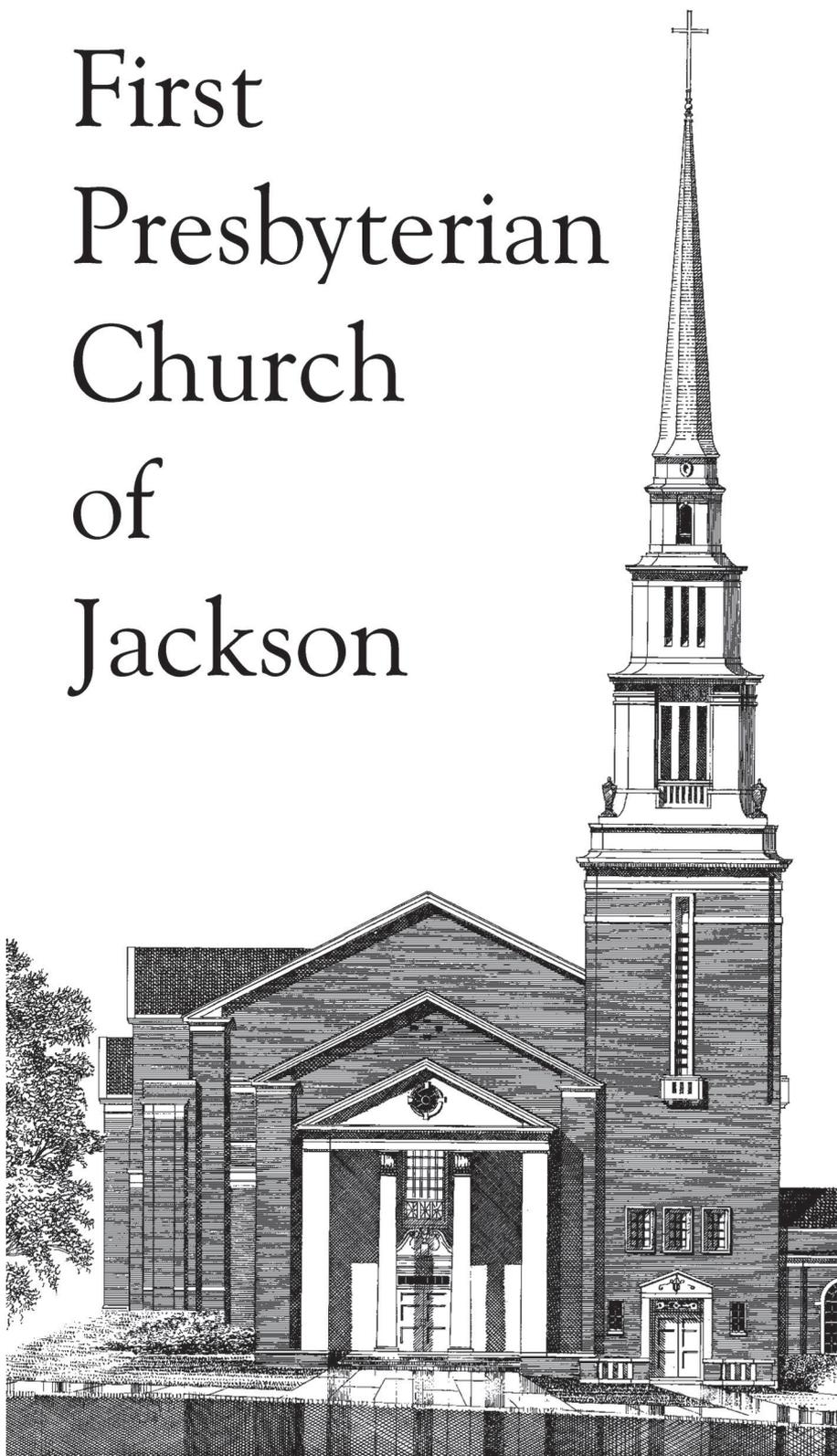


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-second Day of November, Two Thousand Twenty
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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — “Nocturne in E”..... Felix Mendelssohn
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — “Praise Ye the Lord”G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 64 — “God, the Lord, a King Remaineth”

