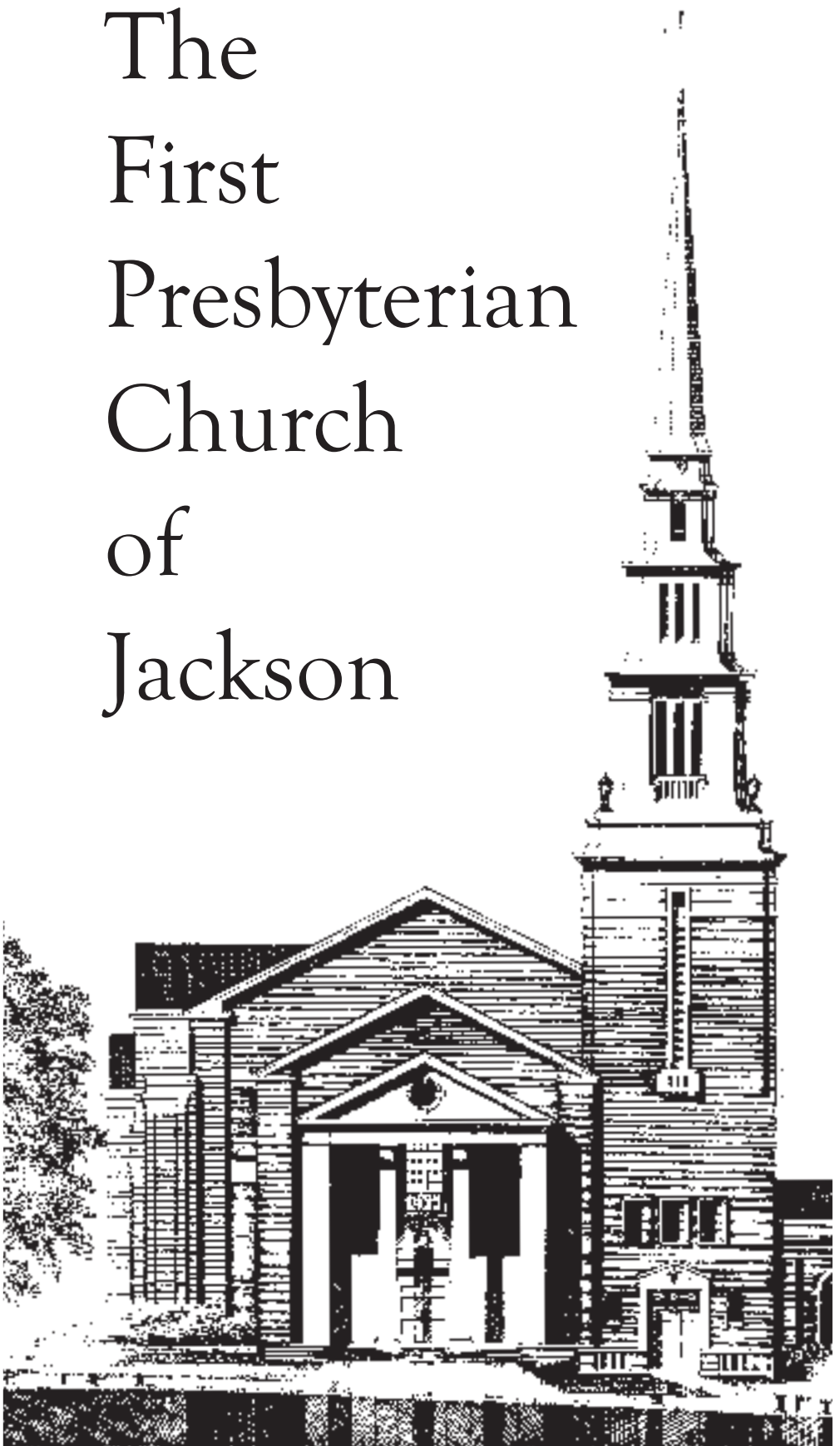


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirty-First Day of August, Two Thousand Fourteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Minister of Young Adults

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 — “The Gift to be Simple” Dale Wood
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — “Worship the Lord in the Splendor of Holiness” Wymond

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 316** — “The Mighty God, the Lord”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **The Doxology**

The Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 4:15-23 (Pew Bible pages 400-401)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 528** — “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Fairest Lord Jesus” Derek Hakes

“Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O Thou of God and man the Son,

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Philippians 3:12-4:9 (Pew Bible pages 981-982)

