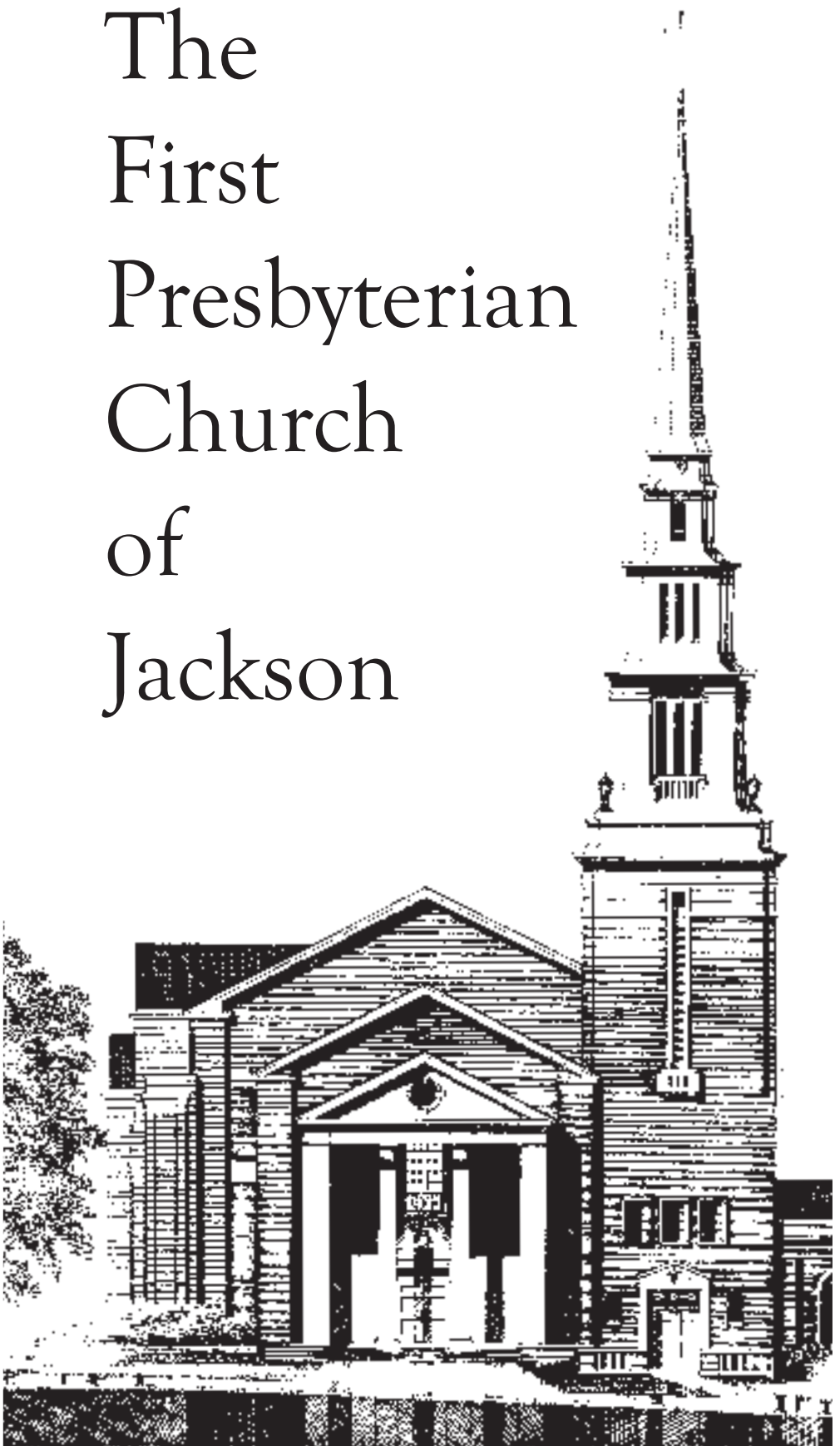


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Eighth 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. 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 — "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" arr. by Craig Phillips
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "Almighty God of Our Fathers" Will James

The Call to Worship

* **The Hymn of Praise No. 34 (Stz. 1-5)** — "The God of Abraham Praise"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

* **The Doxology** "The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
'Hail Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,' they ever cry.
Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise."

The Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 6:10-7:4 (Pew Bible page 402)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 339** — "For Your Gift of God the Spirit" Tune: Austrian Hymn

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "The Armor of God" John Ness Beck
"Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand firm! Having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the Gospel of peace, taking up the shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. Peace be to you, my brethren, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love incorruptible!"

The Choir and Congregation

"Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armor on, strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son; Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in His mighty power.

Who, in the strength of Jesus trusts, is more than conqueror.

From strength to strength go on, stand firm, prevail, and pray: Treat all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day. Still let the Spirit cry in all His soldiers, 'Come!'

Till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 2:11-25 (Pew Bible pages 45-46)

The Sermon — *God Remembers: "Our Plans and God's Purpose"*. Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 524** — "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again" William Tomer

The Postlude — "Praise and Honor to Thee" arr. by Craig Phillips

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Assisting — Mr. Sean G. Morris

Senior Minister's Intern

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

The Prelude — The First Presbyterian String Ensemble

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 305** — "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

‡ **The Invocation**

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

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Steve Rosenblatt

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Worthy of Worship" Mark Blankenship
The Student Choir

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 92 (Stz. 1-2) — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

The Children's Catechism No. 32

Q. "Who tempted them to sin?"

A. "The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam."

The Scripture — Genesis 3:1-6; Matthew 4:1-11; John 8:44; Romans 8:28;
1 Corinthians, 10:12-13; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8

The Meditation Jason Wegener, Mission and Outreach Intern

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 304** — "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 4:1-26, 39-42 (Pew Bible pages 888-889)

The Sermon — *Found*: "Jesus and the Insecure" Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and 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 — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther
The String Ensemble

*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 plumbd 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 Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

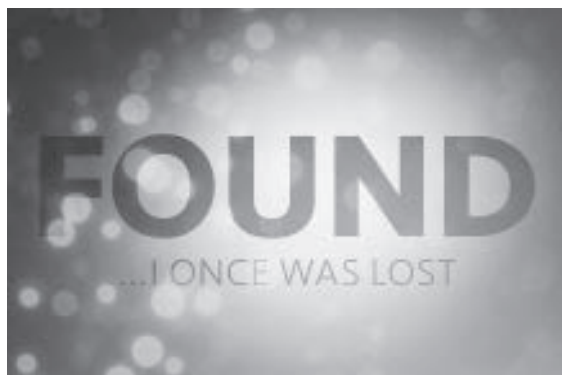
The God of Abraham Praise

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. We sing it today as our opening hymn of praise, and we make use of the sixth stanza as our Doxology, immediately following the Prayer of Adoration and Confession. A soaring, haunting, and beautiful hymn of praise, let us sing it while the truth of its words grips our hearts as we praise our great God and Savior, the God of Abraham, this Lord’s Day Morning.

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Having heard the Word of God read and proclaimed, we respond by singing this rousing and resounding anthem of praise. These beautiful, comforting words point our attention to the righteousness of Jesus that is, by faith, counted as our own righteousness. It is an “alien righteousness” (Luther), one that does not originate within us; but is given to us as a gift. And praise be to God that it is not our own “righteousness,” for we have no righteousness of our own to offer up to God. This hymn reminds us that our only hope, our standing before God, rests wholly in what Christ has done for us. Stanza one contemplates the faithful and complete obedience of Jesus in fulfilling all the law’s demands—what theologians call the active obedience of Christ. Stanzas two and three consider the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross of Calvary, where He made full atonement for the sins of His people—what theologians call the passive obedience of Christ. And it is both the active and passive obedience of Jesus Christ that is our righteousness. In His death, He paid the debt of our sins. With His obedience to the law, He fulfilled what we could never, in our own strength, accomplish. And the Christian, clothed in the righteousness of Christ, stands before God without spot or blemish, wearing the works of Christ. Thus each stanza ends with the rhetorical question, “Where else can I go but to Jesus?” Written by the prolific hymn writer, Horatius Bonar, and set to the familiar tune “Darwall” (“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”) this is a fine hymn by which to conclude our Lord’s Day Morning Worship together.

