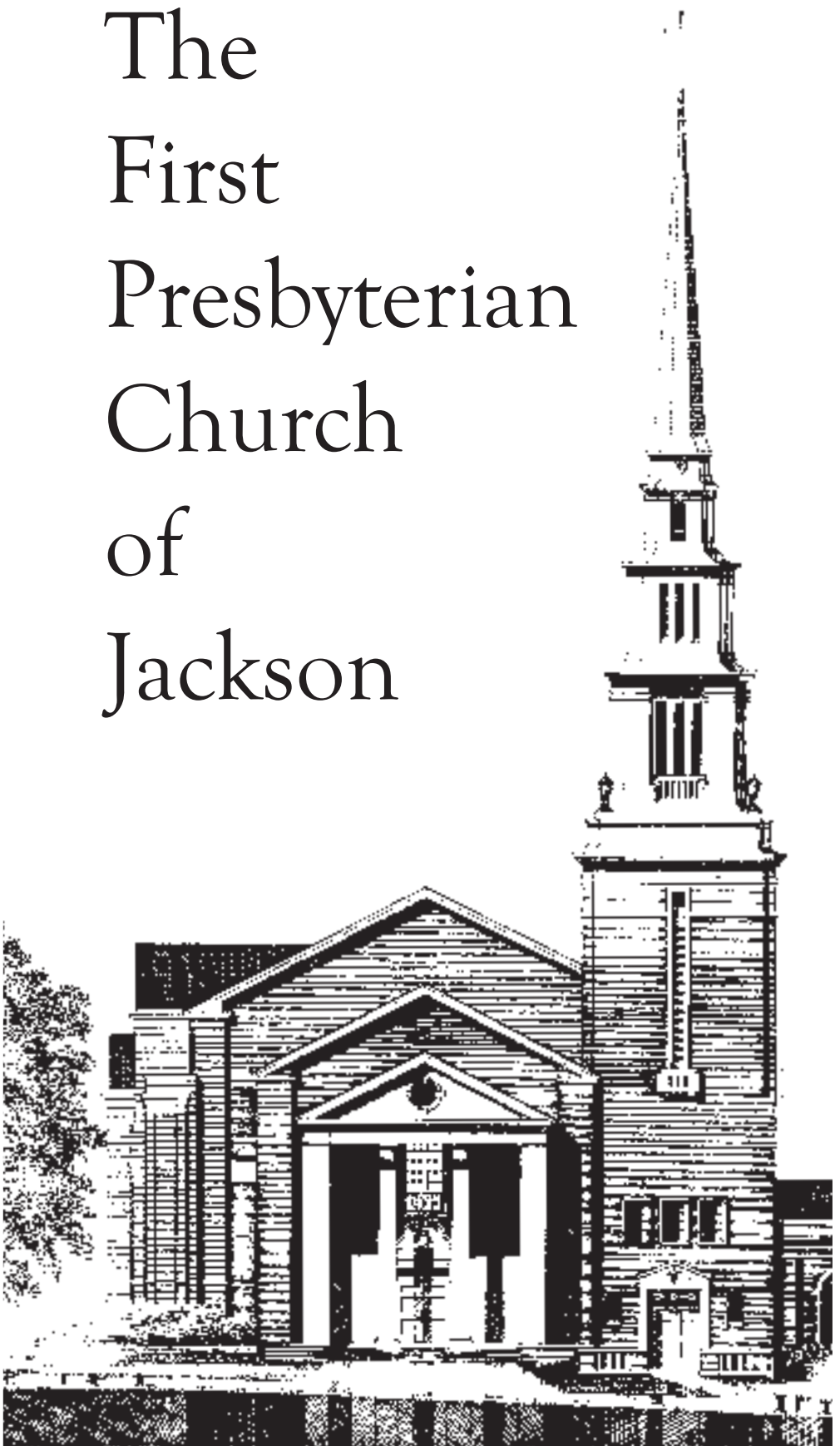


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixth Day of April, Two Thousand Fourteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain

Senior Minister - Elect

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey

Minister of Discipleship

*At the time of the Greetings and Announcements and during the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.*

**The Greetings and Announcements** (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” .....Michael Burkhardt  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

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

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 34** — “The God of Abraham Praise”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Scripture Reading** — I Peter 4:1-11 (Pew Bible page 1016)

‡\* **The Hymn of Response No. 432** — “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 709** — “Now I Belong to Jesus”

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — “Amazing Love” .....David Rasbach  
Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

“And can it be that I should gain an interest 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?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!

Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's might.

Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke the dungeon flamed with light!

My chains fell off! My heart was free! I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

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 the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?”

