Bologna, BO, Italy Email: fgullett@gmail.com **Beginning Again in Christ**- BAIC is supported through FPC-Mission to Jackson. They minister in state prisons, county jails, and work centers in Mississippi and seek to mobilize the local church for prison ministry. Mailing address: P. O. BOX 26 Brandon, MS 30943-0026 Email: beginning@bellsouth.net

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Thomas Slough, Jr. — September 16, 2015  
Master Campbell Grady Dale — September 18, 2015  
Col. William O. Ruddock — September 19, 2015

## GUEST MINISTER

Brian Habig is pastor of Downtown Presbyterian in Greenville, South Carolina. Brian grew up in Mississippi, as did his wife, Dana, and graduated from Mississippi State University and Covenant Theological Seminary. After seminary, he served as a campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at MSU and at Vanderbilt University. The Habigs moved to Greenville in May 2005. Brian and Dana have three children: Henry ('99), John ('02), and Betsy ('05).

## BEARING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Today, Brian Habig, a son of First Presbyterian Church, will preach from Paul's letter to the Galatians, in which 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. Join us in Miller Hall for this panel discussion moderated by Ed Hartman, Minister of Mission and Outreach. Please note that all Adult Sunday School classes will not meet, but rather are invited to join us in Miller Hall at 9:40 a.m. All other Sunday School classes will meet as regularly scheduled.

## YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

The Young Adults Ministry will hold two events on Monday, September 28, 2015, one for women and one for men. Registration is required for each event:

**Young Adults Women's Event** — Casey Coleman Cockrum is coming back to shed some wisdom and hang out Monday, September 28, 2015, at the Byrd home (4793 Crestwood Drive) at 6:30 p.m. We will have dinner together, sing hymns, hear her talk on Friendship, and have a Q&A to wrap things up. Please sign up by joining the event on Facebook, texting Anna (601-573-5685), or emailing annaw@fpcjackson.org. **Young Adults Men's Event** — Jim Baird (FPC's Senior Minister Emeritus) will speak on Monday, September 28, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Walters (1514 Riverwood Drive in Jackson). We will have meat on the grill and a few sides for dinner, so please let us know if you are coming by joining the event of Facebook or by texting David Felker (601-850-8650) or Joe Johnson (601-573-5602).

## CHURCHWIDE NIGHT OF PRAYER

Across history God has often brought seasons of revival and spiritual renewal to His church when God's people have gathered to pray together. To help us grow in this area, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, after our usual family supper, the entire congregation will gather in Miller Hall for an evening of prayer and praise. We hope that a periodic gathering for prayer like this will become a regular feature of our church's life. Spurgeon called the prayer meeting the "engine room" of the church. Churches change at prayer meetings. The kingdom of God advances when God's people pray. Come and join us with expectant hearts as we look to God for His blessing on the work of the gospel at home and around the world.

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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