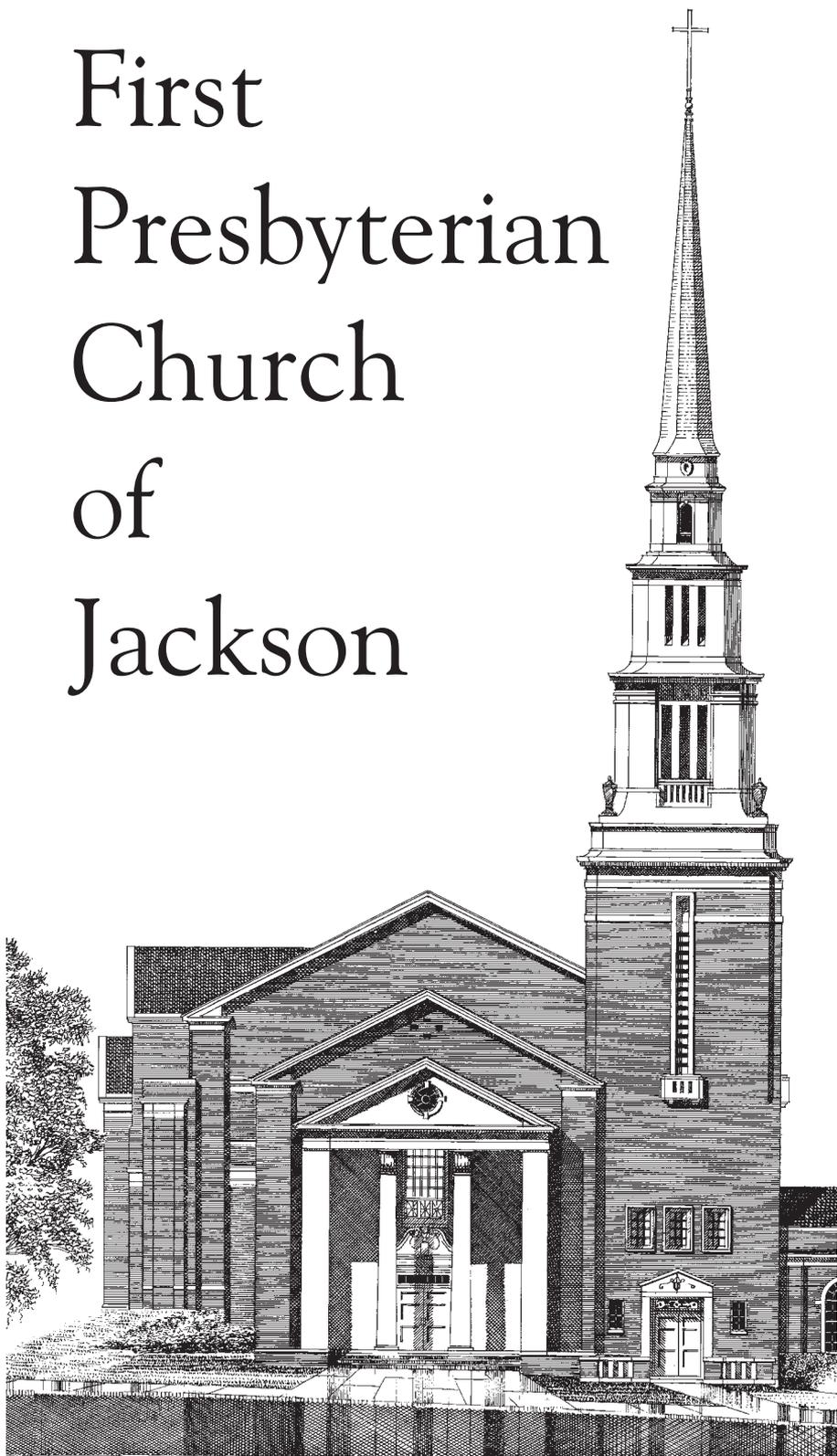


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighteenth 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 — "Ayre in B Flat" Georg Phillip Telemann
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — "Praise Ye the Lord"G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 98 — "Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven—
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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 Offering

The Anthem — “O Love, How Deep” Everitt Titcomb
O Love, how deep, how broad, how high.
How passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God,
Should take our mortal form for mortals’ sake,
For us He prayed, for us He taught, for us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not Himself, but us,
All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forever more.
Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Isaiah 66:1-2

Thus says the Lord:
“Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool;
what is the house that you would build for me,
and what is the place of my rest?
² All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the Lord.
But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word.