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**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Matthew 13:31-35 (Pew Bible page 819)

**The Sermon** — *Training for Kingdom Living*: .....Mr. Strain  
“The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven”

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 533** — “I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “Amazing Love, How Can It Be?” .....David Rasbach

**The Postlude** — “Carillon-Sortie” .....Henri Mule

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain

Senior Minister - Elect

Assisting — Mr. Sean G. Morris

Senior Minister's Intern

**The Announcements and Words of Preparation** (5:50 p.m.)

**The Prelude** — "Evening Meditation" ..... Paul Benoit

Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 457** — "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Evening Psalm** — "Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)" (See Evening Guide)

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder David Cleland

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Offertory** — "A Quiet Heart" ..... Arr. by J. Hunt

Kim Porter, Soloist; Debbie Dempsey, Flutist

**The Young Children's Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 38 (Stz. 1)** — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**The Children's Catechism No. 9**

Q. "What is God?"

A. "God is a spirit and does not have a body."

**The Scripture** — Genesis 1:26; John 4:24; I Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:1, 3

**The Meditation** ..... Billy Dempsey, Minister of Discipleship

**The Prayer** ..... (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 524 (Stz. 1-3)** — "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Zechariah 5:1-11 (Pew Bible pages 794-795)

**The Sermon** — *The Coming Kingdom*: ..... Mr. Strain

"Cursed, Covered, and Carried Away"

‡ **The Benediction and Response** — "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

"Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:

no righteousness avails save that which is of thee.

To whom, save thee, who canst alone

for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?"

**The Postlude** — "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" ..... Paul Manz

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

To All Our  
Visitors

We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have, please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We would love to meet you.

PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)



1 From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lam-en-ta-  
 2 To wash a-way the crim-son stain, grace, grace a-lone a-vail-  
 \*3. There-fore my trust is in-the Lord, and not in my own mer-  
 4. What though I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn ap-pear-  
 5. Though great our sins and sore our woes His gracemuch more a-bound-



- tion. Lord turn a gra-cious ear - to me and hear  
 - eth. Our works, a-las! are all - in vain; In much  
 \*- it. On Him my soul shall rest - His word up-holds  
 - eth, My heart still trust - eth in - His might; It doubt -  
 - eth, His help-ing love no lim - it knows, Our ut -



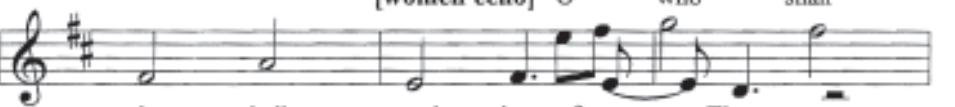
- my sup- pli - ca - tion. If thou in - i - qui - ties  
 - the best life fail - eth. No man can glo - ry in  
 \*- my faint-ing spir - it. His prom - ised mer - cy is -  
 - eth, not nor fear - eth; Do thus, O ye of Is -  
 - most need it sound - eth. Our Shep-herd good and true

[Men]



- dost mark our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O -  
 - Thy sight, all must - a - like con - fess Thy might. And  
 \*- my fort, my com - fort and my sweet sup - port, I -  
 - rael's seed, Ye of - the Spir - it born in - deed. And  
 - is He, Who will at last His Is - rael free from

[women echo] O who shall



who shall stand be - fore - Thee.  
 live a - lone by mer - - cey.  
 \*wait for it with pa - - tiency.  
 wait 'til God a - pear - - eth.  
 all their sin and sor - - row

stand be - fore Thee?



[men echo] O who shall stand be - fore

[women] who shall stand be - fore - Thee?



- Thee?

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles' Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its author, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is "Apostolic" in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: "Ghost" is employed where we would use "Spirit," the word "quick" where we would use "living," and "catholic" where we would use "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.

## The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### The God of Abraham Praise

After hearing the Jewish cantor Meyer Lyon sing the traditional Jewish doxology *Yigdal Elohim* ("magnify the Lord"), in the Duke's Place Synagogue, London, England, Thomas Olivers prepared an English paraphrase of it in twelve stanzas (around 1770). Olivers reportedly said, "I have rendered it from the Hebrew, giving it, as far as I could, a Christian character, and I have called on Leoni [the cantor Lyon] who has given me a synagogue melody to suit it." This text begins by praising God for his sovereignty and faithfulness to his people (st. 1-2). God gives his people a land "of milk and honey," an image that becomes a rich metaphor for the new creation (st. 3-4) in which angels sing "Holy, holy, holy," and all creatures join in praise to God (st. 5). Notice how Olivers employed many biblical references to this hymn, especially from Exodus 3 and the great doxologies in Revelation 4, 5, and 7. A rich and robust anthem of praise to our Triune God, this hymn is a beautiful way to begin our Lord's Day Morning Worship.

