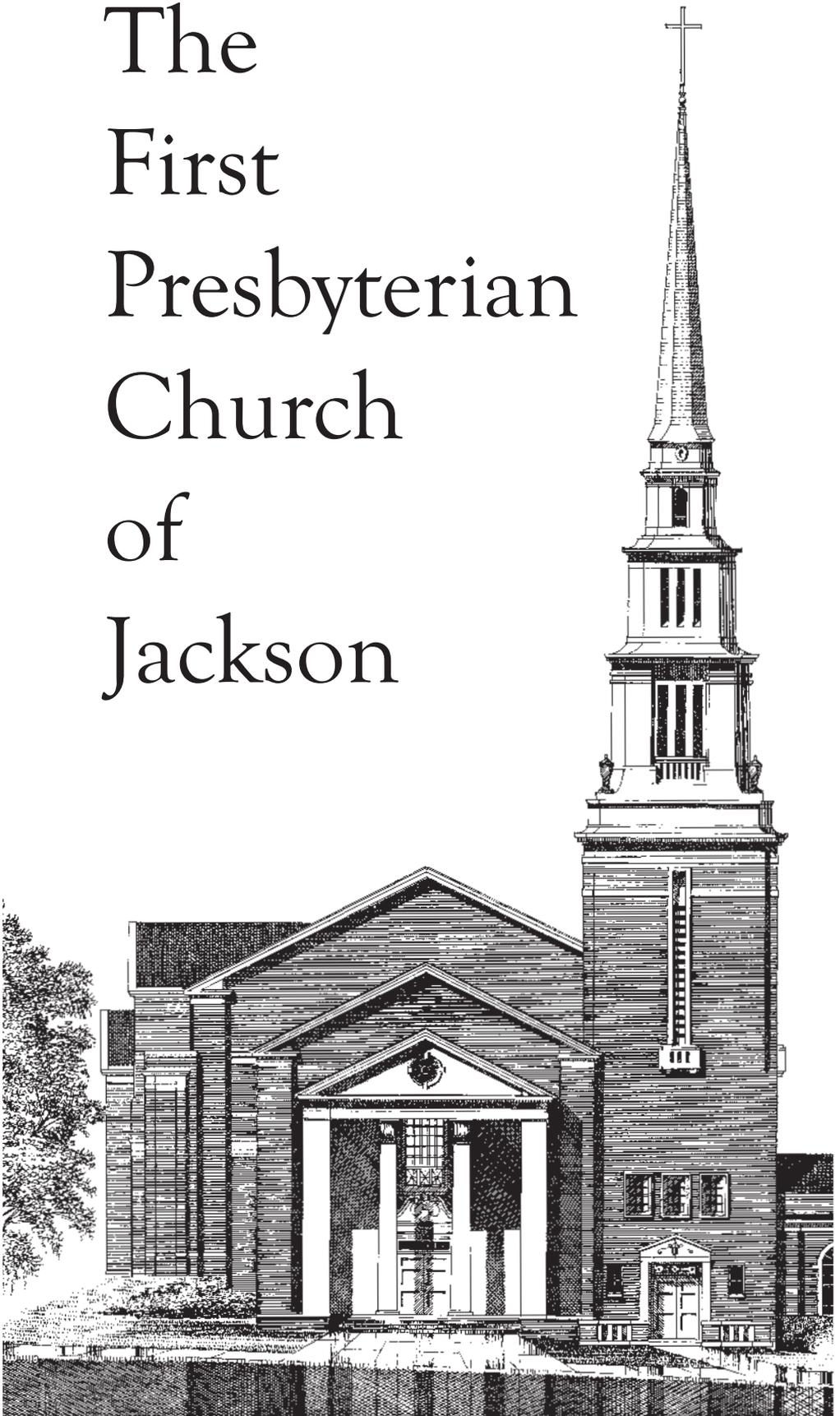


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Ninth Day of October, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach

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 Prelude — “Meditation”Massenet
Shellie Brown, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”Caradog Roberts

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 286** — “Worship Christ, the Risen King”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡* **The Gloria Patri**

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen, amen.”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs” (Messiah).....G. F. Handel
“Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities,
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.”
Isaiah 53:4, 5

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 27:20-31:18 (Pew Bible pages 68-72)

The Sermon — *God Reigns: “Priesthood”*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn No. 674** — “I Need Thee Every Hour”

The Lord’s Supper

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 644** — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.”

The Postlude — “Poco Vivace” Hermann Schroeder

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister
The Reverend Mr. Andrew W. Triolo — Minister of Students & Families

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

The Prelude — “Prelude in C Minor” Gordon Young

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 455** — “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Psalm No. 10A** (See Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Mark Sorgenfrei

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” Arr. by J. Ward
Lauren Randle, Soloist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q124: What is the sixth petition? A: The sixth petition is “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Q125: What does it mean to pray, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”? A: We are asking God to keep us from being tempted and to make us strong enough to resist when we are tempted.

** **The Meditation and Prayer** Joe Bynum, Senior Minister's Intern

‡ **The Hymn No. 570 (Stz. 1-3)** — “Faith of Our Fathers!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 14-15:4 (Pew Bible page 1036)

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

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Faith of our fathers! we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach Thee, too, as love knows how by witness true and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to Thee till death.”

The Postlude — “Chaconne” Gordon Young

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‡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.

