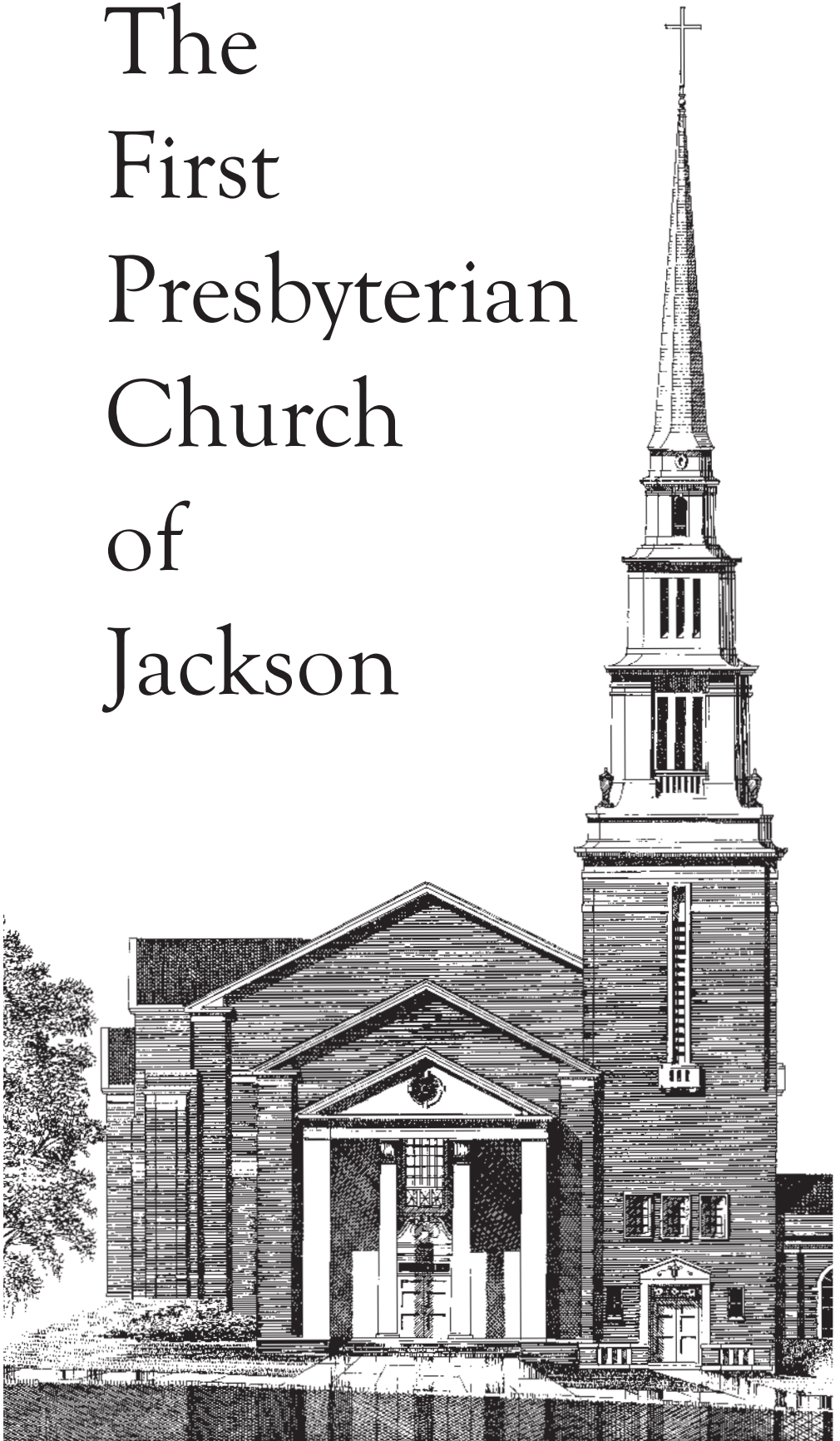


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventeenth 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. Wiley P. Lowry III  
Minister of Pastoral 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** (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — 8:30 a.m. — "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

The Girls Choir

11:00 a.m. — "Canzona Solenne"

S. Karg-Elert

**The Introit** — 8:30 a.m. — "Amazing Grace"

The Boys Choir

11:00 a.m. — "Behold, Now, Praise the Lord" .. Everitt Titcomb

Jeff Brown, Guest Director

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Psalm of Praise No. 59** — "Forever Settled in the Heavens"  
(from Psalm 119)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

**The Public Profession of Faith**

The Biblical Basis

The Introduction of New Members

The Questions of Membership

The Prayer

The Declaration

The Blessing

The Baptism (8:30 a.m.)

‡\* **The Hymn No. 390** — "Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray"

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

**The Offertory** — "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" ..... Harold Friedell

"Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in Thy name,

Two or three are met together, Thou are in the midst of them:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,

Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,

That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.

Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully."

