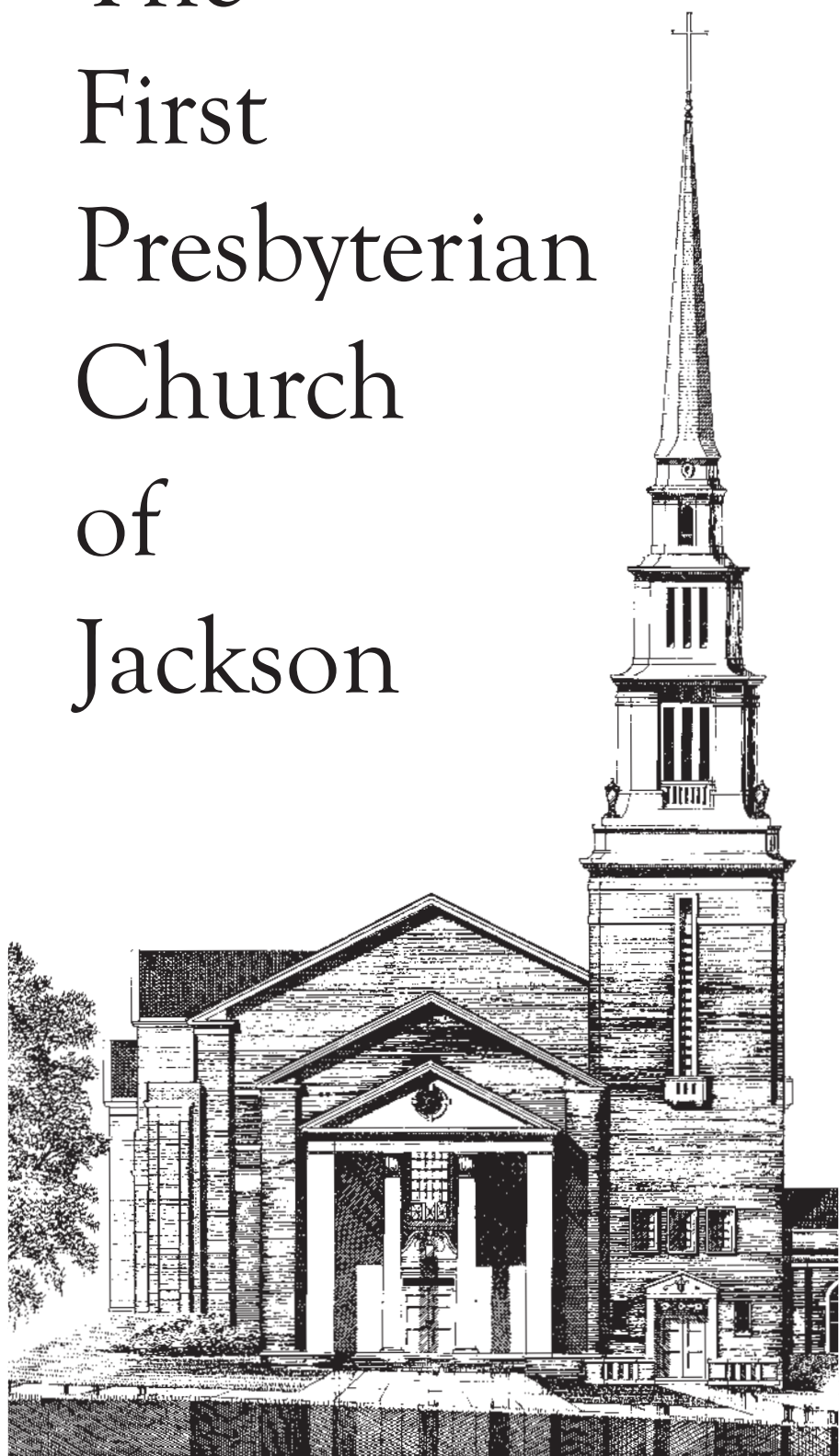


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Eighth Day of April, Two Thousand Nineteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “Andante” Felix Mendelssohn
Shellie Brown Kemp, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Introit — “Glory to the Trinity” Stanley Marchant

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 101** — “Come, Thou Almighty King”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — O father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Set stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis
The Introduction of New Members
The Questions of Membership
The Prayer
The Declaration
The Blessing