Psalm 10A

Tune: Martyrdom



1. O LORD, why do you stand re - mote
2. The wick - ed in his ar - ro - gance
3. Be - cause the wick - ed man ad - mires



And stay so far a - way?
Hot - ly pur - sues the poor.
The lusts of his own soul;



Why do you hide Your - self from us
Let them in plots which they have made
He bless - es peo - ple filled with greed



When trou - ble comes our way?
Be caught and held se - cure.
While he re - viles the LORD.

A Guide to the Morning Service

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. St. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

The Lord's Table

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

Christ's Presence

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

OCTOBER CIRCLES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

CIRCLE 2: *Beth Keeler*
10:00 a.m. – home of Marie Rickels
4050 Crane Blvd.

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*
10:00 a.m. – home of Sue Ann Stewart
506 Shalom Way, Flowood

CIRCLE 4: *Bess Corbitt &
Rebecca Redman*
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 6: *Rhonda Baird*
6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer
2257 East Northside Drive

CIRCLE 7: *Marcia Penn*
5:30 p.m. – Miller Hall

CIRCLE 8: *Janie Purvis*
9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole & Grace Toler*
10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*
10:00 a.m. – home of Judy Payne
125 Katherine Pointe Dr., Madison

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*
10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham
4005 Cabell Lane

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston &
Rachel Bonner*
10:30 a.m. – St. Catherine's, Marian
Hall, 1st Floor Sun Room

CIRCLE 13: *Elizabeth Fulcher*
5:30 p.m. dinner, 6:00 p.m. meeting –
Corner Bakery, Madison

CIRCLE 14 will meet Monday, October 17

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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
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
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

Circles Meet This Week
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
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 MH
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting — 7:30 a.m. in MH
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MS
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

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 Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the
 Gym/Playground
Junior High D Groups — 5:45 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.
D Group Leader Training Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. in WH202

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...”

Moner and Stenia Shaded – Serving with International Messengers in Warsaw, Poland in pastoral ministry and outreach. Email: mshaded@data.pl

Sarah Grafton – Serving alongside First Presbyterian Church’s Tuesday night ESL class. She seeks to show hospitality to internationals from around the world who are studying in Jackson. Email: shgrafton@bellsouth.net

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Alice Rusling — September 29, 2016

COMMUNION TODAY

For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free crackers will be available for Communion today. They will be placed on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard. Please pick up a piece on the way into the morning worship service.

D-GROUP LEADER TRAINING LUNCH

This year’s Fall Leader D Group Training lunch will be on Thursday, October 13, at 11:30 a.m., in room WH202. Gabe Fluhrer will teach about effective small group leadership. Lunch is available for \$6. Please RSVP to discipleship@fpcjackson.org by October 11.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT FORMAT: DISCUSSION AND PRAYER

“What does it look like to follow Christ in the 21st century? Does God get angry with me when I sin? How do I love my neighbor when they deny everything I believe?” As Christians, these are the kinds of questions we ask on a daily basis. Please join us on Wednesday evenings this fall as Senior Minister David Strain leads us in a time of prayer, discussion, and teaching on practical issues related to the Christian life.

FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

The deadline for First Presbyterian Day School priority enrollment for FPC church members is midnight, October 31. This applies to new students who will be in grades kindergarten through sixth in the 2017-2018 school year. To apply, register online at <http://www.fpds.org/admissions/admissions-process>. If you are new to the church or even a long-time member, we invite you to visit our school. Group tours will be held Tuesday, October 18, and Monday, November 14. To register, or for more information, visit “admissions” at www.fpds.org or contact Amy-Allison Russ at aaruss@fpds.org or (601) 940-9012.

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.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Several members of our congregation have benefitted from the hearing devices that are available during our worship services. These devices transmit the sound from the pulpit directly into a small and unobtrusive earpiece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office: 601-353-8316.

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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 <http://fpcj.ms/fam-devo>. Or contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

Question 19: What is the misery of man's fallen condition?

Answer: By their fall all mankind lost fellowship with God and brought His anger and curse on themselves. They are therefore subject to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

MONDAY

Scripture: Read Genesis 3:8-24

Key Thought: The fall separated us from God.

Questions:

- What did Adam do when he heard the sound of the Lord?
- Had Adam ever hidden from God before? Why did he hide now?
- Why does sin separate us from God?
- What evidence can you see of man's separation from God?

Prayer

TUESDAY

Scripture: Read Romans 1:18-25; Psalm 7:11

Key Thought: The fall exposed us to God's wrath and curse.

Questions:

- Why is God's wrath revealed against all unrighteousness?
- How is God's curse seen in the hearts and lives of men?
- How are wrath and justice related to each other?
- Is God's wrath withdrawn when men try to do good things?

Prayer

WEDNESDAY

Scripture: Read Psalm 90:1-17

Key Thought: The fall exposed us to the miseries of this life.

Questions:

- What are some of the miseries that fill the world today?
- How are each of these the result of sin?
- Who is responsible for the miseries of this life?

Prayer

THURSDAY

Scripture: Read Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

Key Thought: The fall exposed us to death.

Questions:

- What penalty did God threaten if Adam ate the forbidden fruit?
- How was this penalty applied to Adam?
- Does everyone eventually die?
- Is there a difference between physical death and spiritual death?
Which is worse? Why?

Prayer

FRIDAY

Scripture: Read Matthew 25:41-46

Key Thought: The fall exposed us to the eternal pains of hell.

Questions:

- Does Jesus speak of hell as a real place?
- Who are cast into everlasting fire?
- Why does rebellion against God deserve an eternal punishment?
- What makes hell such a horrible place?
- Is there any relief for those who are in hell?

Prayer