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..." -- **Mr. & Mrs. William H.** - Serving with SIM in Africa. For more information, please contact the Mission Department.

Sam & Anne Taaffe- Serving as campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. Mailing address: 2628 Dorset St. Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Email: sam.taaffe@ruf.org.

BAPTISM

Last Sunday the sacrament of baptism was administered to Sarah Ingram Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Brent Day; Breanne Mary McKelvey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael George McKelvey; William James McKelvey, son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael George McKelvey; Jennings Payne McKinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ryan McKinney; Kate Elisabeth Baxter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rawden Baxter III; Nathaniel Hines Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Genevill Reeves III; and Waverly Kate Strange, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clarke Stewart Strange.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Men, join us this Thursday at 11:45 a.m. for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon, our monthly men's luncheon, featuring the Reverend Richard Wiman, Senior Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Belzoni, MS. Reservations are not required and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. Invite a friend or co-worker to join you!

REAL LIFE EVANGELISM

If the Sunday night "Found" series is challenging you to become more of an evangelist to your family, friends, and neighbors, let us make some recommendations for further reading and thought. Come to the Learning Resource Center to take a look at these 3 small books by Mack Stiles: *Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus*; *Marks of the Messenger: Knowing, Living, and Speaking the Gospel*; *Speaking of Jesus: How to Tell your Friends the Best News They Will Ever Hear*; as well as these two: *Tangible: Making God Known Through Deeds of Mercy and Words of Truth*, by Chris Sicks and *Get Real: Sharing your Everyday Faith Every Day* by John Leonard.

SMOCKING CLASSES

Sew and Sow is smocking in October! The first lesson begins Friday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., and there is a \$5.00 supply fee. A nursery is available upon request. Please contact Sharon Teh (theteh@juno.com) for more details and to register.

FPDS PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

The First Presbyterian Day School Board of Trustees has established priority enrollment for First Presbyterian Church members for remaining vacancies beginning August 2015. This priority for new students only is open until 3 p.m. on October 31, 2014. If you are new to the church or even a long-time member, we invite you to visit our school and discover what sets us apart. For more information visit www.fpds.org or contact Amy-Allison Russ at aaruss@fpds.org or (601) 940-9012.

CRAZY BUSY BY KEVIN DEYOUNG

Kevin DeYoung, states: "For most of us, it isn't heresy or rank apostasy that will derail our faith. It's all the worries of life... Busyness kills more Christians than bullets" (*Crazy Busy*, 30). Why are so many Christians worn out and struggling to enjoy Christ? The answer, in no small measure, lies in the degree to which we are overtaxing ourselves. The deeper question, though, is "Why?" In *Crazy Busy*, a book that is as provocative as it is pastoral, DeYoung helps overcommitted Christians to diagnose the problem and to trace it down to its spiritual roots. He also leads them in the paths of repentance and wisdom that enable one to receive God's gift of rest and to restore faithful rhythms in life. Stop by the Learning Resource Center to get your copy today!

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 28, 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 Session Room (off Greeting Courtyard)
College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The Student Choir Rehearsal — 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 Trussells
 (3536 Hawthorn Drive)

Monday

Women's Leadership Council — 9:30 a.m. in SC210
Benevolence Committee Meeting — 12:00 Noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Shepherding Committee Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in SC215
Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in PH/SC210

Tuesday

"Truth at Dawn" Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MS
PCA Retirement & Benefits Meeting — 10:00 a.m.
 in MH/PH/SC 210
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Discipleship Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in MCR
Internationals Class — 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 the SR
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
MOMS Leader Huddle — 11:00 a.m. in SC210
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 the YH
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 LH

Thursday

Son of David Ladies Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. on 2nd floor SC
Genesis Ladies Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Men of the Covenant — 11:45 a.m. in MH
RTS Inauguration for Ligon Duncan — 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Friday

Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211 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