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Arr. Benjamin Harlan
Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land.
A home within the wilderness a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat. And the burden of the day
Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me,
And from my smitten heart, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of His glorious love and my unworthiness.
I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

‡ **The Hymn (Stzs. 1-3)** — “The Power of the Cross” (See Guide)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Hymn of Preparation

O, to see my name written in the wounds. For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love!
This the pow'r of the cross; Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Colossians 4:2-6 (Pew Bible page 985)

The Sermon — *Rooted*: “How the Word Reaches the World” #2.....Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 654** — “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heav'n's joys, O Bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Postlude — “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” ... Don Hustad

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman — Minister of Mission & Outreach
The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — “Like a River Glorious”James Mountain
The FPC String Ensemble

‡ **The Hymn No. 699** — “Like a River Glorious”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Hymn — “O Day of Rest and Gladness” (See Hymn Sheet)

The Greetings

The Prayer — Ruling Elder Bill Payne

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”Becker/Getty
Genessya Case, Soloist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism

Q97: What is the sixth commandment? A: The sixth commandment is “You shall not murder.”

Q98: What does the sixth commandment teach you? A: Not to take anyone’s life unjustly and not to sin when I am angry.

** **The Meditation and Prayer**David Felker, Minister of Discipleship

‡ **The Hymn (Stzs. 1-2)** — “I Run to Christ” (See Hymn Sheet)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Galatians 6:14 (Pew Bible page 975)

The Sermon — “Boasting in the Cross”Dr. Hartman

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure escape.
“Deliver me,” I cry to Him; Temptation yields to grace.
I run to Christ when plagued by shame and find my one defense.
“I bore God’s wrath,”
He pleads my case My Advocate and Friend.

The Postlude

‡Congregation standing

**Children dismissed after the prayer



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.

The Power of the Cross



1. O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day;
 2. O, to see the pain writ - ten on your face,
 3. Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath
 4. O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
 quakes as its Ma - ker bows His head.
 for through Your suf - f'ring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood.
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 won through Your self - less love!



— This the pow'r _____ of the cross: _____
 — This the pow'r _____ of the cross: _____
 — This the pow'r _____ of the cross: _____
 — This the pow'r _____ of the cross: _____



— Christ be - came _____ sin for us. _____ Took the blame, _____
 — Christ be - came _____ sin for us. _____ Took the blame, _____
 — Christ be - came _____ sin for us. _____ Took the blame, _____
 — Son of God _____ slain for us. _____ What a love, _____



— bore the wrath; We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.
 — bore the wrath; We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.
 — bore the wrath; We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.
 — what a cost! We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.

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 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 28, 2019

Sunday

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)
Foundations Class — 9:40 a.m. in MB 133
Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m.
 worship service in MB 135
Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:35 p.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Biggs
 (4025 Crane Blvd)

Monday

Circle Bible Teacher Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in WH 204
Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 p.m. noon in WH 204A
Women & Children’s Committee Meeting — 12:00 p.m. noon
 in WH 202
Mission First Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC 210
Graduating Seniors Dinner — 6:00 p.m. in Miller Hall

Tuesday

“Truth at Dawn” Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in PH
Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC 211
French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in Library
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MH 205B
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Officers’ Prayer Time — 12:00 noon in PH
Internationals Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC 213A
GriefShare — 6:30 p.m. in WH 202B
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Leadership Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in PH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in Parlor
Shepherding Training — 12:00 noon in WH 202A
Midweek Dinner — 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in MH
Children’s Mission in May — 5:30 p.m. in MB 122 & 123
Peru Mission Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC210B
Shepherding Training — 5:30 p.m. in SC 213A
Compass: Money & Marriage — 5:30 p.m. in WH 202A
Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Outreach Evangelism Prayer - 6:00 p.m. in WH 202B
Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Junior High Small Groups — 6:30 p.m. in YH
Senior High Small Group — 6:30 p.m. in Y 201
Adult D Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
First Pres Forum: The Cross of Christ — 6:30 p.m. in MH
Chinese Bible Study — 6:30 p.m. in SC 210A
Evangelism Group — 6:30 p.m. at Methodist Rehab

Thursday

The 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...”

Coby & Pamela McGinty – Working in student ministry with Mission to the World at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. Mailing address: Mission to the World, Student Y – UCT, 25 Stanley Rd, Rondebosch, WC 7801, South Africa.
Email: coby@mcginty.com

Center for Pregnancy Choices – CPC is supported through FPC Mission to Jackson. This ministry seeks to minister to women who are at risk for abortion as well as to the needs of their unborn children.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Marion Swayze — April 24, 2019

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Knox and Ginger Chamblin.

