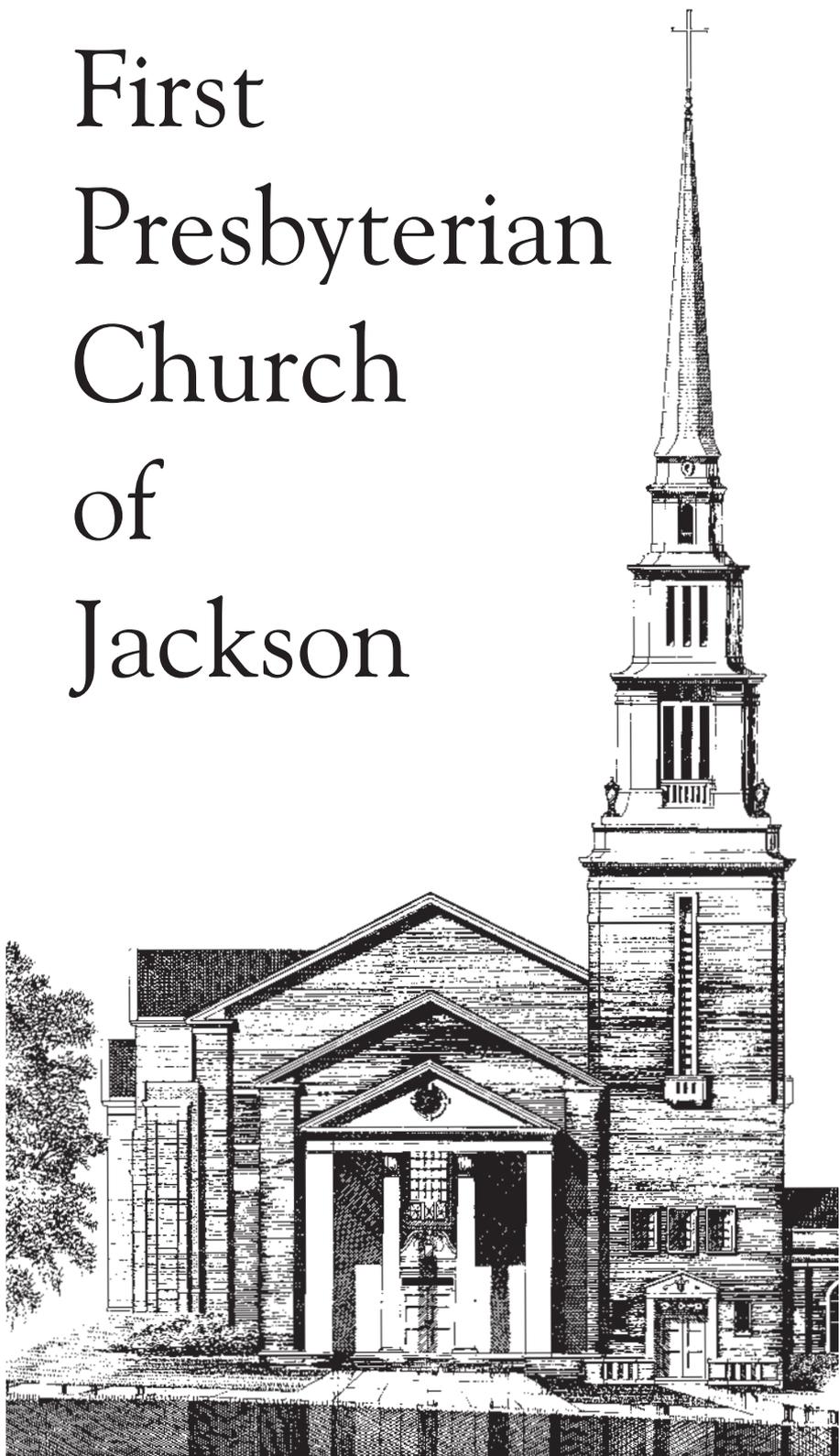


The
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"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighteenth Day of August, Two Thousand Nineteen

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Gary S. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain

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

The Prelude — "Take My Life and Let It Be" Madeleine Case
The FPC Brass Ensemble, Jamie Peipon, Director

The Introit — "Awake, My Heart" Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 263** — "Lift High the Cross"

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — "All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell,
come ye before Him and rejoice"

The Public Profession of Faith

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "The Church's One Foundation" Arr. Dan Forrest

All: "The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride:
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Choir: Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth.
Her charter of salvation; one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

All: Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed.
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up:
"How long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! God give us grace that we like them,
the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Peter 1:3-9 (Pew Bible page 1014)

The Sermon — *On Mission Together* Dr. Strain
"The Tested Genuineness of Your Faith"

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 94 (Stzs. 1,2,5,6)** — "How Firm a Foundation"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living,
just because He lives."

