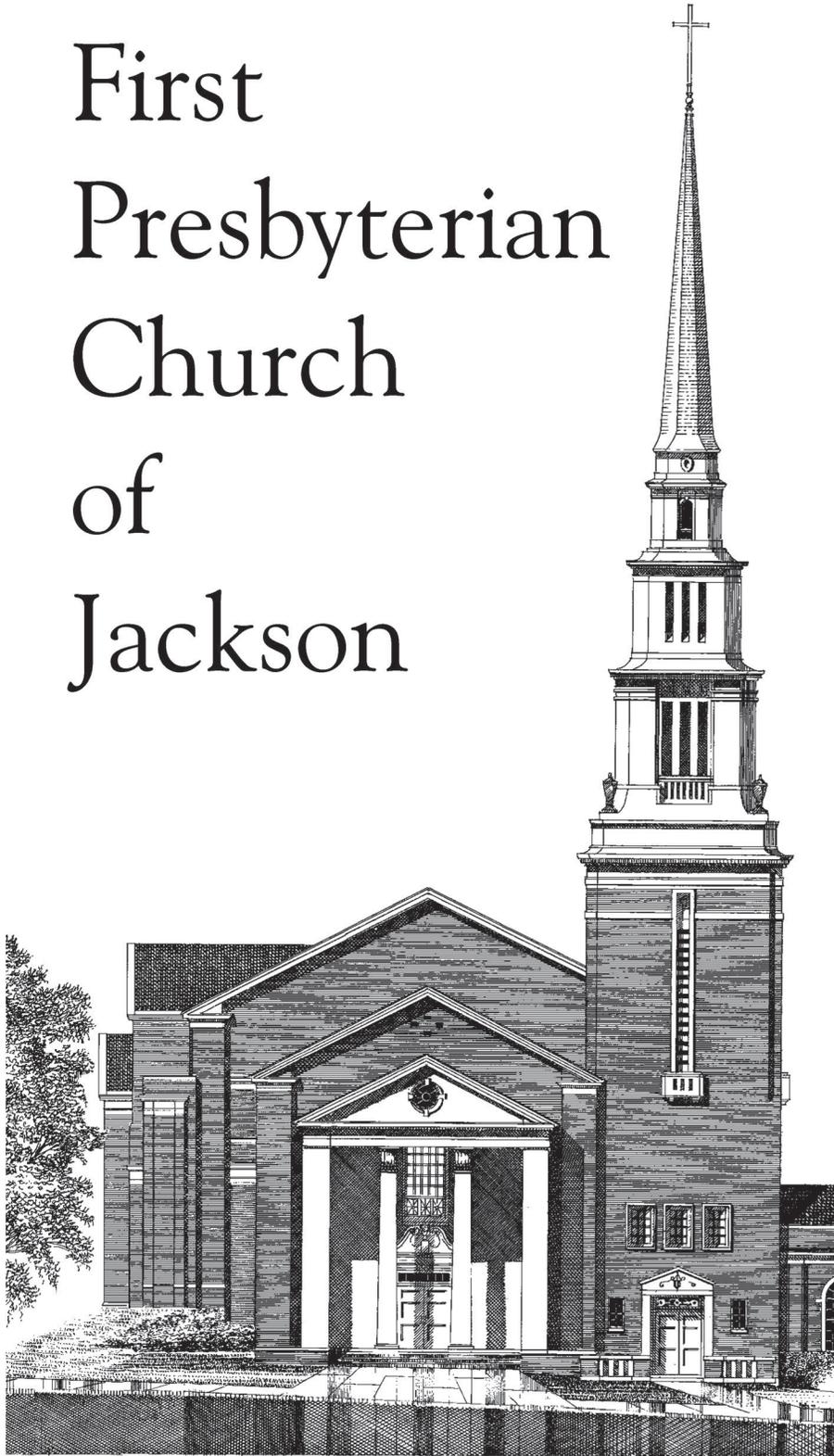


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-First Day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-One
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-thirty O'Clock

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

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

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

The Prelude — "Meditation" Gabriel Faure
Bonnie Brown, Violin; William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 455 — "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

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| <p>1. And can it be that I should gain
an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?</p> <p>Refrain:
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?</p> <p>2. He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!),
and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me.</p> <p>Refrain</p> | <p>3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.</p> <p>Refrain</p> <p>4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through
Christ, my own.</p> <p>Refrain</p> |
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SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Anthem — "The Greatest Gift Is Love" Mark Hayes
With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

Though I speak with tongues of angels, though my voice is touched with gold
Without love each word is discord, clanging brass and cymbals bold.
Though I know as much as prophets, though my faith is strong and sure,
Without love these are as nothing, neither words nor works endure.
Though I give my goods to others, and my flesh I give to burn,
Without love each gift is worthless, 'til the gift of love I learn.
Love is always kind and patient, neither jealous, boastful, rude;
Neither selfish nor conceited, but with every grace imbued.
Love releases all resentment, takes no pleasure in the wrong;
Love finds truth delightful always, and endures what comes along.

Though not easily offended, love is eager to forgive,
 Always trusting, always hoping, precious love will always live!
 In a world that is imperfect, many gifts will pass away;
 Faith and hope and love are endless; these, and these alone will stay.
 To a world where all is changing, comes this promise from above:
 Faith and hope will last forever, but the greatest gift is love.

