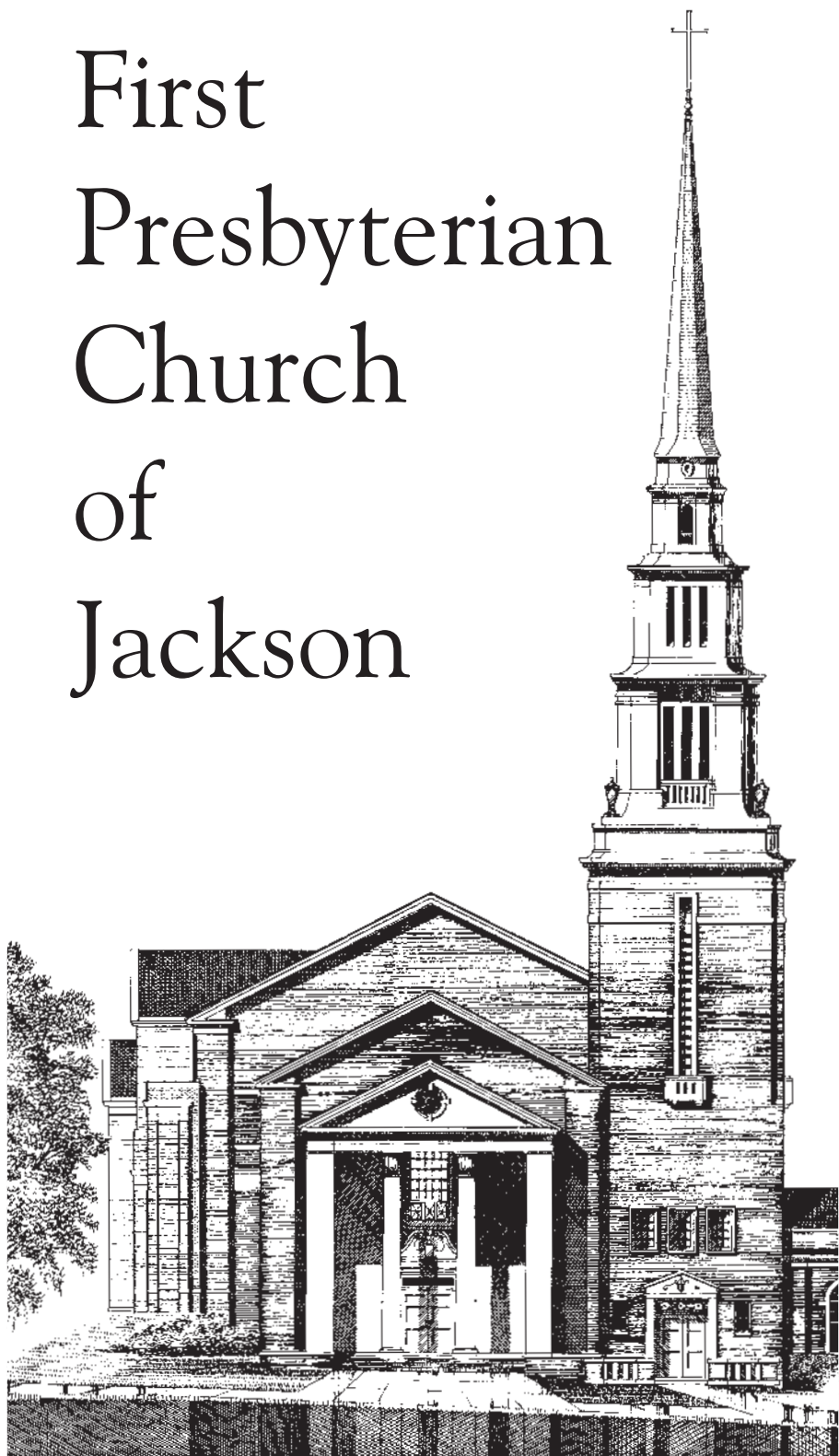


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The First Day of December, Two Thousand Nineteen

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College

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

The Prelude — “Improvisation on ‘Veni Emmanuel’” 13th C. Plainsong
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 196** — “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