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| 1. God, the Lord, a King remaineth,
robed in his own glorious light;
God hath robed him and he reigneth;
he hath girded him with might.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God is King in depth and height. | 4. With all tones of waters blending,
glorious is the breaking deep;
glorious, beauteous without ending,
God who reigns on heav'n's high steep.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Songs of ocean never sleep. |
| 2. In her everlasting station
earth is poised, to swerve no more;
thou hast laid thy throne's foundation
from all time where thought can soar.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lord, thou art forevermore. | 5. Lord, the words thy lips are telling
are the perfect verity:
of thine high eternal dwelling
holiness shall inmate be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Pure is all that lives with thee. |
| 3. Lord, the water-floods have lifted,
ocean floods have lift their roar;
now they pause where they have drifted,
now they burst upon the shore.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
For the ocean's sounding store. | |

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — “Wonderful Words of Life” Arr. Barlow Bradford
Kathryn Edwards, Piano

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life.
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty; teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Sweetly echo the Gospel Call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus only Savior, sanctify us forever,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Sing them over again to me, wonderful, wonderful words of life.

The Hymn No. 715 — “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Isaiah 55

- “Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
- 6 “Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
- 7 let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- 10 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
- 12 “For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

The Sermon — *Awakening: The Call of Revival*..... Dr. Strain

The Hymn No. 501 (Stzs. 1, 5, and 6) — “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

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| <p>1. Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> <p>5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> | <p>6. Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken ev’ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> |
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The Benediction

The Postlude — “Toccatà”.....David Hegarty



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Bruce & Pam Sinclair – Serving as leader of the East African ministry training team with Mission to the World in Uganda. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Latasha Allston – Serving as an intern with RUF at Jackson State University. Email: Latasha.Allston@ruf.org.

COMMUNION TONIGHT

Communion will be observed in the evening worship services tonight. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Elders will distribute individually-packaged communion elements to those planning to take communion at the entrances to the sanctuary prior to this morning's services. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements are available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

STEWARDSHIP 2021

As we prepare for the 2021 budget year, it is important that each member of our congregation support the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not turned in your 2021 commitment card, you may place it in the offering plate during today's worship services. You may also pledge online by visiting our church app and click on "Giving," then "Pledge." To date, we have received 253 commitments for a total of \$3,265,263.

KEY QUESTIONS—SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 29

We all have questions about life, theology, and the challenges and complexities of our times. In the evening service sermon on Sunday November 29, David Strain will address your questions. Submit questions to ministersoffice@fpcjackson.org by Monday, November 23.

THANKSGIVING MEAL

The annual Thanksgiving meal sponsored by our deacons will not take place this year due to Covid restrictions. Instead, we encourage you to extend hospitality to others who might need a place to celebrate Thanksgiving day.

WOMEN IN NEED CHRISTMAS BAG COLLECTION

Women in Need is a ministry to the women prisoners at the Central MS Correctional Facility. Please help by filling a gallon-size Ziploc with one shampoo (in a clear bottle), one women's deodorant, and one pair of XL crew athletic socks. Please bring items to the white bin by the information desk during the month of November.

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](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 Mr. Gary W. Sinclair — FPDS Chaplain
The Reverend Dr. David T. A. Strain — Senior Minister

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

The Prelude — “My Jesus, I Love Thee”..... Adoniram J. Gordon
Zakary Joyner, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 571 — “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss:
from vict'ry unto vict'ry
his army he shall lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day:
ye that are men now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own:
put on the gospel armor,
each piece put on with pray'r;
where duty calls, or danger,
be never wanting there.
4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song:
to him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.

The Invocation

The Hymn — “In Christ Alone”

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
where fears are stilled, where strivings cease.
My comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain,
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand,
'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The Greetings

The Offering

The Solo — “A Musical Medley about Jesus”
Ora Reed, Soloist

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Sermon — *Hebrews: How Great Is Our God and Savior* Mr. Sinclair

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. 648 (Stzs. 1 and 2) — “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

The Benediction

The Postlude — “How Firm a Foundation”..... Anna Laura Page

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GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

WELCOME

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together during our evening worship service. 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.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 22, 2020

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship.....	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Insight.....	Miller Hall

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

No Midweek Activities