

The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth 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 a.m.)

The Prelude — "Prelude in the Lydian Mode"Flor Peeters

The Introit — "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Barnby/Wymond
Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern, Directing; with Kathryn Edwards, Piano

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 441** — "Jesus Shall Reign" (Based on Psalm 72)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Doxology No. 9 (Stz. 1,5)**

"All you that fear Jehovah's name, His glory tell, His praise proclaim;
You children of His chosen race, stand in awe before His face,
Stand in awe before His face.

The Lord's unfailing righteousness all generations shall confess;
From age to age shall men be taught
What wondrous works the Lord has wrought,
What wondrous works the Lord has wrought."

The Scripture Reading — Mark 8:27-9:1 (Pew Bible page 844)

The Pastoral Prayer

‡ **The Psalm No. 9A** (See Guide)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "This Is My Father's World" Mack Wilberg

"This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings,
and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees;
of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise, the morning light,
the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;

in the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong
seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King:
let the heavens ring! God reigns: let the earth be glad!"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 23:10-19 (Pew Bible page 64)

The Sermon — *God Reigns: "The Rhythm of Renewal"*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 141** — "God, in the Gospel of His Son"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

"Have Thine own way.
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still."

The Postlude — "Should Not My Soul Sing to God?" S. Karg-Elert

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

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

The Prelude — “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”Prichard/Wymond
The FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn** — “Arise, My Soul, Arise” (See RUF Hymn Handout)

‡ **The Invocation**

‡* **The Hymns** — “From Depths of Woe” (See RUF Hymn Handout)
“Thy Mercy My God”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Wayne Husband

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Sweet Hour of Prayer”William Walford
Lauren Randle and Sarah Waters; Christy Howell, Guitar

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q113: How many petitions are there in the Lord's Prayer? A: Six

Q114: What is the first petition? A: The first petition is “Hallowed be Thy name.”

Q115: What does it mean to pray, “Hallowed be Thy name”? A: We are asking
God to help us and others to respect and honor Him.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

‡ **The Evening Hymn (Stzs. 1-4)** — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”
(See RUF Hymn Handout)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 4–5 (Pew Bible pages 1030-1031)

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

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Hasten thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close Thy earthly mission, soon shall pass Thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.”

The Postlude — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” William Bradbury
The FPC Strings

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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.

TODAY IS CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY

Today is a big day for the children at FPC! 'Promotion Sunday' is when children move to the next department (age or grade) for Sunday morning and Sunday evening programs. The following is an overview of morning and evening childrens' ministries, as well as a list of classroom locations for each age group:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During Sunday School, children from 2 years old through 6th grade will sing, hear a Bible lesson and learn Bible and Catechism memory work. Sunday School begins at 9:40 a.m. and ends at 10:40 a.m. Parents, please pick up your child from Sunday School by 10:45 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have questions, please contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The 3-year olds and 4-year olds may attend Children's Church from 10:50 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in room 135(MB). This class is designed to prepare the children for attending worship with their parents. FPC volunteers lead the program which includes a Call to Worship, singing the Doxology, reciting The Lord's Prayer (led by an Elder), hearing a Bible story and closing prayer. The children also have snack time and playtime. If you have questions, please contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org

SUNDAY EVENING

The Sunday evening children's classes are for 4-year olds through 3rd graders. Children are dismissed during the worship service after the Children's Devotional. All 4- and 5-year olds are invited to the Scripture Memory Class, which is led by Kelley Beth Prabhakar and volunteer parents and meets in room 135(MB). Each week, the children learn a scripture verse that corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rachel Edwards at 601-953-1284.

All 1st through 3rd grade children are invited to be part of the Catechism Crew. This class is taught by Anna Henson and meets in room 133(MB). Each week, the children work on memorizing and understanding the children's catechism. If you have questions, please contact Anna Henson at annah@fpcjackson.org.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM LOCATIONS

Department Room Bldg

2-year olds: G105 MB

3-year olds: M135 MB

4-year olds: M101 WH

5-year olds: M103 WH

1st Grade: 237 MB

2nd Grade: 235 MB

3rd Grade: 232 MB

4th Grade: 304B WH

5th Grade: 305B WH

6th Grade: 302A WH

MB – Main Building

WH – Westminster Hall

Singing through the Psalter

Psalm 9A

Tune: St. Peter



(vs. 1) 1. I'll praise you, LORD, with my whole heart;
(vs. 3) 2. When all my en - e - mies turn back,
(vs. 5) 3. You have re - buked the na - tions, LORD;
(vs. 6) 4. The en - e - my have met their doom



Your won - ders I'll make known.
They per - ish in your sight
The wick - ed you de - stroyed.
De - stroyed e - ter - nal - ly.