‡ **The Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology** — **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.** (Tune: Old 100th)
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”Elizabeth Poston
The tree of life my soul hath see, Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell:
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought,
I missed of all, but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile;
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

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

The Recognition of Recitation of the Shorter Catechism (8:30 a.m. only)

The Scripture Reading — Psalm 77 (Pew Bible page 488)

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Philippians 2:5 (Pew Bible page 980)

The Sermon — “The Call of Christmas” Dr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 203** — “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

‡ **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 — “Festival Postlude” Healey Willan

‡Congregation standing

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.

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EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III — Minister of Pastoral Care

The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Discipleship

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

The Prelude — “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”Plainsong

The FPC String Ensemble

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn** — “Let the Earth Resound” (See Hymn Sheet)

‡ **The Invocation**

The Hymn No. 221 — “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

The Greetings

The Prayer — Paul Stephenson

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “O Little Town of Bethlehem”Walford Davies

The String Ensemble

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Children's Catechism

Q6: Is there more than one true God? **A: No. There is only one true God.**

** **The Meditation and Prayer**Kevin Vollema, College Intern

‡ **The Hymn No. 195** — “Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come” (Stzs.1-3)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 1:1-8 (Pew Bible page 1028)

The Sermon — *Joy to the World: “The Lord is Come”* Mr. Lowry

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love, and wonders
of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

The Postlude

‡Congregation standing

**Children dismissed after the prayer

A GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

WELCOME

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God's Word to us this evening.

The Already and Not Yet of the Last Days

The OT prophets, writing from the vantage point of their present age (the time of promise), spoke of "the last days" as being the time of fulfillment in the distant future (e.g., Jer. 23:20, 49:39; Ezek. 38:16; Hos. 3:5; Mic. 4:1).

The Structure of the OT Expectation of the Last Days



The NT (the time of fulfillment), however, locates "the last days" in the present age. The "last days" *already* began with the death and resurrection of Jesus and the outpouring of the Spirit, but they are *not yet* fully realized, which will happen only after Christ returns.