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**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Exodus 20:1-17 (Pew Bible page 61)

**The Sermon** — *God Reigns: "Tell the Truth"* .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 499** — "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — "Five-fold Amen" ..... W. Wymond

**The Postlude** — "Postlude in the Dorian Mode" .....Flor Peeters

\*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 Mr. David L. Felker

Minister of Young Adults and College

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

**The Prelude** — “It Is Well” ..... Philip Bliss, arr. by D. Everson  
FPC Brass

**The Introit** — “Children of the Heavenly Father “  
The Sunshine Singers (4 Year Olds)

“Fairest Lord Jesus” and “Now I Belong to Jesus”  
The Melody Makers (5 Year Olds)

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 363** — “We Gather Together”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Evening Hymn** — “When Trials Come” (See Guide)

**The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Buddy Bartling

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

**The Offertory** — “Praise the Savior”  
The Carol Choir (1st Grade)  
“The King of Love”  
The Covenant Choir (2nd Grade)

‡ **The Hymn No. 587 (Stz. 1-3)** — “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Revelation 2:12-17 (Pew Bible page 1029)

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

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,  
But the King’s own army none can overthrow:  
Round His standard ranging, vict’ry is secure;  
For His truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.  
Joyfully enlisting by Thy grace Divine  
We are on the Lord’s side, Savior, we are Thine.”

**The Postlude** — “The Son of God Goes Forth to War” ..... Cutler, arr. by J. Hunt  
FPC Brass

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

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.



# 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. As we are highlighting various aspects of our worship service each week, let us focus on church membership today:

*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 worshiping 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.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY APRIL 17, 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  
**College Lunch** — 12:00 noon in the Gym  
**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

**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

### 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.  
**Women's Spring Luncheon** — 11:30 a.m. in MH  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Shepherding Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215  
**Internationals Class** — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC

### Wednesday

**MOMS Leadership Brunch** — 9:00 a.m. in PH  
**Men's Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in WH202  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**MTJ Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in WH205A  
**Parents' Prayer Lunch** — 12:00 noon in YH  
**Session Finance Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**College Dinner & Discussion** — 5:15 p.m. in WH204A  
**Peru Summer Mission Team Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC211B  
**VBS Dept. Leaders Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in WH202  
**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  
**D Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**FBC Brass Rehearsal** — 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Young Adults Men's Basketball** — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

### Thursday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**MTW Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Congregational Care Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon  
 in WH205A

### 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..." **Virginia Y.** – serving with International Xchange Organization in Asia. For more information, please contact the Mission Department. **Way & Amy Rutherford** – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Baylor University in Waco, TX. Email: wayrutherford@gmail.com

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. R. Conner McAllister — April 5, 2016

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother, Doris Gene "Dean" Via Spence, by the Spence family.

## NEW MEMBERS

On April 3, 2016, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Mr. Whitten Kirkpatrick Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Justin (Meg) Annison, Mr. Caleb Thomas Sierra Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Lane Lowry (Yoybe') Baird, Mr. Benjamin Williams Bays, Mr. James Gibson Brown, Mr. William Walters Burnham, Mr. William L. S. Davis, Miss Andie Wilks Flatgard, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Andrew (Kristen) Gunn, Mr. Ashton William Heath, Mr. Thomas Hollingsworth Hewitt, Miss Jane Elizabeth Hurst, Miss Annie Aldridge Jicka, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Christopher (Sarah Beth) Jones, Mr. Jeffrey Milton Jordan, Mr. Lewis McGuffee Knotts, Mr. Barnes McMillan Lowry, Miss Ashley Elizabeth Mason, Miss Sheena Dee McCrory, Miss Caroline Carlyle Redman, Mr. Callum Andrew Sinclair, Mr. Matthew William Sinclair, Miss Taetum Sinclair, Mrs. Judy Louise Holt Smelser, Mr. John Richmond Tyson, and Miss Lydia Anne Waters.

## COLLEGE LUNCH

College students, join us for a free lunch in the gym today following the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring your friends!

## 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 15. 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.

## GOLDEN CIRCLE

Ladies, if you or a close family member are unable to attend service or church activities, we would love for you to join our Golden Circle. Golden Circle ladies receive cards and visits from various congregation members. We would love to minister to you in this way. Please contact Kortney Anderson 601-826-0043 or andersonkortney@gmail.com.

## MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Men, join us Thursday, May 5, 2016, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring the Reverend Dr. Derek Thomas, senior minister of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Lisa Repair at 601-326-9243 or lisar@fpcjackson.org.

## 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 as preparing snacks for the adult volunteers...we have a spot for YOU! If you are willing to help, please contact VBS Director, Genneysa Case at 601-540-2370 or email gdcase@comcast.net

## TALENT BANK/MINISTRY INTEREST SURVEY

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

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### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent  
Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator  
Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators  
Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

### THE CHURCH PROGRAM

#### THE SUNDAY SERVICES:

* Sunday School .....	9:40 A.M.
* Morning Worship .....	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
* Evening Worship .....	6:00 P.M.
Senior High Insight .....	7:30 P.M.
Communion .....	2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October
Baptism .....	3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November
New Members Received	1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:00 p.m. in PH

*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING: .....	Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Family Night Dinner .....	Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Children's Activities .....	Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.
The Choir Rehearsal .....	Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.
Discipleship Groups .....	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Junior High D Groups .....	Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting .....	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.