The Postlude — "Festival Postlude on the 'Old Hundredth'" Bruce Stevenson

‡ Congregation standing

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Introduction of New Members

This week, we have the happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the morning worship service.

Why must we be members of a local church? The Bible uses metaphors to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another (Romans 12:5). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into His community of the Trinity. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption by Whom we are made members of the family (Romans 8:15-17). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. So, why must we become members of a local church? It is because, having been united to Christ, we are necessarily united to all those who are united to Him. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

Who can be a member of the church? Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord’s Table can be a communing member of First Presbyterian Church. Children of believer(s) are, by virtue of their birth in a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant. However, they may not partake of the Lord’s Table as a way to protect them from eating and drinking judgment upon themselves, if they were to do so in an unworthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Hence, our children are called non-communing members of the church. We hope that all our covenant children would embrace the gospel and become communing members. While only the communing members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, all members of the church family are, however, entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church. Having discussed why and who can become members of First Presbyterian Church, let us look briefly at the questions for membership:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The first three of five questions seek to show to us our hellish plight before God, bring us to a point of desperate need for the person and work of Jesus, and rely upon the life-giving power in none but the Holy Spirit alone. We would do well to bring these grand truths of the gospel in our prayers every day. While the first three questions speak of our relation to each person of the Godhead, the next two questions speak of our relation to the Church of God which the Father loves, the Son died and rose to save, and the Spirit now indwells. Since each Person of the Trinity is interested and invested in the Church, we who are called by His name must do likewise. May we who are members of the covenant community pray for the welfare of the Church and of First Presbyterian Church. May we seek to live lives in which the gospel has pervaded every sphere. May we be growing disciples seeking to learn more of our God, His great majesty, and His magnificent Fatherhood. May we grow as committed members by regularly worshipping and seeking to gather with our family as often as opportunities provide us. May we be humble followers submitting to the wise leadership and discipline of those who care for our souls. May we grow to love the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ON AUGUST 4, 2019, THE
FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS
WERE WELCOMED
INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP:**

Mr. and Mrs. James B. (Rachel) Burt

Miss Anna Grace Doggett

Mrs. Helen Ferguson

Miss Elizabeth Halle Knox (associate)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sidney (Paula) McClain III

Miss Bethany Grace McClain

Mr. and Mrs. William H. (Jere) McNary

Mrs. Hannah Farris Moore

Mrs. Laura White Smith

Miss Flannery Grace Smith

Mr. Nathanael Smith

Miss Lily Grace Thigpen

Mr. Jeffery Timothy Thigpen



EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College
The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “Suonate Da Camera” (‘La Folia’) Antonio Vivaldi
The FPC String Ensemble

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn** — “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” (See Hymn Sheet)

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Arise, My Soul, Arise” (See Hymn Sheet)

The Greetings

The Prayer — Crane Kipp

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Amazing Grace” American Folk Melody
The Student Choir

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q 130: What sign is used in baptism? **A: Washing with water.**

Q 131: What does this washing with water represent? **A: That we are united to Christ and cleansed from sin by his blood.**

Q 132: Into whose name are we baptized? **A: Into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

** **The Meditation and Prayer** Austin Lenox, Students & Families Intern

‡ **The Hymn No. 307** — “Nothing but the Blood”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Genesis 14 (Pew Bible page 10)

The Sermon — “The Priest-King” Dr. Brock

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks
And sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!”

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.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

Sunday

Children's Church for 3 and 4-year olds — has concluded for the summer
Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M 133
The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. (Library only)
Student Ministry Fall Parent Meeting — 5:00 p.m. in the Youth House
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd)

Monday

Seventh Grade Dinner Out — 5:45 p.m. at Aplos

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MH 205B
French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in Library
CBT Training — 10:00 a.m. in WH 204
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
WIC Leadership Lunch — 11:30 a.m. in PH
WIC Leadership Training (Circle Chair) — 12:30 p.m. in SC 210
WIC Leadership Training (Officers & Service Chairs) — 12:30 p.m. in SC 213
Young Adults Fall Kick Off — 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Urban Foxes
GriefShare — 6:30 p.m. in WH 204B
Internationals Class - American Partner Orientation — 7:00 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOM's Leadership Training — 9:00 a.m. in PH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Midweek Dinner — 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in MH
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC 210A
College Dinner & Discussion — 6:15 p.m. in WH 204A
Junior High D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH
First Pres Forum: On Mission Together with David Strain — 6:30 p.m. in MH
Joint Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Christianity Explored — 6:30 p.m. in WH 204A
Engaged & Newlywed Class — 6:30 p.m. in WH 202A
Evangelism Group — 6:30 p.m. in WH 202B
Women's Bible Study — 6:30 p.m. in WH 204B

Thursday

French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in Library
Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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....”

