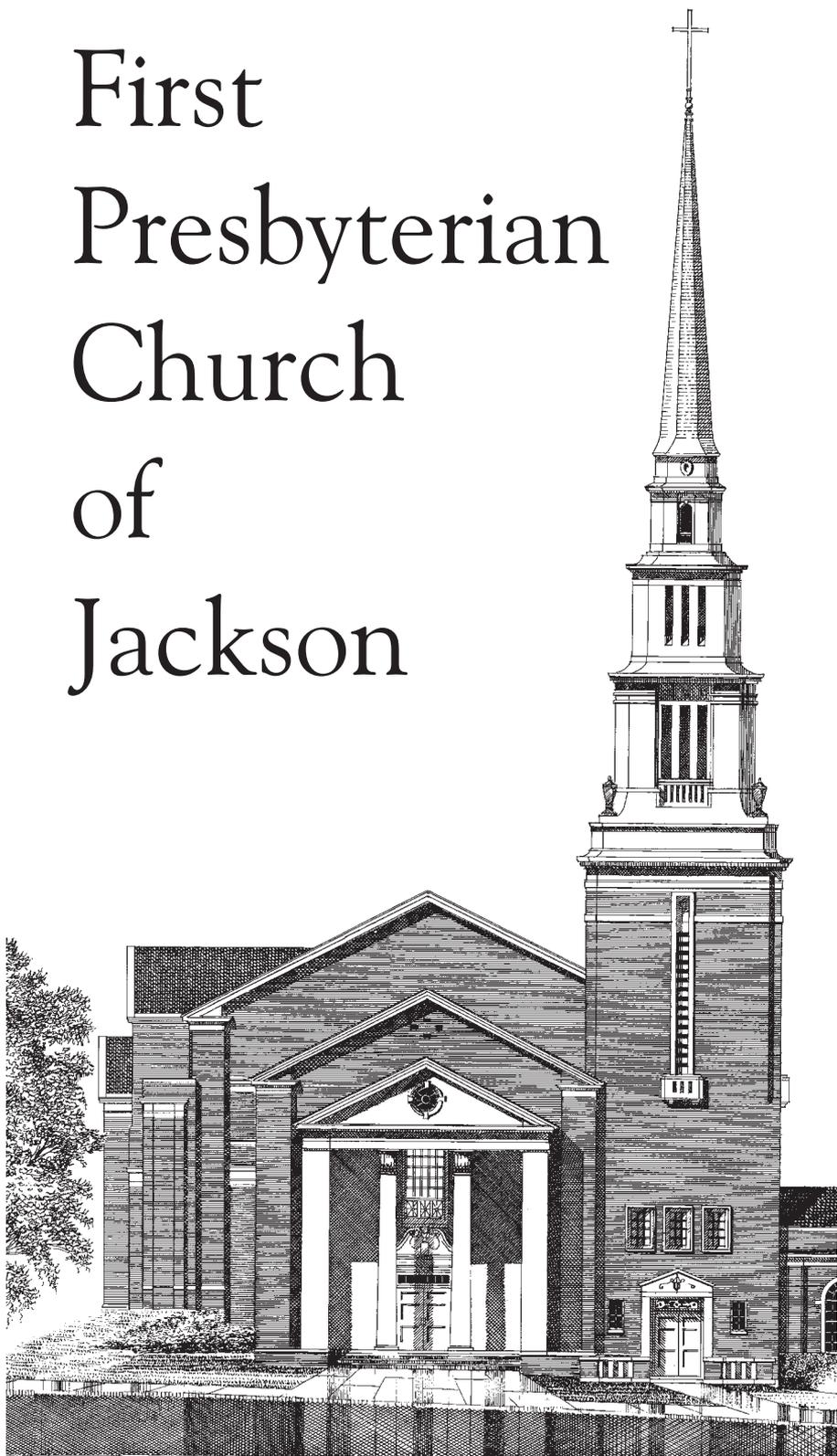


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of October, Two Thousand Twenty

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” J. S. Bach
John Sinclair, Cello; William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — “We Come, O Christ, to You” John Darwall

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 100 — “Holy, Holy, Holy”

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood” Arr. Dan Forrest

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.
The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.
When this poor lisp'ing, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,
then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save!

