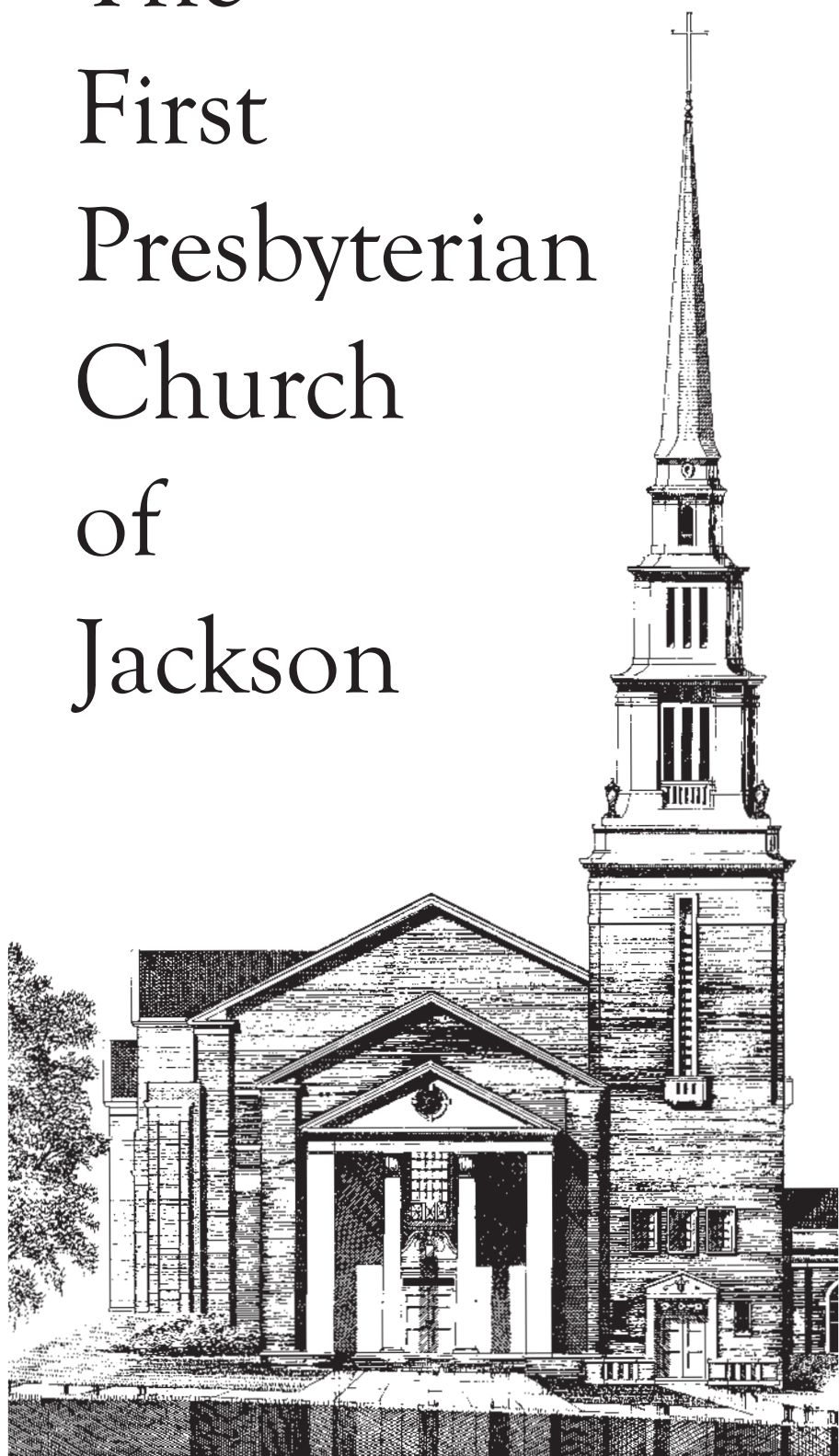


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventeenth Day of March, Two Thousand Nineteen  
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** — "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" ..... Charles Callahan  
Rae Shannon, Organist

**The Introit** — "We Come, O Christ, to You" ..... John Darwall

**The Call to Worship** — Revelation 15:3-4

Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

**Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages.**

Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your name?

