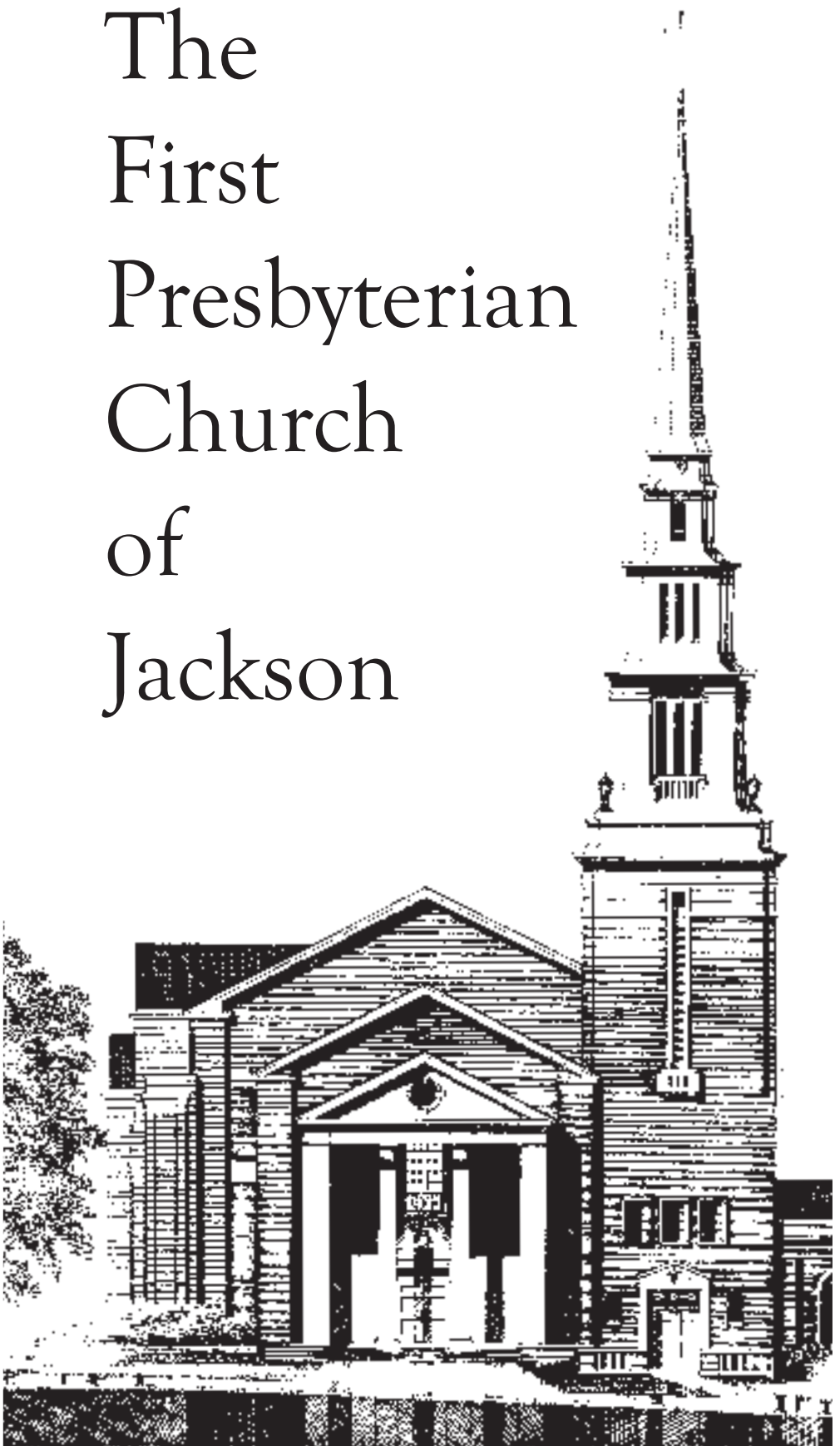


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-fifth Day of May, Two Thousand Fourteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock
Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T.A. Strain
Senior Minister
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minister of Pastoral Care

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 — “Beautiful Savior”Dale Wood
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”Walter L. Pelz

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 343** — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

‡* **The Doxology**

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

The Scripture Reading — II Peter 1:12-21 (Pew Bible page 1018)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 644** — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “This Is My Father's World” ... Arranged by Mack Wilberg
Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

“This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings,
and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees;
of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise, the morning light,
the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
in the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world, o let me ne'er forget that though the wrong
seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King:
let the heavens ring! God reigns: let the earth be glad!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Philippians 1:3-18 (Pew Bible page 980)

The Sermon — *Side By Side*: “Prayer for Excellence”Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 172** — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response

“Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way.
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still.”