Text by Beth Rice Luttrell and based on 1 Corinthians 13

The Hymn No. 441 — “Jesus Shall Reign”

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| <p>1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
 does his successive journeys run;
 his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
 till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> <p>2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
 and praises throng to crown his head;
 his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
 with every morning sacrifice.</p> <p>3. People and realms of every tongue
 dwell on his love with sweetest song;</p> | <p>and infant voices shall proclaim
 their early blessings on his name.</p> <p>4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
 the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
 the weary find eternal rest,
 and all the sons of want are blest.</p> <p>5. Let every creature rise and bring
 peculiar honors to our King,
 angels descend with songs again,
 and earth repeat the loud amen!</p> |
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The Pastoral Prayer

HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Old Testament Reading — Psalm 107:1-22

- Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
 for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
 whom he has redeemed from trouble
- ³ and gathered in from the lands,
 from the east and from the west,
 from the north and from the south.
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
 finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- ⁵ hungry and thirsty,
 their soul fainted within them.
- ⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
 and he delivered them from their distress.
- ⁷ He led them by a straight way
 till they reached a city to dwell in.
- ⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
 for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- ⁹ For he satisfies the longing soul,
 and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- ¹⁰ Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 prisoners in affliction and in irons,
- ¹¹ for they had rebelled against the words of God,
 and spurned the counsel of the Most High.
- ¹² So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;
 they fell down, with none to help.
- ¹³ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
 and he delivered them from their distress.
- ¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
 and burst their bonds apart.
- ¹⁵ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
 for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- ¹⁶ For he shatters the doors of bronze
 and cuts in two the bars of iron.
- ¹⁷ Some were fools through their sinful ways,
 and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

- 18 they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.
- 21 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 15:18-16:4

^{15:18} “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:1} “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.”

The Sermon — Why Are You Surprised?Mr. Sinclair

The Hymn No. 444 — “O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling”

- 1. O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain:
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

- 2. Behold how many thousands still are lying,
bound in the dark-some prison-house of sin,
with none to tell them of the Savior’s dying,
or of the life he died for them to win.

Refrain

- 3. Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
and died on earth that we might live in love.

Refrain

- 4. Give of your sons to bear the message glorious;
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,
and all your spending Jesus will repay.

Refrain

The Benediction

The Postlude — “Carillon Toccata” W. Wymond

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

The Prelude — “Blessed Assurance”..... Phoebe Knapp
Zakary Joyner, Violin; Rae Shannon, Organ

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5. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

The Invocation

The Hymn — “Isaiah 43”

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you. Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you, I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God
I am The Holy One of Israel your Savior
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God I am
The Holy One of Israel your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)

2. When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you. Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you, I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

Chorus

The Greetings

The Hymn — “O Church, Arise”

1. O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is “Love!”
Reaching out to those in darkness.

2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

3. Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Galatians 3:8-14

⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

The Sermon — The Blessing and Curse of Mission Dr. Hartman

The Benediction

The Response

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

The Postlude — “Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing” Albert L. Travis

The Gospel *Unhindered* Global Mission Conference 2021

“... proclaiming the kingdom of God and
teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with
all boldness and without hindrance.”
Acts 28:31

Saturday, February 27 with Matt Kirkas
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Evangelism Training
available in person and streamed online

Sunday, February 28 with Matt Kirkas
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Over the past year we have encountered a multitude of hindrances to our normal way of life. For the church, the global pandemic has altered the way we worship, give, fellowship, and serve. However, our “Great Commission” call to proclaim the gospel to all nations has not changed. Indeed, our church’s partners around the world have continued to share the news of Jesus Christ despite the perceived road blocks created by COVID-19. As a church, we are moving forward with our mission, encouraged by the Apostle Paul, who, though imprisoned in Rome, “welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Nell Chinchen – Serving as director of communications for the four radio stations which fall under African Bible College. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Michael & Beth Gregory – Serving as church planters of a predominately Chinese/Asian church in East Los Angeles with Pacific Crossroads Church.
Email: michaelg31@gmail.com.

LET’S GET TOGETHER — MEN’S & WOMEN’S MINISTRY EVENTS

Men’s Porch Night	Women’s Live Laugh Love
February 25	Fellowship Groups
	March 9

Register for either event online or on the FPC Jackson App.

VISIT ISRAEL AND JORDAN WITH DAVID STRAIN

Visit Israel and Jordan and the sites of Old and New Testament events with David Strain and Billy Dempsey October 18-28, 2021. Cost: \$4,950 per person with airfare from Jackson. Join us for an informational meeting Monday, March 1, 7:00 p.m., in Miller Hall. Organized by Denise Wilson of Let’s Travel & Co.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY — *SEEKING HIM*

This study will be offered on Wednesday nights or Thursday Mornings. A virtual option is also available. If you were a part of any of these studies last fall, there is no need to register. To join, email lisao@fpcjackson.org. More information is available on the FPC app and website.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:30 a.m.	Morning Worship.....	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship.....	Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

6:00 p.m.	Midweek Adult Electives	
	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.....	Patterson Hall
	Evangelism Group: <i>Sharing Christ in a Pandemic II</i>	WH 202
	Women’s Bible Study: <i>Seeking Him</i>	WH 204
	D Groups.....	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Children’s Choirs.....	Various Locations
6:00 p.m.	Sixth Grade Fellowship.....	SC 215
6:00 p.m.	Junior High Large Group & Senior High Small Group	YH

Thursday, February 25, 2021

6:00 p.m.	Men’s Ministry Porch Night	Off Site
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Saturday, February 27, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Men’s Ministry Porch Night	Off Site
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