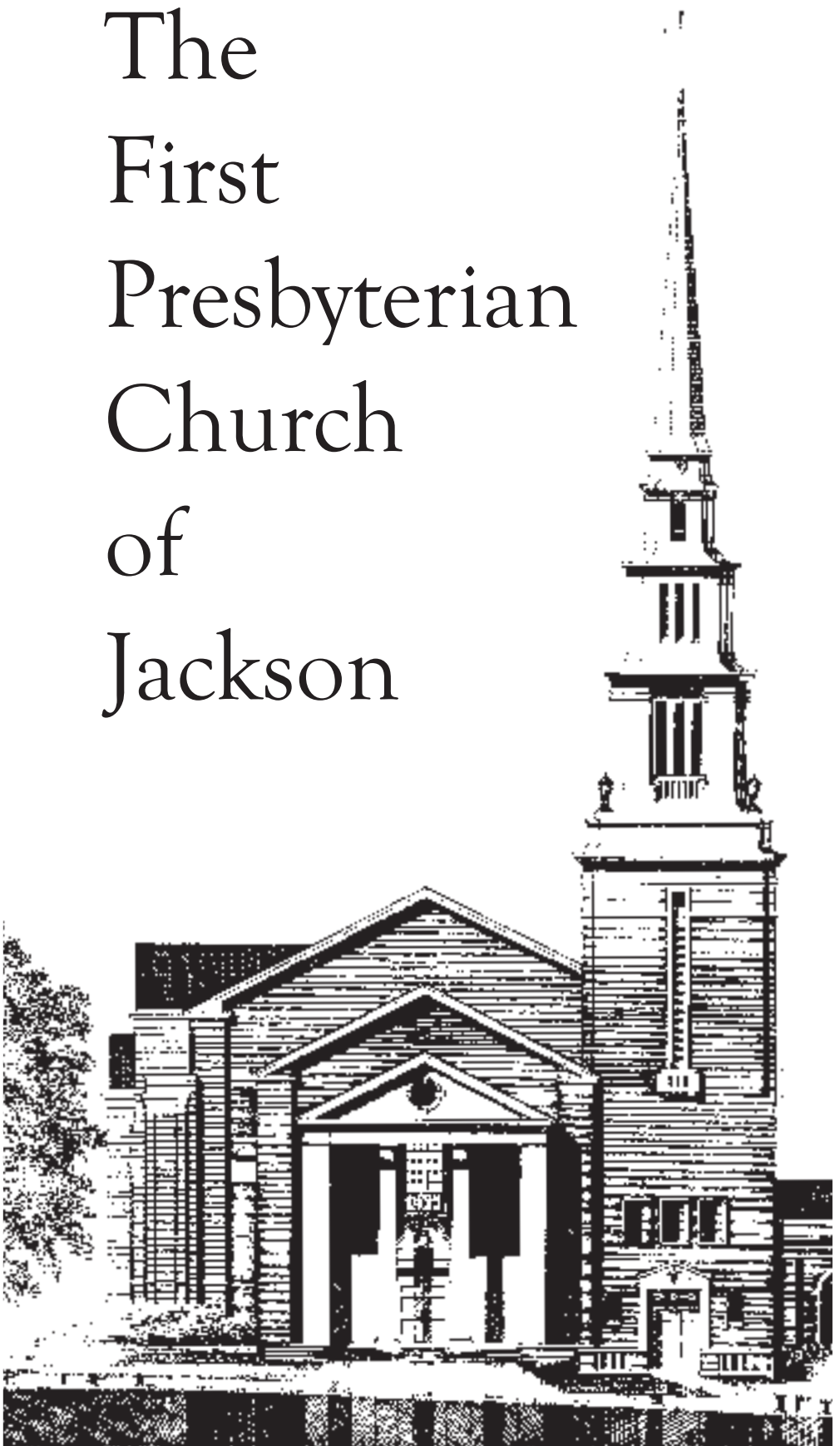


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Day of September, 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. 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 — "Litany" Charles Callahan
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "He Is Lord" David Clydesdale
Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

The Call to Worship

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

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **The Doxology**

"Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be."

The Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 5:1-13 (Pew Bible page 401)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 465** — "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" Ralph Manuel

"O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee:
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine
ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Light that follows all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine's glow its day my brighter, fairer be.
O Joy that seeks me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.
O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Philippians 4:10-23 (Pew Bible page 982)

The Sermon — *Side by Side*: "Content, Generous, Growing" Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 353** — "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Congregational Response

"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me."

The Postlude — "Toccata" Gordon Young

*The ushers may seat latecomers
‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker

Minister of Young Adults

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

The Scotland Mission Trip Report — Bill Stone, Team Leader

The Prelude — “Fantasia on Amazing Grace”Arr. By Elliot A. Del Borgo

Miranda Kunk, Violin I Elisabeth Sinclair, Violin II Brandon Randle, Viola John Sinclair, Cello

Heather Dolan, Violin I Jennifer Biggs, Violin II Stephen Sebastian, Viola Zachary Horne, Cello

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 235** — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn — “The Power of the Cross” (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Arthur Davis

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Be Thou My Vision”old Irish Melody
The Student Choir

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 688 (Stz. 1) — “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

The Children’s Catechism No. 30

Q. “What is not keeping God’s law?”

A. “Not being or not doing what God requires.”

The Scripture — Psalm 119:9-16; Matthew 5:16; John 8:34; Romans 9:21, 12:2

The MeditationSean Morris, Senior Minister’s Intern

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 498 (stz. 1-4)** — “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 15:21-28 (Pew Bible page 821)

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

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 498** — “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

“Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;

He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.”

The Postlude — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”Henry Purcell

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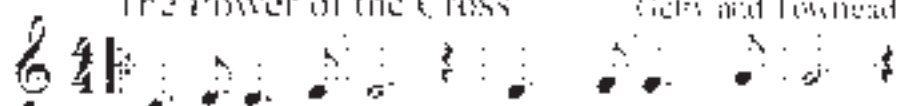
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To All Our
Visitors

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.

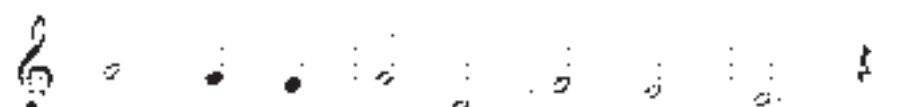
The Power of the Cross

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 To see the name

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 Now the ground be - sters
 when set on the wounds



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 I am free



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 by sin - in - ter - ment
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and death - en - tier
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 dead - a - raised - a - life
 life - a - name - to live



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come - in - us - break the
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stand - ing - we
 what - a - god - we



A - the cross

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Our opening hymn this Lord's Day Morning is actually a beautiful paraphrase of the beloved Twenty-Third Psalm. Henry Baker, editor-in-chief of Hymns Ancient and Modern, wrote this text based on Psalm 23, and it appeared in the appendix of that hymnal in 1868. The six stanzas of this hymn correlate closely to the six verses of Psalm 23, while drawing connections between this well-known Old Testament passage and several New Testament images, all on the theme of the Good Shepherd. In the first two stanzas, the connections are subtle. In stanza 1, Baker adds a comment on the two-way, eternal nature of the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, referring to Jesus' words in John 10:28. By changing the words "still waters" to "streams of living water," Baker recalls Jesus' declaration that He is the source of these streams (John 4:14, 7:37-39). Stanza 3 clearly refers to the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7). In the second half of the hymn, the connection between Old and New Testaments is more pronounced by the use of the words "cross" (st. 4), "chalice" (st. 5, referring to the cup in the Lord's Supper), and "Good Shepherd" (st. 6). A Psalm brimming with the truth of our God's kingly shepherding over our souls and lives, let us then sing it light of the joy and refreshing confidence that it surely imparts!

