The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson

“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”
THE LORD’S DAY

The Twenty-Fifth Day of March, Two Thousand Eighteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O’Clock
The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III — Guest Minister
The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley — Executive Minister

The Greetings and Announcements (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)
The Prelude — “Spirit of the Living God” ................................. Iverson
The FPC Brass, Jamie Peipon, Director
The Introit — “Be Thou Exalted, O Lord” ................................. Wymond

The Call to Worship
† The Hymn of Praise No. 172 — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”
‡ 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 host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 24 (Pew Bible pages 458-459)
The Pastoral Prayer

‡ The Psalm No. 198 — “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”
(based on Psalm 24)
The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings
The Offertory — “Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates” ............... William Mathias

“Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors
And the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in Battle
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors
And the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts is the King of Glory.”

The Prayer of Illumination
The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 21:1-11 (Pew Bible page 826)
The Sermon — “Why Palm Sunday?” .................................... Dr. Duncan

‡ The Psalm of Response No. 235 — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
‡ The Benediction
‡ The Response — “As It Was in the Beginning” ....................... William Mathias

*The ushers may seat latecomers
#Congregation standing
EVENING WORSHIP
Six O’Clock
The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Young Adults & College
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude

The Introit — The Four- and Five-Year Olds’ Choir

The Call to Worship

† The Hymn No. 38 — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
‡ The Invocation

† The Hymn No. 457 — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Wayne Husband

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Psalm 126” .................................................. Isaac Wardell
Martin Antoon, Laura Rutledge and Augusta Fair

The Young Children’s Devotional
For children currently in 4-year-old through 3rd grade Sunday School

The Children’s Catechism
Q120: What is the fourth petition? A: The fourth petition is “Give us this day our daily bread.”
Q121: What does it mean to pray “Give us this day our daily bread?” A: We are asking God to provide us with all that we really need.

** The Meditation and Prayer................................. Wiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care

† The Hymn (Stzs. 1-3) — “In Christ Alone” (See Guide)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 20:24-29 (Pew Bible page 907)

The Sermon — Entering the Crucible of Our Unbelief: “Jesus & Our Doubt”.... Mr. Felker

‡ The Benediction

‡ The Response

“No guilt in life, no fear in death: This is the pow’r of Christ in me. From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.”

The Postlude

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**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.
In Christ Alone

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When light's gift burst life's pow'r
And the light, pow'r of Christ was laid.
He rose from death's depths but lives in Christ Alone.
Till now my breath has come, and now my life is His life.
No more I live, but Christ lives in me.
Jesus my life, my blood, my hope.
There is no life of mine my guilt can claim.
In Him I live, and die, and am His own.

What here and now of my present life, my pow'r shall be;
Here and now, in the light of the pow'r of Christ, shall I rise.
And I will cry: For I am saved, not by works of pow'r,
But by the grace of Christ's grace, His blood, His blood, His blood.

Yet still I struggle, I am not what I am.
Only the light, pow'r of Christ, now makes me what I am.
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In the light of the pow'r of Christ, I stand.
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<td>Men’s Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH</td>
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II THESSALONIANS 3:1 — “Finally, brethren, pray for us....”

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IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Doris Aultman — March 18, 2018

FLOWERS
The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Laura Katherine Blurton and Stephen Alanson Biggs are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Joe Brown Blurton, grandfather of the bride, and Mr. Barger Denham “Denny” Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alanson Biggs, Jr., grandparents of the groom.

SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS
The spring Foundations Class meets today at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through Sunday, May 6. 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.

2017-2018 MISSION PLEDGES
The mission budget extends from April 1 to March 31. If you made a pledge in response to last year’s Mission Conference, the last day to fulfil that pledge will be March 31. Thank you for investing in the spread of Christ’s Kingdom.

REGIONAL PCA WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
“ONE” Conference: One Hope...One Faith...One Church — April 13-14
FPC is hosting the first of the four “ONE” PCA Women’s Conferences that will be offered in 2018. Many women will attend from local churches, as well as from outside of our area, and will be challenged to think biblically rather than emotively about oneness from truths found in John 17. All ages are invited as we study God’s Word together. Visit the ONE Conference website to read full workshop descriptions and to register (www.pcacdm.org - the website is also accessible through the FPC app and website). Registration ends March 30.

BROADCAST MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FPC broadcasts our services live on the internet each Sunday and records the services for broadcast on television and radio in several markets. We need new volunteers to serve in this vital, growing ministry. You do not need any experience at all! We will provide all the training necessary. All you need is a desire to help share the Gospel with our viewers around the nation. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. If you are interested, please contact Trey Porter at tvroom@fpcjackson.org or 601-213-7449.

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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 100: What does the preface of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?
Answer: The preface of the Lord’s Prayer (which is, Our Father which art in heaven) teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

MONDAY
Scripture: Romans 8:14-30
Key Thought: The preface to the Lord’s Prayer teaches us to draw near to God through Christ.
Questions:
- Why is the first Person of the Trinity known as “the Father”?
- Why does God teach us to call upon Him as “Father” first?
- Can all men call God their father? Explain.

TUESDAY
Scripture: Mark 10:13-16
Key Thought: The preface to the Lord’s Prayer teaches us of our childlike relationship to God.
Questions:
- How is the affection of a child toward his father demonstrated?
- How are the characteristics of a father seen in his children?

WEDNESDAY
Key Thought: The preface to the Lord’s Prayer teaches us of His fatherly love toward us.
Questions:
- What benefits does a father provide for his children?
- How do the perfections of God make Him the best Father to His children?

THURSDAY
Scripture: Hebrews 2:10-18
Key Thought: The preface to the Lord’s Prayer teaches us to appreciate the benefits that we have as sons of God.
Questions:
- What honors does God bestow on His children?
- What particular blessings does God give to His children?

FRIDAY
Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-13
Key Thought: The preface to the Lord’s Prayer teaches us of the transcendence of God.
Questions:
- What is “transcendence”?
- What are we to learn by praying that our Father is in heaven?