The Postlude — “Toccatà on ‘Built on a Rock’”David Cherwein

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Senior Minister

Assisting — Mr. Sean G. Morris

Senior Minister's Intern

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

The Prelude — "O God Beyond All Praising"G. Holst
Shellie Brown, Violinist; William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 184** — "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
(Psalm 23)

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn — "My Heart Is Filled" (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Jerry Shivers

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Mercy Tree"Neale/Nordhoff
Genneysa Case, Soloist

The Young Children's Devotional

The Song No. 143 (Stz. 1) — "How Precious Is the Book Divine"

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

The Children's Catechism No. 15

Q. "Who wrote the Bible?"

A. "Men who were guided by the Holy Spirit."

The Scripture — II Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 6:18, 13:8; II Peter 1:21;
Revelation 22:18-19

The Meditation..... Kevin Phipps, Director of Media

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

‡ **The Psalm No. 87 (Stz. 1-4)** — "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
(Psalm 23)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Zechariah 10:1-5 (Pew Bible page 797)

The Sermon — *The Coming King*: "The Lord Our Shepherd"Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response** — "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
"Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be."

The Postlude — "Postlude on 'Italian Hymn'"John Longhurst

*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.

My Heart Is Filled



1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To



Him who bore my pain; Who plumbed the depths of
Him who walks be - side; Who floods my weak - ness -
Him who reigns a - bove; Whose wis - dom is my



my dis - grace And gave me life a - gain; Who
es with strength And caus - es fears to fly; Whose
per - fect peace, Whose ev - 'ry thought is love. For —



crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness, And clothed me with His
ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough For ev - 'ry step I
ev - 'ry day I have on earth Is giv - en by the



light, And — wrote His law of right - eous - ness With
take, Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love And
King. So — I will give my life, my all, To



pow'r up - on my heart.
crown - ing me with grace.
love and fol - low Him.

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Scripture Reading

II Peter 1:12–21 — Peter’s apostolic authority

With this unit, the characteristics of the farewell discourse enter the letter. The first motif to fit that genre is Peter’s claim that he intends to remind his readers of certain foundational truths accompanied by a direct statement that his death is imminent. Then he recalls the integrity of his ministry as based on the gospel of Christ, which he declares to be the fulfillment of prophetic predictions. Verses 20–21 are a key biblical assertion about the inspiration of the Bible, with emphasis on God himself as the source of the Bible’s authority. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Our opening hymn text comes from a very ancient Latin hymn translated by the famous John Mason Neale and is focused on praise to God for His divine creation: the Church. The first stanza rivets our attention on the foundation of our salvation, of our inclusion in the Church: “Christ is made the sure foundation”—the Lord Jesus, Himself! The rest of the stanza piles up accolades for the Captain of our Salvation: He is the head of the Church; He is the cornerstone, He is chosen of the Lord; He is precious to the Father; He binds the Church together; He is our eternal helper, and our only confidence. Now that’s something to sing about!

In the second stanza, our focus of praise shifts to consideration of the glorious task of the church: the eternal worship of our triune God. “All that dedicated city” (what a beautiful phrase), the hymnist says, is dearly loved of God on high and pours our perpetual songs to God the Trinity. The praise is still to God here, but the praise is thanking God for loving us as He does and for giving us the privilege of participating in eternally worshipping Him.

The third stanza of the hymn is a petition. It pleads with God to come “to this temple” (the Church) and to bring with Him His needed loving kindness—in order to graciously hear and answer our prayers, and to pour out His undeserved blessings on us. The phrase, the plea, “Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway” grips the heart, even as we think of it.

The fourth stanza continues this petition, asking the Lord to “vouchsafe” (that is, to be gracious enough to grant) the prayers of His people as well as the blessed eternal promises which He has made to us for here and the hereafter. As we sing this hymn together, perhaps the Lord will remind us of the glorious destiny to which He is calling us and all those who by grace respond to the free offer of the Gospel. A beautiful opening hymn for our Lord’s Day Morning Worship!

The Doxology

In response to our Prayer of Adoration and Invocation, we will sing the “Doxology” (a word which simply means “word of praise”) in praise to God, from whom all blessings flow. This morning we sing the classic text of the Doxology (written by Thomas Ken) with the “Alleluia” added, all to the glorious and majestic tune of “Lasst Uns Erfreuen” (to which we sing “All Creatures of our God and King”).