The Sermon — *Side by Side*: “Live in Light of Eternity” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 318** — “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “Amen” John Rutter

The Postlude — “The Rejoicing” Charles Callahan

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Assisting — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps

Director of Media

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

The Prelude — “God of Our Fathers”G. W. Warren arr. by J. Hunt

Lloyd Turner, Trumpet; Mike Beasley, Trumpet;

Madeleine Case, French Horn; Justin Harvison, Trombone; Jonathan Hunt, Tuba;

Jeff Brown, Director

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 55** — “To God Be the Glory”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bob Cunningham

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” old Irish Melody

Martin Antoon, Guitarist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 558 (Stz. 1 and 2) — “That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God”

The Children's Catechism No. 29

Q. “What is disobeying God's law?”

A. “Doing what God says not to do.”

The Scripture — Exodus 20:1-17; John 15:12; I Corinthians 13;

Ephesians 4:32; I John 1:9, 3:4

The Meditation.....Greg Meyer, Student Ministry Assistant

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 164 (stz. 1-4)**— “ O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 3: 1-15 (Pew Bible pages 887-888)

The Sermon — *FOUND*: “Jesus and the Church Goer”Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response** — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

“He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;

ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.”

The Postlude — “Bach Choral”J. S. Bach

FPC Brass

*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.

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Chorus - Verse

O love that will not
 O light that follows
 O joy that seeketh
 O cross that lifteth

let me go, I rest my weary
 all my way I yield my flick'ring
 me through pain, I can not close my
 up my head, I dare not ask to

soul in Thee, I give Thee back the
 couch to Thee, My heart re stores its
 heart in Thee, I track the rain - bow
 fly from Thee, I lay in dust life's

life I owe, that in Thine o - cean
 but rowed ray, that in Thy sun - shine's
 through - the rain, and feel the prom - ise
 glo - ry dead, and lion the ground there

depths its flow may si - cker, full - er
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 as not van, That morn shall tear - less
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A Guide to the Morning Service

The Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

The Mighty God, the Lord (Psalm 50:1-6)

Our opening Psalm of Praise for our Lord's Day morning worship comes to us as a paraphrase of the first six verses of Psalm 50. This Psalm speaks of the Lord coming down from heaven in judgment, might, and holy power. The words to this psalm describe a courtroom scene of sorts, as God calls forth the creation to be a witness to His just judgments. Indeed, when God speaks, all creation listens. These words may be new to us, but the tune "Diademata" is one of our favorites (we use it to sing "Crown Him with Many Crowns"). This is a magnificent Psalm for us to sing as we worship God together this morning!

The Doxology

Immediately following our Prayer of Adoration and Confession, we continue our morning worship by singing this familiar stanza of praise, "the Doxology." It is a call for everyone in heaven and earth to praise the Triune God who is the giver of all blessings. Incidentally, this familiar text is merely the last stanza of each of three hymns composed by the fine evangelical Bishop Thomas Ken in 1674 ("All Praise to Thee My God This Night"; "Awake, My Soul and With the Sun"; and "Lord, Now My Sleep Doth Me Forsake"). "Doxology" simply means "word of praise," in reference to a brief ascription of adoration to God. Today, we sing its traditional tune (which is a slight metrical variation of the majestic and well-known tune "Old One Hundredth").

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Ray Palmer (1808-1887), often considered to be one of America's best nineteenth-century hymn writers, wrote these words while employed as a teacher at a private girls' school in New York. He had experienced a difficult year of illness and loneliness and was inspired to write this verse one night after meditating on a German poem that depicted a sinner kneeling before the cross of Christ. He later stated, "The words for these stanzas were born out of my own soul with very little effort. I recall that I wrote the verses with tender emotion...When writing the last line, 'O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!' the thought that the whole work of redemption and salvation was involved in those words...brought me to a degree of emotion that brought abundant tears." Palmer jotted the text into a notebook, which he shared two years later while visiting with the composer, Lowell Mason, in Boston. Mason's prophecy that Palmer "will be best known to posterity as the author of 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'" has certainly come true. A hymn of prayer, this song asks for forgiveness (stanza 1), for purity of love (stanza 2), for divine guidance (stanza 3), and for safe homecoming into glory (stanza 4).

