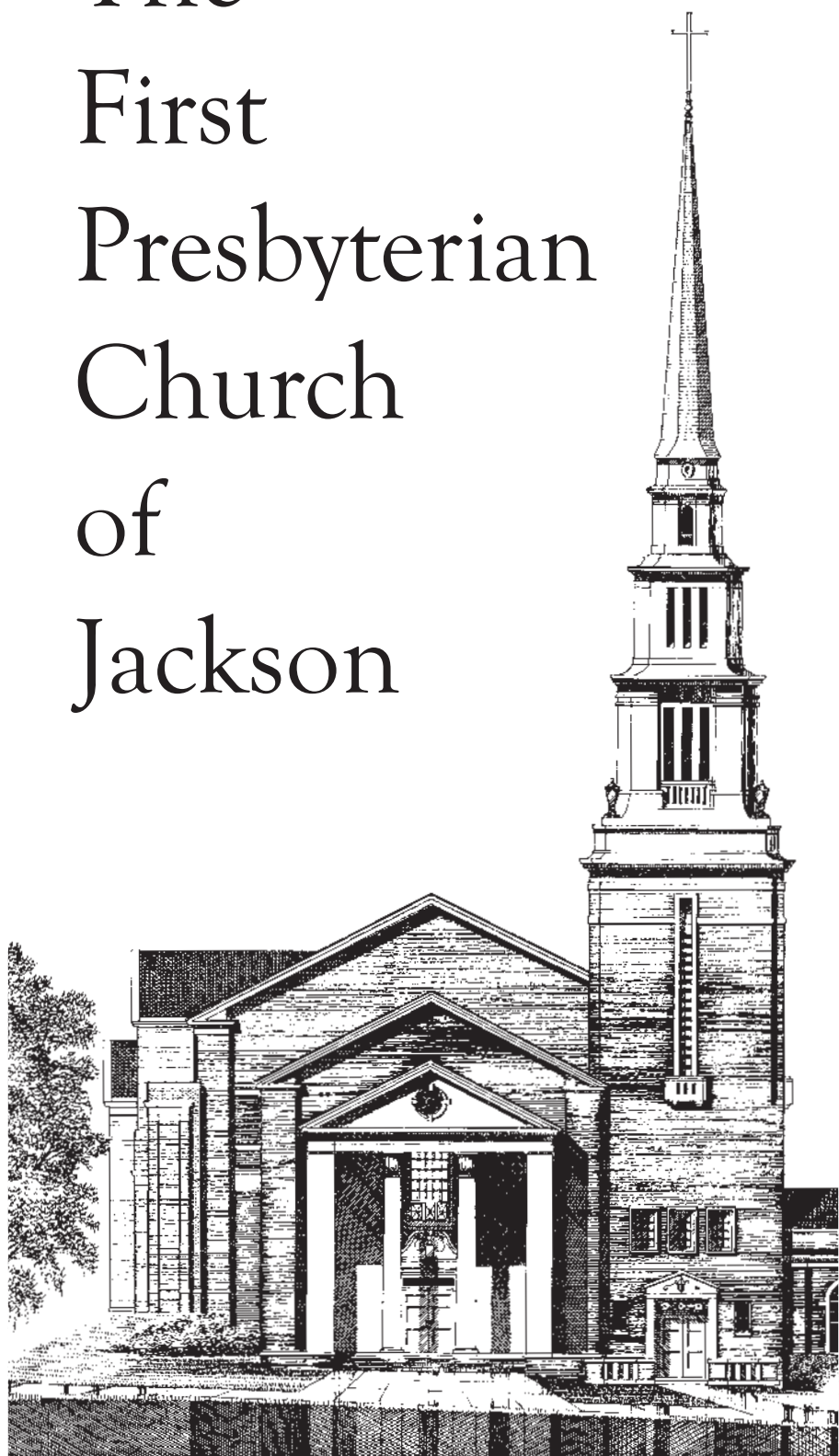


The
First
Presbyterian
Church
of
Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Ninth Day of December, Two Thousand Eighteen

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

The Greetings and Announcements (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — "What Is This Lovely Fragrance" Paul Manz
Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — "Angels, We Have Heard on High" Henry Smart
The Student Choir

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 211** — "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — All Creation join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.

The Prayer of Confession — Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

The Assurance of Pardon

The Solo — "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Robert MacGemsey
Zachary Thaggard

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 46 (Pew Bible page 471)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Gloria in Excelsis" Johann Peter Neumann

Lloyd Turner and Clifton Taylor, Trumpets;

Rachael Tracy, Harpsichord; Samantha Case, Timpani

"Glory to God in the highest.

And on earth peace to all men of good will.

We praise you Lord. We bless you Lord.

Glory to God in the highest.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Isaiah 9:1-7 (Pew Bible page 573)

The Sermon — "Mighty God" Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 203** — "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response** — Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of Redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

The Postlude — "Joy to the World" Wilbur Held

‡ Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. 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 — “What Child Is This” 18th C. English Tune

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Carol No. 195** — “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Carols — No. 201 – “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 204 – “Away in a Manger”

No. 214 – “Angels We Have Heard on High”

A Rescue Story — Jim Bateman

The Greetings

The Prayer — Ruling Elder John McVey

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Fullness of Grace” Keith & Kristyn Getty

Lisa Lamb, Soloist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q54: What is meant by the atonement? A: Christ satisfied God's justice by His suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.

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

‡ **The Carol No. 194 (Stzs. 1-4)** — “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible page 807)

The Sermon — “Call His Name Emmanuel”Dr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Postlude

‡Congregation standing

**Children dismissed after the prayer

Our Vision

First Presbyterian Church of Jackson exists to glorify God by making disciples on the North State Street corridor, in the greater Jackson area, and around the world.