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

We respond to our morning prayer with this well-known and loved gospel song. What better way to become faithful stewards and people of prayer than to gain the mind of Christ? Let’s make this a deliberate petition for ourselves and intercession for our brothers and sisters as we sing it this morning.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

This is one of John Newton’s (author of “Amazing Grace”) fine hymns, put to the rousing tune of “All Saints Old.” The whole focus is praise to God for the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and for the varied implications and benefits of it. Each stanza begins “Let us” thus exhorting one another as believers to worship the Savior for his work. The first four stanzas are an exhortation from one believer to others to consider the gracious work of God and to respond accordingly. The first stanza calls on us to “love and sing and wonder” at the work of the Lord Jesus who has “hushed the law’s loud thunder.” That is, he has quenched the penalty of the Law, which we deserved, by his death on the cross. The final thought of this opening line is that Jesus “has brought us nigh to God” — a marvelous response as we ponder the truth of God’s Word from Philipians 1.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • MAY 25, 2014

Sunday	<p>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</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p>Inquirers Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133</p> <p>College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Officers Training — 4:00 p.m. in PH</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>No Senior High Insight</p>
Monday	Church Offices Closed
Tuesday	<p>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202</p> <p>Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. at the MS</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>MTJ Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p>
Wednesday	<p>Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in SR</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p>Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p>Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH</p> <p>Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground</p> <p>The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Children's Classes — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor SC</p> <p>Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p>
Thursday	The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday	No Scheduled Events
Saturday	Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

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..." — **Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher** - serving as teachers and counsellors at the Bible Institute of South Africa and Bruce serves as team leader for Mission to the World for South Africa and Zambia. Mailing Address: The Bible Institute of South Africa, 180 Main Road, Kalk Bay 7975 South Africa. Email address: bwannemacher@mtwafrica.org

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INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, June 8, 2014. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in today. Any forms received after today will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained from Shannon Craft or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014

It's time! You can now register your child and your guests online for VBS. Please use the symbol to the right with your phone, or you may go to www.fpcjackson.org. Click on Discipleship, then Children. Under Children, click on Vacation Bible School; the link for registration will appear at the bottom of that article. Simply click on that link and fill in the form that appears to enroll your child or grandchild. We hope to see lots of familiar faces and many new ones the week of June 2-6.



ATTENTION RISING COLLEGE FRESHMEN

Join us for College Sunday school this summer in the College House located beside the Belhaven Street parking lot on North State Street. Our topic this summer is "*You Are Here: Mapping out Life in College,*" and it will be taught by our college interns, Stefan Sanchez and Kelly Jackson. Move up date for rising freshmen is June 1. We hope to see you there.

SUMMER RUF

Attention all current and rising college students! Summer RUF is less than a month away! We will be studying the Psalms in a series titled "*Songs of Beauty, Songs of Brokenness.*" Mark your calendars for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, when Brian Sorgenfrei (RUF Campus Minister at Miss State) will kick off our study at the Story house (2416 Culleywood Road).

THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Recent college graduate? New to Jackson? Young Adults, join us Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 pm for Thursday Night Fellowship. This is our mid-week large group Bible study targeting singles or marrieds, with an RUF large group feel to it. We will begin our summer series, '*James: Religion that Works.*' We will be at Danny and Holly Story's home (2416 Culleywood Road). Contact David Felker at 601-850-8650 for more details, bring some friends, and come on out.

FRIDAY FORUM

Join us Friday, June 13, for our next Friday Forum. We will have our own Rev. David Strain continuing our yearlong study on Practical Theology as we look at 'On Being a Public Christian.' We will provide instruction from Scripture on three aspects of being a public Christian: (1) Work/Calling; (2) Evangelism; and (3) Mercy Ministry.

We will meet from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (please arrive at 5:45 p.m.) in Miller Hall, and the cost is \$6 to cover a Newks meal. Nursery is provided but please RSVP for your children. The principal target is Young Adults (college, 20s and 30s) but anyone is welcome to attend. To sign up, email Shannon Craft at shannonc@fpcjackson.org. Contact David Felker at 601-850-8650 with questions.

LADIES, SAVE THE DATE

It's not too early to save the date of Tuesday, June 17, on your calendar and plan to attend our annual WIC Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Luncheon. This event is not just for mothers and daughters, but for all ladies! Betsy Chestnut will speak on "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know." Please RSVP to receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

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