**For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship You!**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 558** — "That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God"

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Pastoral Prayer** (8:30 a.m. only)

**The Sacrament of Baptism** (11:00 a.m. only)

The Words of Institution

The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families

The Biblical Promise

The Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction

**The Congregational Response No. 131**— "Children of the Heavenly Father"  
(11:00 a.m. Stzs. 1, 5 only)

"Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather:  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy."

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

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

**The Offertory** — "My Eternal King" ..... Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee: Not because I hope for heaven thereby,  
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?

Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;

But as Thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord!

Even so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;

Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Colossians 3:12-17 (Pew Bible page 984)

**The Sermon** — *Rooted: "Clothed with New Life"* ..... Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 530** — "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Seven-Fold Amen" ..... Peter Lutkin

**The Postlude** — "Come, Thou Almighty King" ..... Don Hustad

‡ Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister  
Mr. Wesley H. Strebeck — Senior Minister’s Intern

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

**The Prelude** — “O Church Arise” ..... Getty and Townend

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn No. 342** — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Hymn** — “O Church Arise” (See Guide)

**The Greetings**

**The Prayer** — Ruling Elder Noel Toler

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

**The Offertory** — “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

*The Children’s Catechism*

Q80: What do the Ten Commandments teach? A: To love God with all my heart,  
and my neighbor as myself.

Q81: Who is your neighbor? A: Everybody is my neighbor.

Q82: Is God pleased with those who love and obey Him? A: Yes, God says, “I love  
them that love me.”

Q83: Is God displeased with those who do not love and obey Him? A: Yes. God is  
angry with the wicked every day.

\*\* **The Meditation and Prayer** .....Jamie Peipon, Worship Ministry Assistant

‡ **The Hymn No. 353 (Stzs. 1-5)** — “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Mark 4:26-33 (Pew Bible page 839)

**The Sermon** — “The Dynamics and Destiny of the Kingdom” .....Dr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv’n  
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

**The Postlude**

‡Congregation standing

\*\*Children dismissed after the prayer

<p><b>Our Vision</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
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# O Church Arise

O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; Hear the  
Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, But to  
Come, see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, As the  
So Spir - it, come, put strength in eve - ry stride; Give \_\_\_

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call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the  
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His  
grace for eve - ry hur - dle. That we may

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weak can say that they are strong In the  
sword that makes the wound - ed whole, We will  
foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, For the  
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ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of

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faith and belt of truth, We'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's  
trials on eve - ry side, We know the out - come is se -  
stone is rolled a - way, And Christ e - merg - es from the  
old, still line the way, Re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His

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lies. An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle  
cure. He died: And Christ will have the prize for  
grave, This vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
grace, We hear their calls, and hun - ger

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cry is love, Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which He died: An in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
till the day Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
for the day When with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

## A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

### WELCOME

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God's Word to us this morning.

### 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. Amen."

### THE LORD'S PRAYER: THE MODEL FOR CHRISTIAN PRAYER

In Matthew chapter 6, Jesus 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. However, 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. By reciting this prayer together, we are collectively reminding ourselves that God is our Father, His glory is our goal, and He is ultimately the One who takes care of all our needs. May this be an encouragement to our hearts this morning, that our Father is not aloof and unconcerned with the tangible needs of earthly life, but is the one who kindly cares for us by bestowing them.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019**

## 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)  
 Foundations Class — 9:40 a.m. in MB 133  
 Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m.  
 worship service in MB135  
 Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:35 p.m. in MS  
 The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  
 (Library only)  
 No Senior High Insight

## Monday

Circle 14 — 12:00 noon in WH 202  
 MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH 202A  
 Missions First Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC 210  
 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  
 Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC 211  
 French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in Library  
 Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MH 205B  
 Circle 9 — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor  
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 Internationals Bible Study — 5:30 p.m. in SC 213  
 Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH  
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
 Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor  
 Midweek Dinner — 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in MH  
 Compass: Finances God’s Way — 5:30 p.m. in WH 204A  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
 Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
 Junior High Small Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH  
 Senior High Small Group — 6:30 p.m. in Y 201  
 Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
 First Pres Forum: The Cross of Christ — 6:30 p.m. in MH  
 Engaged & Newly Married Elective — 6:30 p.m. in WH 202B  
 Chinese Bible Study — 6:30 p.m. in SC 210A

## Thursday

God’s Covenant King Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in PH & SC  
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 Discipleship Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in WH 204A  
 MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH 202A

## Friday

No Scheduled Activities

## Saturday

Men’s Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

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...”*

**Sebastian & Isabel Heck** – Serving as church planters in Heidelberg, Germany.  
Email: [sebheck@mac.com](mailto:sebheck@mac.com)

**Gateway Rescue Mission** – Gateway Rescue Mission is supported through Mission to Jackson and has offered meals and shelter to the poor and homeless of Jackson since 1948.

## BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Edward Field Denney and Henry Catching Denney, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Craig (Layson) Denney; Mae Douglas Loftin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Ray (Mae) Loftin; Palmer Elizabeth Millwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Daniel (Emmy Elizabeth) Millwood; Emma Jane Rabalais and Eva Marie Rabalais, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Grant (Lauren) Rabalais. The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 19. To make your reservation, please contact Lilly Foerter at 601-973-9117 or [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).

## SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The spring Foundations Class begins today at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through Sunday, April 28. 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 Caleb Blake at [calebb@fpcjackson.org](mailto:calebb@fpcjackson.org).

## MIDWEEK FOURTH QUARTER LAUNCHES THIS WEEK

Adults, consider jumping into one of these new Electives on Wednesday nights: **First Pres Forum – *The Cross of Christ*** led by Dr. Mike McKelvey, **Compass – *Money & Marriage*** (begins April 10), and an **Engaged & Newly Married Study**. For more information about Midweek programs for adults, youth, and children, please visit [fpcjackson.org/midweek](http://fpcjackson.org/midweek).

## GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

GriefShare is a ministry of support and encouragement for those grieving the death of a loved one. Using the Bible and the shared experience of others, participants will discover how to navigate the profound difficulties of bereavement. Our next 13-week GriefShare course will begin Tuesday, March 19, in WH 202B and will be led by Colin and Yoybe Baird.

## MEN'S MINISTRY LUNCH GATHERING

Men, join us for lunch on March 28, at 11:45 a.m. in Miller Hall to hear from speaker, Swayze Waters. The cost for the fried chicken lunch is \$6 (cash, check, or card), and there is no need for advanced registration.

## JUNIOR HIGH SPRING RETREAT

Junior High students, join us April 5-7 at Twin Lakes. This is a great weekend full of games, shared meals, and fellowship with other students. The students will spend time in small groups led by staff members, singing together, and being taught in large-group setting by Cyril Chavis, the current RUF Minister at Jackson State University. Register online at [fpcjackson.org/youth](http://fpcjackson.org/youth).

## INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

Our next joining date is Sunday, April 7, 2019. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form located in the Greeting Courtyard or in the Session Room, and turn it in by Wednesday, March 20. If you have any questions, please contact Lilly Foerter at [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).

## SIDE BY SIDE — MARRIAGE WEEKEND SEMINAR

Consider joining us with your spouse for our **Side-by-Side Marriage Weekend Seminar** here at the church on Friday night, April 12, and Saturday morning, April 13. Our speaker will be Pastor Nate Shurden. Nursery is available for children four years and younger at registration. Sign up by March 25 for our early bird rate of \$45 online at [fpcjackson.org/church-life/marriage](http://fpcjackson.org/church-life/marriage).

## JAKARTA MISSION TRIP

FPC is sending a team to Jakarta, Indonesia, this summer to do college campus evangelism through cultural exchange and conversational English training. The dates are June 13th-27th. If you are college-aged or recently out of college, please consider joining with us for this incredible opportunity to serve God's church around the globe and to gain new skills and confidence in sharing your faith. Trip cost is \$2800. FPC will cover 1/2 for members' first mission trip and 1/4 for all subsequent trips. If interested, please contact Kevin Vollema at 601-503-4574 or [kevinv@fpcjackson.org](mailto:kevinv@fpcjackson.org) or the Mission Department at 601-973-9125 or [missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org](mailto:missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org).

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# The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

In order for the congregation to more fully enter into the service of the sacrament of baptism and to refresh ourselves on our church membership vow, the following is provided for your convenience and information:

To the parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

And

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?