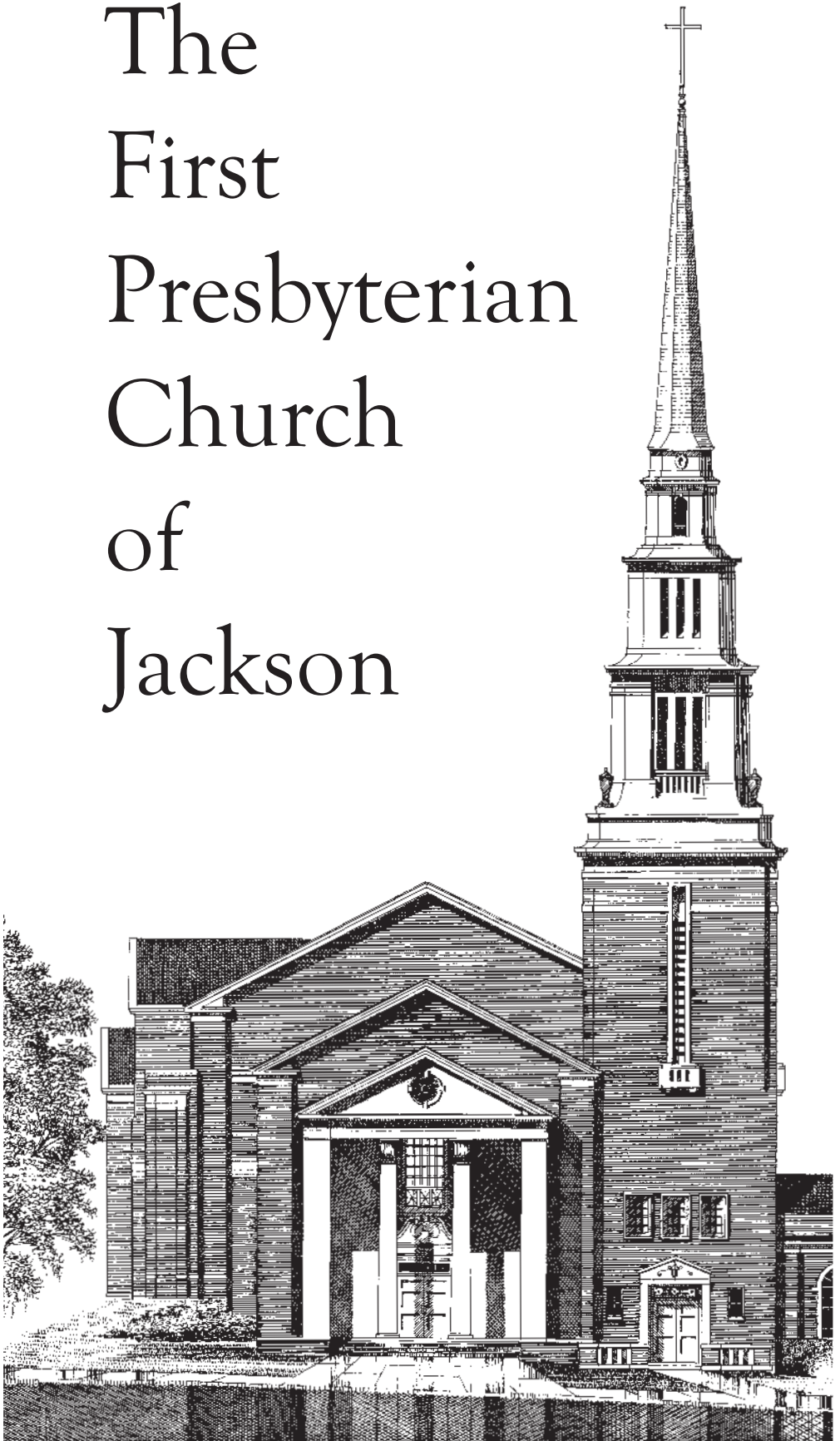


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Tenth Day of April, Two Thousand Sixteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational Care

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 — “Lead Me to Calvary” Arr. Dan Forrest
Dr. David Snyder, Piano

The Introit — “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Ludwig van Beethoven
Jeff Brown, Guest Director

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 1** — “All People that on Earth Do Dwell”

‡ **The Prayer of Invocation**

‡ **The Heidelberg Catechism No. 1** (See Guide)

‡ **The Doxology**

“To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that we may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — Felix Mendelssohn
“O Come Everyone That Thirsteth” (*Elijah*)
“O come everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come to Him.
Hear and your souls shall live forever.
O come everyone that thirsteth, O come to Him!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 20 (Pew Bible pages 61-62)

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 252 (Stz. 1-3)** — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

‡ **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**

“Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “The Seven-Fold Amen” Peter Lutkin

The Postlude — “Sonata III”(Con moto maestoso) Felix Mendelssohn

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer
Minister of Discipleship

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

The Prelude — "Meditation"Mendelssohn
The FPC Strings

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 6** — "O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"
(from Psalm 103)

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn No. 662** — "As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams"
(based on Psalm 42)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bo Bowen

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Lord, Remember Me" Ruthie Foster
Allen Burrows, Jeff Brown, Genneysa Case, Kristi Jordan, and René Young

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q 71. How is Christ your priest? A: Christ died for my sins, and continues to pray for me.