### We Give Thee But Thine Own

In response to the Scripture Reading from I Peter 4, we sing this most appropriate hymn. It is an apt reminder of the reality that everything we have and possess is entrusted to us for the purposes of God's Kingdom and glory. We are stewards of God's gifts, and this Scripture passage reminds us that we are stewards of God's lavish grace. Indeed, were we to truly believe the opening line of this hymn, it would revolutionize our attitudes. If we were to truly believe that all we are and have are gifts from above, and that we are but stewards of the possessions of Another, it would absolutely change our lives. May God grant to us today such a perspective and understanding of his abundant grace and our stewardship of it.

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • APRIL 6, 2014

## Sunday

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Prayer for Worship Service** — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)  
**Sunday School** — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations  
**Inquirers Class** — 9:40 a.m. in M133  
**College Sunday School** — 9:50 a.m. in the CH  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Student Choir Rehearsal** — 4:40 p.m. in the MS  
**New Members Received** — 5:00 p.m. in PH  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Keelers  
(1024 Euclid Avenue)

## Monday

**Women's Leadership Council Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in various locations  
**Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in MH  
**Officer Election Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**NCC Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Scouts** — 7:00 p.m. in various locations

## Tuesday

**Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in WH202  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Family Seminar Series Luncheon** — 11:30 a.m. in WH  
**Scout Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in the MH  
**Twin Lakes Executive Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**NCC Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Internationals** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## Wednesday

**MOMS Bible Study** — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC  
**Men's Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in SR  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**Junior High Discipleship Groups** — 5:00 p.m. in YH  
**Peru Summer Mission Trip Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in WH204  
**Children's Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground  
**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Children's Choirs** — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Discipleship Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Sixth Grade Fellowship** — 6:30 p.m. in SC321/Gym  
**Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH

## Thursday

**Mark Bible Study** — 9:30 a.m. in various locations  
**Genesis Bible Study** — 9:45 a.m. in MH  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet** — 5:30 p.m. in MH

## Friday

**Sew & Sow** — 9:00 a.m. in SC211

## Saturday

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** — 7:30 a.m. in MH  
**Violin Recital** — 1:00 p.m. in the MS

CH - College House

LH - Lowe Hall

M - Main Floor

MCR - Ministers

Conference Room

MH - Miller Hall

MS - Music Suite

PH - Patterson Hall

YH - Youth House

SC - Study Center

WH - Westminster Hall

HC - Hutton Chapel

LRC - Learning Resource  
Center

SR - Session Room

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## II THESSALONIANS 3:1

“Finally, brethren, pray for us...” — **Pedro & Cecilia Tarquino** – serving as educators with Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship at Latin America Christian University in Colombia. Mailing Address: Carrera 69 #1 C 54, Cali, Colombia; email address: pedrotarquinom@gmail.com

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## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are from the wedding of Brighton Goode and Matthew Forester in loving memory of Harold Gene Goode, Bertha Cleveland, Joseph Edmund Johnston, Jr., and Marcial Davidson Forester, Sr., grandparents of the bride and groom.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Thomas S. (Dorothy) Weems — March 31, 2014

## MISSION PLEDGE CARDS

As of last Sunday, 267 cards were received for a total of \$612,708. Last year at this time we had received 297 cards for a total of \$688,646. If you have not turned in your Mission Pledge card, we encourage you to bring it next Sunday and place it in the regular offering plate as an act of worship.

## GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free “crackers” will be available for the next Communion Sunday, April 13. They will be placed on the table on the south wall of the greeting courtyard. Please pick up a piece on the way in to the morning worship service.

## “YOUR FAMILY: MADE IN HEAVEN. SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED.”

### Family Seminar Series with Dr. Tom Elkin

Join us as we consider decision-making in the critical stages of Family Life on these dates:

#### April 8

“When 3 Becomes 13”  
(The Arrival of Adolescence)

#### April 29

“When You Say Goodbye, But They Say Hello”  
(Adult Children Living at Home)

To register, go to [www.fpcjackson.org](http://www.fpcjackson.org) and go to Discipleship/Women/Events or call 601-353-8316 or email [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org) a week in advance of each seminar. Nursery for children up to age 4 will be made available upon request.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014

Save the dates; VBS will be here soon! This year’s dates are June 2-6 and our theme is Follow Me! We will study Jesus’s interaction with different people and groups while He was here on earth. If you would like to sign up to help with VBS, please contact Gena Dear at [ghdear@bellsouth.net](mailto:ghdear@bellsouth.net) or Weezie Polk at 601-353-8316 or [weeziep@pcjackson.org](mailto:weeziep@pcjackson.org).

## SUPPORT GROUP

If you or someone you love is struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share in the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet monthly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. This is a group of people who recognize our struggles and want to help each other along our journey. For more information, please call or text Jimmy at 601-260-1636.

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