The Sermon — *Awakening: How Revival Comes Part I* Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 370 — “Revive Thy Work, O Lord”

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| 1. Revive thy work, O Lord,
thy mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
and make thy people hear. | 4. Revive thy work, O Lord,
exalt thy precious name;
and, by the Holy Ghost, our love
for thee and thine inflame. |
| 2. Revive thy work, O Lord,
disturb this sleep of death;
quicken the smould’ring embers now
by thine almighty breath. | 5. Revive thy work, O Lord,
give Pentecostal show’rs:
the glory shall be all thine own,
the blessing, Lord, be ours. |
| 3. Revive thy work, O Lord,
create soul-thirst for thee;
and hung’ring for the Bread of Life
O may our spirits be. | |

The Benediction

The Postlude — “Sonata in D” (Allegretto).....Leonardo da Vinci

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 **fpjwelcome** to 955-77 to learn more about how to get connected to the life of our church.

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.

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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?

QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP (CONTINUED)

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.

NEW MEMBERS

On October 4, 2020, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship:

Miss Laurie Elizabeth Barbour

Mr. Thaxton Wells Burke

Miss Jeanette Rebecca DeVeer

Ms. Helen Claire Fulcher

Mr. and Mrs. John H. and Deborah Kay Philip Goelz

Dr. Willie Fowler Joiner Jr.

Mrs. Meredith Sanford Lenox

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Hammond and Kelly Elizabeth Love

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Neil and Carol Anne Marion Miconi

Miss Virginia Greaves Mills

Miss Rebekah Anne Oakley

Mr. Wynn Bishop Oakley

Miss Rosalie Webb Oliver

Mrs. Anna Lee Warren Rhett

Mr. William Bruce Russell

Mr. and Mrs. William L. and Dorothy Efrid Stabler

Mr. Thomas Edward Waters

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

The Reverend Dr. Cory C. Brock — Minister of Young Adults & College
The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey — Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “O Perfect Love”..... Joseph Barnby
Daniel Jones, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 691 — “It Is Well with My Soul”

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

3. My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
“Even so” — it is well with my soul.

Refrain

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Arise, My Soul, Arise”

1. Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Refrain:

Arise (arise), arise (arise),
Arise, arise my soul arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise),
Arise, arise my soul arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

2. He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Refrain

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

Refrain

4. My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

Refrain

The Greetings

The Prayer Mr. Richard Ridgway

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

Q52. What kind of life did Christ live on earth? A: A life of obedience, service and suffering.

Q53. What kind of death did Jesus die? A: The painful and shameful death of the cross.

** The Meditation and Prayer.....William Stabler, College Intern

The Hymn — “Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

1. Christ the sure and steady anchor
in the fury of the storm;
When the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn;
In the suff’ring, in the sorrow
when my sinking hopes are few.
I will hold fast to the anchor
it shall never be removed.
2. Christ the sure and steady anchor
while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle
and it seems the night has won,
deeper still then goes the anchor
though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor
it shall never be removed.
3. Christ the sure and steady anchor
through the floods of unbelief,
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul now,
lift your eyes to calvary.
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor
it shall never be removed.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 9 (see guide)

The Sermon — *Hebrews: The Blood of Christ* Dr. Brock

The Benediction

The Response

Christ the sure and steady anchor
as we face the wave of death,
When these trials give way to glory
and we draw our final breath,
We will cross that great horizon
clouds behind and life secured.
And the calm will be the better
for the storms that we endured.

The Postlude — “Maestoso” Hermann Schroeder

Scripture Reading — Hebrews 9

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ² For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³ Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, ⁴ having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵ Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶ These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷ but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸ By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹ (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰ but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶ For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mel & Martha Pike – Serving with Mission to the World in Ukraine as church planter and pastor-mentor. Email: rmrpike@gmail.com.

Per and Beth Almquist – Serving as church planters with Mission to North America in Lewiston, ME. Email: per.almquist@freegrace.us.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Marie Campbell Phillips with gratitude for 28 years of faithful service to First Presbyterian Church.

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.

STEWARDSHIP 2021

“All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.” I Chronicles 29:11

Commitment Sunday for Stewardship 2021 will be November 1, 2020. Church members should receive a copy of the FPC Annual Report in the mail prior to that date. Copies will also be available for pickup here at the church.

HURRICANE RELIEF TRIP — LAKE CHARLES, LA

First Pres will be taking a group on October 23-24 and is looking for volunteers to help with debris removal and chainsaw work. Register with MNA Disaster Response at their website. Registration cost is \$8 to pay for your background check. Once you've registered with MNA, please email Billy Dempsey (bdempsey@fpcjackson.org) indicating your willingness to go help.

U.S. MILITARY VETERAN RECOGNITION

In honor of Veterans Day on November 11, FPC will recognize those who have served in the U.S. armed forces. If you (or someone in your family) have served our country, please send an email to ccare@fpcjackson.org with a photograph expressive of the service, along with the person's name, rank, service branch, and years of service. Please have all info submitted by October 23.

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.