Q 74. Why do you need Christ as your priest? A: Because I am guilty of breaking God's law.

****The Meditation and Prayer**.....Billy Dempsey, Minister of Congregational Care

‡ **The Hymn No. 534 (Stzs 1-3)** — "O for a Closer Walk with God"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture —Revelation 2:1-7 (Pew Bible page 1028)

The Sermon — *Behold, A Throne: "The First Love Lost"*Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

"So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb."

The Postlude — "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim"... Franz Joseph Haydn
The FPC Strings

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**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.

The Sacrament of
THE LORD'S SUPPER
will be observed today.

Participation requires your:

1. Reverence and attention
2. Discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper
3. Meditation on Christ's death and suffering
4. Self judgment
5. Sorrow for sin
6. Desire for Christ
7. Feeding on Him in faith
8. Trusting in Him
9. Rejoicing in His love
10. Giving thanks for His grace
11. Renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ
12. Special love to all Christians

APRIL CIRCLES

MONDAY, APRIL 11

CIRCLE 2: *Fair Hurst*

10:00 a.m. – home of Pam Glover
106 Quail Hollow Place, Brandon

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. – home of Carolyn Heidelberg
145 Brae Burn Drive

CIRCLE 4: *Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 5: *Laura Blaylock & Bess Corbitt*

9:45 a.m. – Church Library

CIRCLE 6: *Rhonda Baird*

6:30 p.m. – home of Beth Archer
2257 East Northside Drive

CIRCLE 7: *Marian Ware*

5:30 p.m. – Miller Hall

CIRCLE 8: *Janet Davis*

9:30 a.m. – The Orchard

CIRCLE 14: *Susan Turner & Marty May*
12:00 noon – Miller Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole & Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. – Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. – home of Nan Fulcher
2035 Heritage Hill Drive

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*

10:30 a.m. – home of Frenchie Graham,
4005 Cabell Lane

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston &
Rachel Bonner*

10:00 a.m. – St. Catherine's – Siena
Garden Room

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.

The Heidelberg Catechism No. 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY APRIL 10, 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
Children's Church for 3 and 4-year-olds — 10:50 a.m. – 12:00
 noon in M135
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Special Needs SS Picnic — 12:00 noon in Pavillion
The Student Choir — 4:40 p.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Burrows
 (2236 N Cheryl Drive)

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 WH202
Sew and 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/SC

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.
Benevolence Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
College Coffee & Conversation — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the
 Gym/Playground
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Junior High D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH
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Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH
Brass Rehearsal — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Young Adults Men's Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

"The Envy of Eve: Pursuit of Contentment" Bible Study —
 9:30 a.m. in PH
"Son of God: the Gospel of Matthew" Bible Study —
 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday School Officer Training — 11:30 a.m. in MH
MTW Strategic Planning Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

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...” **Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher** – Serving with MTW in theological education and spiritual care in sub-Saharan Africa for MTW missionary families and their national partners. Email: bruce.wannemacher@gmail.com **Kyle and Gretchen Parker** – Serving with Northwest Church Planting Network as a church planter in Spokane, WA. Email: cdpcspokane@gmail.com

SPRING FOUNDATIONS CLASS

The Spring Foundations Class meets today at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (across from the bookstore) and runs through May 8. 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 contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or lisar@fpcjackson.org.

JUNIOR HIGH SPRING RETREAT

The deadline to sign up for the Junior High Spring Retreat is tomorrow. Our speaker for the retreat is Joe Johnson, FPC Young Adults Ministry Intern, and students, grades six through nine, will not want miss this great weekend! Sign up online at www.fpcjackson.org/youth and invite your friends. Contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org with questions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING LUNCHEON

Please join us for our Spring Luncheon on April 19 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Miller Hall (cost - \$6.00 taken at the door). Margaret Tohill will speak to us on the *Hope of New Life*. Nursery available upon request at the time of registration. To register, call 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org. Deadline to register: Thursday, April 14.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We are currently recruiting member volunteers to help with VBS June 6-10. If you enjoy working with children, or if you like to help with crafts, or you may prefer a behind the scenes task such preparing snacks for the adult volunteers... we have a spot for YOU! If you are willing to help, please contact VBS Director, Gennyesa Case at 601.540.2370 or email gdcase@comcast.net

TALENT BANK/MINISTRY INTEREST SURVEY

You should have received your survey via email this past week. If you did not or you do not receive email, there are tables setup in the Greeting Courtyard for your convenience. Please take a few minutes to fill out a ministry interest survey today!

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 ear piece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office:

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Lantern Medical Clinic
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