The NT Restructuring of the OT Expectation of the Last Days

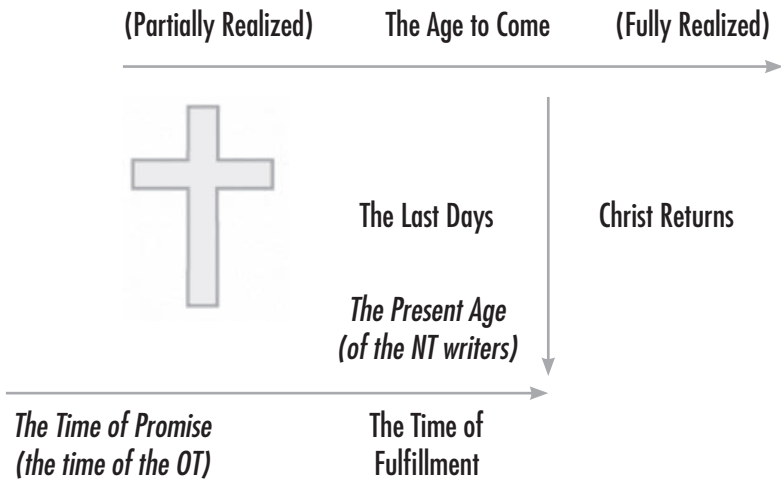


Chart Source: *ESV Study Bible*, Published in 2008, Crossway

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

Sunday	<p>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) Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds — during 11:00 a.m. worship service in M135 The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only) Senior High Insight — 7:30 at the Flatgard Home (214 Silas Trace, Ridgeland)</p>
Monday	<p>WIC Council Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in PH Mission to North America Committee Meeting — 12:00 Noon in WH 202A Women & Children’s Committee Meeting — 12:00 Noon in MH 203B & C Young Adults & College Committee Meeting — 12:00 Noon in WH 204A Mission First Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210A</p>
Tuesday	<p>Truth at Dawn Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. in PH Strategic Planning Meeting — 7:30 a.m. in WH204A Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MH 205B French Camp Quilters — 9:00 a.m. in Library The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. in Bookstore Twin Lakes Executive Board Meeting — 11:15 a.m. in WH 204A Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 Noon in WH 204A Mission Conference Committee Meeting — 12:00 Noon in WH 202A Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215 Internationals’ Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC 210/213 Internationals’ Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m. Midweek Dinner — 5:00 p.m. in MH Adult Choir Rehearsal — 5:50 p.m. in MS Chinese Bible Study — 6:00 p.m. in SC 210A The Children’s Choirs Pageant — 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary</p>
Thursday	<p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
Friday	<p>No Scheduled Activities</p>
Saturday	<p>Men’s Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

BC - Basement Classroom
 HC - Hutton Chapel
 LCR - Learning Resource Center

LH - Lowe Hall
 M - Main Floor
 MCR - Ministers Conference Room

MH - Miller Hall
 MS - Music Suite
 PH - Patterson Hall
 SC - Study Center

SR - Session Room
 WH - Westminster Hall
 YH - Youth House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1 – “Finally, brethren, pray for us....”

Kurt & Jill – serving with Mission to the World in Europe. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Sam & Sarah Tyson Husband – Serving as a church planter with Reformed University Fellowship in Memphis, TN. Email: samuel.husband@ruf.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie Holmes – November 20, 2019

MEN’S MINISTRY LUNCH GATHERING

Men, make plans to join us Thursday, December 12, at 11:45 a.m., in Miller Hall, to hear from Dr. Harry Reeder. There is no need for advance registration, and \$6 will be taken at the event for our fried chicken lunch. Contact Jenny Sanders at discipleship@fpcjackson.org with questions.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Ladies, please join us for our traditional Christmas gathering on Tuesday, December 17. We will enjoy a meal and fellowship, and our devotional speaker will be Ashley Smith. Appetizers will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner and program will be from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 and will be taken at the door. The meal will be naturally gluten free, and nursery is available by request at the time of registration for children ages 4 and under. To ensure your meal is reserved, please register by the deadline of Thursday, December 12. You may register via the FPC app or website or you may contact lisao@fpcjackson.org.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This past spring, our Missions in May children gathered enough materials to fill 84 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes which will soon be shipped to children across the globe. The Children’s Sunday School Christmas offering collected in November and December will fund the shipment of these boxes. Please pray for the recipients of these boxes and encourage your child to bring money to Sunday School.

PARENTING WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

Save the date for our Parenting Workshop. The evening will include dinner and a large group led by Sandy Willson, as well as smaller breakout sessions to address more specific phases of parenting. For more information and to register, visit <https://fpcj.ms/parenting>.

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

We can plan to do more gospel ministry with your commitment for 2020. If you have not turned in your stewardship commitment card, you may place it in the offering plate during today’s worship services. You may also pledge electronically by visiting our church app and clicking on “Giving,” then “Pledge.” To date, we have received 283 stewardship commitments for a total of \$3,381,528.64.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet, weekly 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, twice each month a group of those who have loved ones who struggle with addiction/alcoholism meet 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.



2019 Holiday Schedule

December 4	6:30 p.m.	The Children's Choirs Pageant in Sanctuary
December 5	5:30 p.m.	Junior High Progressive Dinner
December 8	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight Christmas Party at the Hurst home
December 11		No Midweek Activities
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Christmas Soiree
December 12	11:45 a.m.	Men's Ministry Lunch Gathering with Dr. Harry Reeder
December 14	10:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m.	Bookstore Open House
December 15	4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Music of Christmas Service
December 17	6:00 p.m.	WIC Christmas Dinner in MH
December 18	5:30 p.m.	Carols in the Park (ing Lot)
December 23 - Jan.1		Bookstore Closed
December 24	4:00 p.m.	Family Carols Service
December 24-25		Church Offices Closed
December 25		No Midweek Activities
December 29	6:00 p.m.	Winter Grace Service
December 31		Church Offices Open
January 1, 2020		Church Offices Closed