(vs. 2) I will be glad, ex - ult in You
(vs. 4) For on Your throne you've sat to judge;
You blot - ted out the heath - en's name
You have up - root - ed all their towns;



And praise Your Name, Most High.
Main - tained my right - eous cause.
For - ev - er made it void.
They're lost to mem - o - ry.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 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
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
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
No Senior High Insight

Monday

Church Offices Closed
Churchwide Labor Day Picnic — 2:00 p.m. at Twin Lakes

Tuesday

Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Diaconate Executive Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

Wednesday

MOMS New Member Coffee — 9:00 a.m. in PH
MOMS Leadership Training — 9:45 a.m. in SC210
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Care Team Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in Basement Classroom
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
Care Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC210
Junior High Dinner — 5:45 p.m. in YH
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
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

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.
Men of the Covenant Lunch — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Twin Lakes Camp Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon 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...”

Palmer and Joanna Robertson – O. Palmer Robertson serves as the Vice Chancellor of African Bible University in Kampala, Uganda. Email: opalmerrobertson@gmail.com

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Jackson – CEF of Jackson is supported though FPC-Mission to Jackson. This Bible-centered worldwide organization seeks to evangelize boys and girls with the gospel. Email: paul@cefmississippi.com

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Edward H. Kemp, Jr. — August 30, 2016

LABOR DAY CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, First Presbyterian Church invites you to this year's churchwide picnic at Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center tomorrow. Activities will begin at 2:00 p.m. and supper will be served at 5:00 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH DINNER

Junior High Students, we will have Junior High Dinner this Wednesday, September 7, during our normal D Group time. Meet at the Youth House at 5:30 p.m. or meet at Newk's near Highland Village at 6:00 p.m. Students may be picked up at 7:00 p.m. at the restaurant or 7:30 p.m. at the Youth House. Please sign up online at www.fpcjackson.org/youth so we can plan for rides.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCH — THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Men, join us Thursday, September 8, at 11:45 a.m. as we kick off our Men of the Covenant lunches for 2016-17! Our first speaker is Dr. John Sartelle, former senior minister of Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis and current senior minister of Christ Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Oakland, TN. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or lisar@fpcjackson.org.

FALL FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The Fall Foundations Class begins Sunday, September 11, 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.

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.

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.

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 September 19 on the church's website at www.fpcjackson.org or by contacting Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105.

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 but sign up by our early bird deadline 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.

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 settle into the Jackson area 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.

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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 14: What is sin?

Answer: Sin is disobeying or not conforming to God's law in any way.

Monday

Scripture: Read Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Romans 7:7

Key Thought: Good and evil are defined by God alone.

Questions:

- How long is an inch? How do you know?
- How do we know what is "good" and what is "evil"?
- Where has God defined good and evil for us?

Prayer

Tuesday

Scripture: Read Luke 10:25-37; James 4:17

Key Thought: We sin when we fail to conform to God's law.

Questions:

- Is it possible to sin by not doing anything at all?
- How did the priest and the Levite sin against the man who was attacked by robbers?
- What is a sin of omission? Is it any less serious before God?
- Did the sin of Adam and Eve involve failing to do something that God had commanded?

Prayer

Wednesday

Scripture: Read Psalm 19:7-14

Key Thought: We sin when we actively transgress God's law.

Questions:

- What does it mean to "transgress" God's law?
- What is a sin of commission?
- How was Adam and Eve's sin a transgression of the law of God?

Prayer

Thursday

Scripture: Read Psalm 51

Key Thought: All sin is a direct offense to God.

Questions:

- When we sin, what are we saying about God's law? His wisdom? His power? His goodness?
- When we sin, what are we saying about Christ's sacrifice?
- Can you think of other ways that sin is an offense to God?

Prayer

Friday

Scripture: Read Nehemiah 9:1-38

Key Thought: God's grace is more powerful than sin.

Questions:

- How did God respond to each of the rebellions given in Nehemiah 9?
- What are some of the blessings that God gave to His people, despite their rebellion against him?
- When Adam sinned, was God's grace able to overcome his rebellion? How?
- Is God's grace powerful enough to overcome your rebellion?

Prayer