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Revelation 2

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

² “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

⁹ “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

¹² “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

¹³ “I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. ¹⁴ But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. ¹⁵ So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

¹⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹ “I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³ and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵ Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶ The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷ and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

The Hymn No. 378 — “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.
2. Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
3. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heav'nly table spread for me:
here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.
4. I have no help but thine, nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon:
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.
5. Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,
thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

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 No. 296 (Stzs. 1, 3, and 4) — “All Hail the Power Of Jesus' Name”

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

The Benediction

The Postlude — “Recessional in G”G. F. Handel

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.

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.

VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. You can text **fpcjwelcome** to 955-77 to learn more about how to get connected to the life of our church.

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College
The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker — Minister of Discipleship

The Greetings and Announcements (5:55 p.m.)

The Prelude — “Whiter than Snow” Dan Forrest
David Snyder, Accompanist

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 542 — “Who Are These like Stars Appearing”

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| <p>1. Who are these like stars appearing,
these before God’s throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia! Hark, they sing,
praising loud their heav’nly King.</p> <p>2. Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God’s own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose lustre ne’er shall fade,
ne’er be touched by time’s rude hand?
Whence come all this glorious band?</p> <p>3. These are they who have contended
for their Savior’s honor long,
wrestling on till life was ended,</p> | <p>fol’wing not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph through the Lamb have gained.</p> <p>4. These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o’er,
God has bid them weep no more.</p> <p>5. These like priests have watched and waited,
off’ring up to Christ their will;
soul and body consecrated,
day and night to serve him still:
now in God’s most holy place
blest they stand before his face.</p> |
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The Invocation

The Hymn — “Nothing but the Blood”

1. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
- Refrain:
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
2. For my cleansing this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
- Refrain
3. Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
- Refrain
4. This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
- Refrain
5. Now by this I’ll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I’ll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
- Refrain

The Greetings

The Prayer Mr. Tom Rice

The Young Children’s Devotional — The *Children’s Catechism*

Q50. How could Christ suffer? A: Christ, the Son of God, became a man so that he could obey and suffer in our place.

Q51. For whom did Christ obey and suffer? A: For all whom God the Father gave to Christ.

** The Meditation and Prayer..... Josh Shideler, Discipleship Intern

The Hymn — “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

1. How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 8

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. ³ For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. ⁴ Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵ They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” ⁶ But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

⁸ For he finds fault with them when he says:

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah,

⁹ not like the covenant that I made with their fathers
on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of
the land of Egypt.

For they did not continue in my covenant,
and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

¹¹ And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor
and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.

¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more.”

¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

The Sermon — Hebrews: The New Covenant..... Dr. Brock

The Benediction

The Response

3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Postlude — “Jesus Shall Reign”Albin C. Whitworth

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.

Ro & Anna Taylor – Serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Delta State University. Email: ro.taylor@ruf.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Houston Stephenson IV by Mr. and Mrs. Alan Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brink, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Alan Walters. *John 17:24*

AWAKENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2020-2021

At times not unlike our own, when revival seemed improbable and unlikely, God has been pleased to visit his people in seasons of extraordinary blessing. In such days, the preaching of the Word of God is given new power, deep conviction of sin penetrates the heart, believers are revitalized as the gospel comes to them with renewed sweetness and joy, and many are converted to Christ. Please join us as we continue to learn about the Awakening that only God can bring.

KIM HENDERSON EVENT

Kim Henderson, a senior correspondent with WORLD Radio, will speak at a reception in Miller Hall on Wednesday, October 14, at 3:00 p.m. on the topic “Journalism Is Never Neutral.” Reservations are required and can be made by emailing Ambria Collins at acollins@gwpub.com.

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare is a ministry of support and encouragement for those grieving the death of a loved one. Our GriefShare course is on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in WH 202. To register, call the church office at 601-353-8316.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES MEET THIS WEEK

Circles will meet October 12-13. Updated locations and more information is available at fpcj.ms/circles. If you are already a member of a Circle, there is no need to register. If you are interested in joining a circle, please email Lisa Oswalt at lisao@fpcjackson.org.

FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

The deadline for FPDS priority enrollment for church members is October 31, for new students who will be in grades K3 through sixth in the 2021-2022 school year. Apply online at fpds.org/admissions/apply-now/. If you are new to the church or even a long-time member, we invite you to visit our school. For more information visit “admissions” at www.fpds.org or contact Amy-Allison Russ at aaruss@fpds.org or 601-940-9012.

FATHER SON WEEKEND AT TWIN LAKES

We are having a Father Son Weekend, October 16-17, at Twin Lakes. Bring your tent and join us for what we hope is a deeply formative weekend for Dads and sons. The cost is \$90 per father and son; additional sons are \$40. Register online at fpcj.ms/mens-ministry.