NEW MEMBERS

On April 7, 2019, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Miss Mamie Carol Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Burwell (Jill) Barton, Mr. James Matthew Bays, Miss Abigail Jean Conroy, Miss Hallie Elizabeth Dale, Mr. Eason McNie Forster, Mr. Lindan Lockhart Garner, Mr. and Mrs. William Harry (Mynette) Gibson, Mr. Charles Michael Murray Greaves, Mrs. Deborah Laughlin Hester, Mr. Henry Read Jordan, Mr. Sisar Duke Kattempudi, Miss Laura Piper McCalop, Miss Elizabeth McClain Morgan, Mr. William Randall Morgan, Mr. Parker Franklin Page, Miss Cathrine Nanette Sheppard, Miss Carla Tejas, Mr. Stewart Morgan White, Miss Lola Allene Williams, and Miss Mary Morgan Williams.

MEN’S MINISTRY CRAWFISH BOIL

Men, join us at the Creekmore’s in Madison (143 McHarris Road) at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 9. This event will be an end-of-the-school-year fellowship at which we can actually have time to get to know one another in our big church – young and not-so-young men together. Come for fellowship, plenty of crawfish, and a little corn hole tournament. Bring \$5 (card, check, or cash) for dinner. No registration is necessary.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For the Children’s Ministry Missions in May service project, we will again be packing shoeboxes! These shoeboxes will be sent to children all over the world who do not yet know the love of Jesus and often reach areas where traditional missionaries cannot go. Join us as we collect items for our shoeboxes in April and May. School supplies, non-liquid hygiene or toiletry items, small toys or a “Wow” item are great choices. Items can be dropped off in the labeled bin by the welcome desk.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 19. To make your reservation, please contact Lilly Foerter at ccare@fpcjackson.org by this Tuesday.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

New members will be received on June 2, 2019. All new member forms need to be turned in by May 22, or they will be held until the next date. Contact Lilly Foerter at ccare@fpcjackson.org with questions.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH RYM

FPCYM is taking Junior High and Senior High trips to RYM this summer at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL. Sign up at fpcjackson.org/church-life/youth/upcoming-events or the app to reserve your spot. The early bird deadline is this Tuesday for both trips, and a \$100 deposit is due at registration. Please contact Lilly Foerter at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org with questions.

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Midweek

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Midweek is an opportunity to break from your usual weeknight routine and to join our church family for a refreshing evening of fellowship and spiritual formation between Sundays. Our meal is from 5:00 to 6:15 PM and is a casual time with families and friends gathering at a table together to share dinner, breaking up the busyness of the week.

First Pres Forum

Miller Hall | 6:30 PM

All Ages

May 1 will be the final day for the fourth quarter of our Midweek programs. Beginning May 8, we hope you will join us at First Pres Forum for a four-week series featuring some of our Mississippi RUF campus ministers. We look forward to hearing how God is at work on college campuses in Mississippi.

Senior High Students

Join the youth staff for dinner in Miller Hall any time between 5:00-6:15, and then stay as we attend the First Pres Forum.

Junior High Dinner Out

May 1 | Newk's in Jackson

6:00 PM

Transportation will leave the Youth House at 5:45 and return by 7:30, or students may be dropped off and picked up at Newk's.

Encounters with Jesus

Youth House | 6:00 PM

Rising Sixth - Tenth Grade

Pizza in the Youth House at 5:30. Teaching series at 6. Games in the gym after teaching until 7:30.

Missions in May

Open Playground | 5:30

M122 and M123 | 6:30

3-years old - fifth grade

Missions in May gives your children the opportunity to learn about being a missionary regardless of age or location. Throughout the month of May, we will have guests representing and teaching the children about a local ministry, a national ministry, and an international ministry. Our program will conclude on May 22 with an Operation Christmas Child Packing Party. We have prepared craft projects, music, and other activities relating to these various ministries and plan to teach them how they can pray and share their faith with others right here in Jackson, MS. Join us in May as we "travel" near and far with a different adventure each week!

Nursery

Ground Floor | 5:00-7:30 PM

Nursery for infants through three-years old is provided during Midweek. Children must be checked in to the Nursery by a parent. For more info, please contact Gena Dear.