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Following our hearing God's Word proclaimed from Philippians 3 and 4, we sing this hymn as a fitting response. Wesley's and Cennick's hymn contemplates the return of our King, the great day of the Lord, the final judgment, the reaction of the lost, and the praise and joy of the redeemed. This is a beautiful song detailing the return of King Jesus Christ, as He ushers in the new heavens and earth, and all the creation beholds Him reigning "high on [His] eternal throne." Then, at last, all vestiges of death and darkness shall flee away and righteousness shall forever reign. We use the hymn-tune "Holywood" this morning. Let us sing and believe it.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We are so glad you came to First Presbyterian Church this evening. Having heard about Jesus tonight, it may be that you have questions that remain unanswered or objections that you'd like to express. Perhaps you'd like to explore the claims of Christ in more detail with someone individually or as part of a group discussion. It may even be that you have found Jesus so compelling that you'd like to meet Him for yourself.

In the form below, you will find a way to let us know how we can help you think through who Jesus is, why He came, and what it means to follow Him. Completing the form does not indicate any commitment on your part, and we assure you that your information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

If you'd like to let us know how we can serve you, simply fill out the form, tear down the perforated edge, and leave it in the boxes marked for that purpose in the greeting courtyard and front foyer of the church.

I'd like to explore Christianity further.

I'd like to become a Christian.

I'd like to talk to a pastor.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1

“Finally, brethren, pray for us...” — **Educating Africans for Christ** – EAFC is a ministry that partners with African churches to help develop Christian leaders through post-high school educational opportunities. Mailing address: PO Box 5303, Jackson, MS 39296-5303. Email: admin@eafc.net

Brian & Liza Sorgenfrei - Serving as campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship at Mississippi State University. Mailing address: 113 Dunbrook Dr. Starkville, MS 39759. Email: brian.sorgenfrei@ruf.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David B. Wilson, Sarah G. Wilson, and Elizabeth W. Wilson from their children.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Nancy Long — August 21, 2014

ORGAN CONCERT TUESDAY NIGHT

Christopher Houlihan, one of the top young organists in the US, will play here this coming Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. You will enjoy hearing this exciting and thoroughly musical artist. Invite a friend to join you for this free, enjoyable occasion.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Remember, if you have registered for MOMS, it starts Wednesday, September 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Patterson Hall.

MEN OF THE COVENANT

Men of the Covenant, our monthly men's luncheon, resumes for the fall on Thursday, September 4 at 11:45 a.m., with Rev. John Sartelle of Christ Presbyterian Church, Oakland, TN, speaking. Cost for the lunch is \$6. Invite a friend or a co-worker to join you!

VOTING FOR NEW DEACONS

The election process will begin on Sunday, September 14, 2014, with the congregation voting after every morning and evening worship service until twenty men are elected. In an effort to assist the congregation in learning more about the candidates, booklets with a picture and biography of each of the nominees are available in the greeting courtyard, the foyer, and the church office. Please take one copy per household and begin preparing for this joyful and serious responsibility of choosing the next generation of leaders for this church.

FALL INQUIRERS' CLASS

The Fall Inquirers' Class begins Sunday, September 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) and meets each Sunday during this Sunday School quarter. The class is for members and visitors who want to know more about our church and its ministries, our denomination, Presbyterian doctrine and beliefs, church history, and church government. To sign up, please contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

“TRUTH AT DAWN” MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our “Truth at Dawn” men's Bible study resumes Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 a.m. in room WH202. Our study this fall will be on the book of Daniel. Study books are available from the bookstore for \$10. A light breakfast will be available for \$3. Please call the receptionist at the church office at 601-353-8316 to reserve your spot.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, September 21, 2014. Space is available for both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Ginny Warren at 601-973-9139 or email her at gwarren@fpcjackson.org.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Several members of our congregation have benefitted from the hearing devices that are available during our worship services. These devices transmit the sound from the pulpit directly into a small and unobtrusive ear piece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office: 601-353-8316

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FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • AUGUST 31, 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
College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
College Lunch — 12:00 noon in PH
Providence Class Lunch — 12:00 noon in Pavillion/Playground
Session Presbytery Meeting — 5:00 p.m. in SC215
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 — No Insight

Monday

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday

Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in 205A
Sunday School Officers Meeting — 12:00 p.m. in WH
Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Christopher Houlihan Organ Recital — 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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.
Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in basement classroom
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in various locations
Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in SC321/Gym
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH

Thursday

CE Teacher Training — 9:00 a.m. in PH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Men of the Covenant — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Internationals Welcome Picnic — 6:00 p.m. in MH

Friday

Sew and Sow — 9:00 .m. in SC 211 A/B

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