Bruce & Pam Sinclair – Serving as leader of the East African ministry training team with Mission to the World in Uganda. Please contact the Mission & Outreach Department for more information.

Lifeline – Lifeline is a Christian agency that serves women in crisis pregnancy, serves families through adoption, assists families in crisis through partnering with local churches for hosting and support of vulnerable children. Lifeline is supported through Mission to Jackson.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Stephen and Phoebe Kruger's 39th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

INTERNATIONALS CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASS MINISTRY

If you are interested in becoming an American partner for our Internationals conversational class ministry, please join us Tuesday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Patterson Hall for an orientation meeting. More information is available at www.internationalsclass.org.

MIDWEEK PROGRAMMING BEGINS THIS WEEK

Join us at Midweek this Wednesday, August 21, as we resume our regular schedule! Adult D Groups will meet together in Patterson Hall at 6:30 p.m. to hear from David Felker, and information regarding adult electives and programs for youth and children is available in the blue Midweek books or online at fpcjackson.org/midweek.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is actively recruiting member volunteers for the upcoming Sunday School term, which begins Sunday, September 1. Volunteers of all ages are welcome; you do not have to be a parent. Please consider serving this way! Contact Kimberly Wilkins at kimberlyw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9105.

FALL YOUTH PARENT MEETING

Seventh-12th grade parents, join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth House for our fall parent meeting. We will take a look at the week-to-week schedule as well as upcoming events and overall goals for the ministry.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting today after the 11:00 a.m. service for the purposes of approving the borrowing of up to \$5,500,000 for a construction project to replace the current gym and to add 10 additional classrooms, to approve the Clerk of the Session to enter into all such contracts needed for the construction of the project, borrow funds for the project and sign and execute all documents deemed necessary to complete the financing of the project, and to amend the Resolution dated November 21, 1982.

EVENING COMMUNION

Please note that we will observe Communion in the evening worship service on August 25. For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free crackers will be available.

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 August 20 at 6:30 p.m. in WH 204B. Contact Lilly Foerter at ccare@fpcjackson.org.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The Christianity Explored class will begin Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. in WH 204A. Wayne Husband will lead this study which will explore: Who is Jesus? What did He achieve? How should we respond? The class is open to members and non-believers. Sign up by emailing missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, September 15. To make your reservation, please contact Marie Phillips at mariep@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9101. Space is available only during the 8:30 a.m. service.

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Women's Ministry Fall Bible Studies

Ladies, please join us for one or more of these opportunities to study the Bible this fall.

For full descriptions of each one, please visit the FPC website (<https://fpj.ms/wbs>).

A Life Worthy of the Gospel - A Study of Philipians

MOMS Bible Study (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.)

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., beginning September 4

Teacher: Jane Wiggins

Format: Small Groups and Large-Group Lecture

Registration: Beginning August 1; Contact Joanna McNeel at moms@fpcjackson.org.

Philipians: Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

Midweek Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., beginning August 21

Leaders: Allie Elkin and Beverly Harmon

Format: 6-Week Small-Group Bible Study

Registration: Contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9115.

Jonah: Discover the Grace of God

Thursdays, 9:15 - 11:00 a.m., beginning September 5

Teachers: Melissa Abraham, Helen Lewis, and Sharon Teh

Format: Small Groups and Large-Group Lecture

Open to Ladies of all ages (Mothers of Adolescents - We have small groups for mothers of sixth through 12th graders)

Registration: Please contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9115.

Ephesians

Thursdays, 9:45 - 11:00 a.m., beginning September 5

Teacher: Laura Husband

Format: Large-Group Lecture

Open to Ladies of all ages

Registration: Please email Alice Patterson at alipatte@gmail.com.

Judges: The Need for a Savior

Circle Bible Studies

Monthly Meetings beginning September 9 (days, times, and locations vary.)

For more information or to sign up, contact Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9115.

You may also sign up for any of these studies through the FPC website or app.