Holy, Holy, Holy

What can one say to do justice to this great hymn of Reginald Heber, and to the magnificent tune "Nicea" by John Dykes? Albert E. Bailey opines: "No hymn has greater dignity and uplifting power." The lyric gives us a succession of staccato assertions about the Triune God. He is "Lord God Almighty," thrice holy, "Merciful and mighty," adored, worshiped, eternal, unequalled, "perfect in power, in love, and purity." The whole shape of the hymn is Trinitarian, that is, it serves to accent the unique Christian doctrine of the Trinity—God is one God who eternally exists in three persons. This is one of our favorite hymns, and a magnificent one to sing during our Lord's Day Morning Worship.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Following our hearing God's Word proclaimed and our study of the Scriptures, we sing this familiar and beloved hymn. Written by the famous Timothy Dwight, for many years President of Yale, this is thought to be the oldest hymn still in common use written by an American. Dwight actually wrote the lyrics to this hymn as a paraphrase of the themes of Psalm 137. Its theme, the kingdom of God, fits well with the theme of Philippians 4—the joy of the fellowship of the people of God and the extension and triumph of God's Kingdom as Christ's saving message is spread throughout all the earth. Set to the triumphant tune "St. Thomas", this is a glorious way for us to respond to God's Word and to conclude our Lord's Day Morning Worship together!

SEPTEMBER CIRCLES

Monday, September 8

Circle 2: *Fair Hurst*

10:00 a.m. at home of Finney Moore
4233 North Honeysuckle Lane, Jackson

Circle 3: *Tot Bailey and Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. at home of Tot Bailey
2420 Sand Ridge Drive, Jackson

Circle 4: *Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor

Circle 5: *Laura Blaylock and Bess Corbitt*

9:45 a.m. in the Church Library

Circle 6: *Fran Askew*

6:00 pm. Fellowship; 6:30 p.m.- meeting
at the home of Beth Archer
2257 East Northside Drive, Jackson

Circle 7: *Marian Ware*

5:30 p.m. (dinner) in Miller Hall

Circle 8: *Janet Davis*

8:30 a.m. at the Orchard

Circle 14: *Susan Turner and Marty May*
12:00 p.m. Miller Hall (brown bag)

Tuesday, September 9

Circle 9: *Gayle Poole and Grace Toler*
10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor

Circle 10: *Diana Howie*

10:00 a.m. at home of Diana Howie
1551 Douglass Drive, Jackson

Circle 11: *Frenchie Graham and Ruth Tant*

10:30 a.m. at home of Frenchie Graham
4005 Cabell Lane, Jackson

Circle 12: *Nina Johnson and Rachel Bonner*

10:00 a.m. at St. Catherine's

Circle 13: *Karen Crawford and Maryla Delaney*

11:30 a.m. in Miller Hall (lunch may be reserved)

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...” — **Dale & Susan Ellison** – Serving in administration and church planting with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru. Mailing address: 3622 Longstreet, Pearl, MS 39208. Email: daleellison@perumission.org;

Seth & Laura Lee Starkey – Serving as campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship at Belhaven University. Mailing address: 1134 Lyncrest Ave, Jackson, MS 39202. Email: seth.starkey@ruf.org.

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 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, October 5, 2014. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and **turn it in by Sunday, September 21**. Any forms received after September 21 will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained from Marie Phillips or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Phillips at 601-973-9101 or mariep@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 • SEPTEMBER 7, 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
Student Choir Rehearsal and Supper – 4:40 p.m. in MS
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 Burrows
 (2236 N. Cheryl Drive)

Monday

Circles Meet this Week
Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
Cubs Pack Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in MH
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in the MS/PH

Tuesday

Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Twin Lakes Executive Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon
 in WH205A
Presbytery Credentials Committee Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in WH202
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC
NCC Tutoring Committee — 9:30 a.m. in WH204
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
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

Son of David Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. on 2nd floor SC
Genesis Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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