2018 Holiday Schedule

December 9	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Christmas Party
December 11	7:00 a.m.	Young Adults Girls Advent Bible Study at Broad Street Bakery
December 12	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Carols in Laurel Park with Live Nativity (No Supper at FPC)
December 13	6:00 p.m.	WIC Christmas Dinner in Miller Hall
December 15	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal in Sanctuary
December 15	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Bookstore Open House
December 16	4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Music of Christmas Services
December 17	7:00 p.m.	Young Adults Christmas Soiree at Deep South Pops (N. State Street)
December 19	6:00 p.m.	Winter Grace Service/No Supper (Childcare provided for nursery through 3rd grade)
December 24	4:00 p.m.	Family Carols Service
December 24-25		Church Offices Closed
December 26		No Wednesday Night Activities
December 31		Church Offices Open
January 1		Church Offices Closed
January 2		No Wednesday Night Activities
January 9	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Kickoff Concert with Sandra McCracken in Sanctuary

Midweek

KICKOFF

CONCERT

WITH

**SANDRA
MCCRACKEN**

1/9/2019

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

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5 PM

DINNER

\$6

6:30 PM

CONCERT

FREE

**THE DINNER IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED
AND THE CONCERT IS GENERAL ADMISSION.
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM.**

Sandra McCracken is a prolific singer-songwriter and modern-day hymn writer whose songs like "We Will Feast in The House of Zion," "God's Highway" and "Thy Mercy My God" have settled into regular rotation in churches internationally. Her music has been featured by All Sons and Daughters, ABC's Grey's Anatomy, Audrey Assad, Indelible Grace, BiFrost Arts, Caedmon's Call and

others. She has also been a guest contributor for The Gospel Coalition, She Reads Truth, Art House America Blog, Relevant Magazine and other publications. Her latest albums are Psalms and God's Highway. At home in Nashville, with her two young children chiming in, Sandra contributes to Rain For Roots, producing timeless, gospel folk-songs for God's children of all ages.



**FIRST
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CHURCH**

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

Sunday

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)

Children's SS Volunteer Christmas Brunch — 9:30 a.m. in FPC
Reception Area

Children's Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m.
worship service in MB135

The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
(Library only)

Adult Choir Rehearsal — 4:00 p.m. in MS

Senior High Insight Christmas Party — 7:30 p.m. at the Hurst
Home (2210 Culleywood Road)

Monday

Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH

Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

Truth at Dawn Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH

French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in MB 132/Library

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor

Students & Families Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH 202B

Carols in the Park with Live Nativity — 5:30 p.m. at Laurel Park
(light meal provided)

No Family Supper or Regular Wednesday Night Activities

Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS

Brass Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m.

Thursday

Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner — 6:00 p.m. in MH

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Bookstore Open House — 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

BC - Basement
Classroom
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...”

Paul & Laura Chinchen – Serving as President of African Bible Colleges in Malawi, Uganda and Liberia.

Scott & Katie Moore – Serving as church planters in the Trinity Gardens area of Mobile, AL.

FLOWERS

The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Denny Austin Terry by the Terry family.

The flowers in the foyer, from the wedding of Lucy Paige Rogers and Joshua Jackson Hertel, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Troye Demaree, Mr. Don Nead, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rogers, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. Peyton Jackson and Mr. Wilfred Hertel, grandparents of the groom.

The poinsettias in the Greeting Courtyard for the month of December are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Watts by his family.

YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

If you are planning to donate stock to First Presbyterian Church before the end of the year 2018, please notify Cliff Ford in the Business Office at 601-973-9107. In order for year-end church contributions to be deducted on your 2018 tax return, they must be received at First Presbyterian Church on or before December 31, 2018. The Business Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. that day. If you mail your contribution, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2018. Security will be posted on the south side of the church (Pinehurst Street) to receive any contributions that may be dropped off after hours on December 31, 2018. You may give electronically until midnight, December 31, 2018, either through our church website or our church app with just one click on “Giving.” All gifts received or postmarked after December 31, 2018, will apply to your 2019 Contribution Statement.

CAROLS IN THE PARK WITH LIVE NATIVITY

Please join us for a free, fun family Christmas gathering in Laurel Park (1841 Laurel Street) on Wednesday, December 12, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. There will be hot dogs, Christmas cookies, a live nativity scene, carols, kids’ activities, and more for the whole family! If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact christinam@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9125.

YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS SOIREE

Young Adults, please make plans to join us for our annual Christmas party on Monday, December 17, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., at Deep South Pops on North State Street. The cost is \$10 and includes dinner.

WINTER GRACE

Please join us on Wednesday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a Christmas worship service for those who are struggling with grief, brokenness, and loss during a season of celebration. Childcare will be provided for children up to third grade. Fourth grade and up are invited to the service. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact christinam@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9125.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, we hope you’ll join us on Wednesdays in Patterson Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. beginning January 16 for MOMS Bible Study, *From Garden to Glory*. The format is small groups followed by a large-group lecture led by Debbie Dempsey. MOMS is a weekly Bible study for expectant moms, those who hope to become moms, and those whose youngest child is in the sixth grade or below. A nursery is available, but space is limited. Registration begins January 1. Please contact Joanna McNeel at 601-807-1596.

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, weekly 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, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism 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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STEWARDSHIP 2019

We can plan to do more gospel ministry with your commitment for 2019. If you have not turned in your Stewardship Commitment Card, you may place it in the offering plate during today's worship services. You can also pledge electronically by visiting our church app and clicking on "Giving," then "Pledge."

To date, we have received
332 Stewardship Commitments
for a total of \$3,915,402 and
29 Capital Projects & Improvements
Commitments for a total of \$54,072.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.