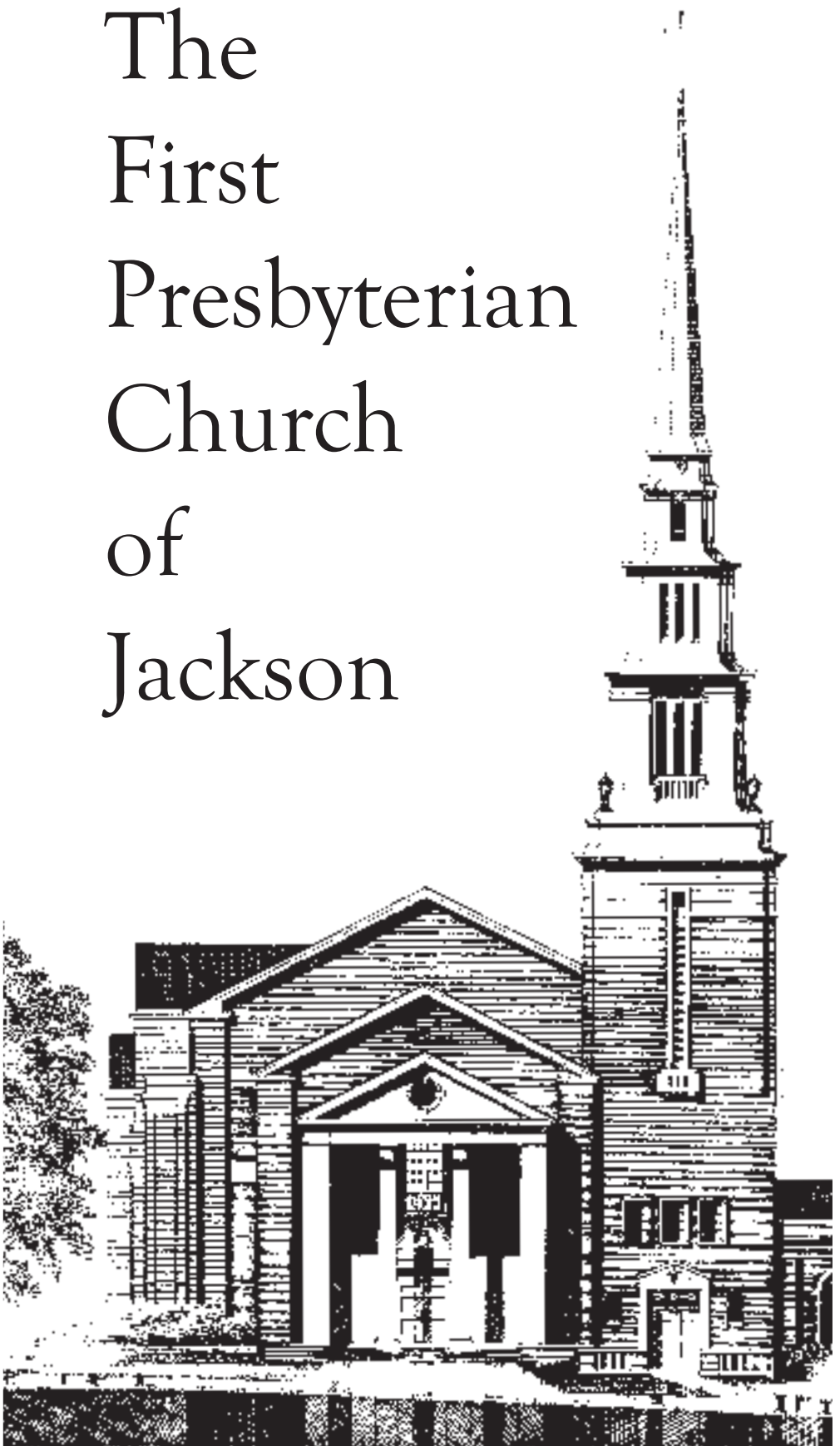


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fifth Day of January, Two Thousand Fifteen  
MORNING WORSHIP  
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock  
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T.A. Strain  
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** — "Meditation on 'Billings' Jordan" .....Herbert Colvin  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

**The Introit** — "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ..... Paul Sjolund

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Psalm of Praise No. 438** — "All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds" (Psalm 66)

‡\* **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡\* **The Doxology No. 297 (stzs. 1, 3)** — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall, let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!  
Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
ye ransomed of the fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!"

**The Scripture Reading** — Nehemiah 10:1-31 (Pew Bible page 406)

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 143** — "How Precious Is the Book Divine"

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

**The Offertory** — "Pilgrims' Hymn" ..... Stephen Paulus  
"Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,

When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.  
Both now and forever and unto ages and ages, Amen."

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Exodus 13:17-22 (Pew Bible pages 55-56)

**The Sermon** — "God Remembers: Pilgrim Days" .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 580** — "Lead On, O King Eternal"

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Congregational 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** — "Fanfare" .....Nicolas Lemmens

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman

Minister-elect of Mission and Outreach

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey

Minister of Discipleship

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

**The Prelude** — “May the Mind of Christ My Saviour” ..... C.Barham-Gould  
The FPC Strings

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 7** — “From All That Dwell below the Skies”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Evening Hymn No. 478** — “I Love to Tell the Story”

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Marcy Forester

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

**The Offertory** — “Pilgrim Song” ..... Arr. Lloyd Larson  
The Student Choir, Maggie McLinden, Accompanist

“O Children, I have found a land that does abound with fruit as sweet as honey;  
The more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined to shout and sing ‘hosanna.’

My soul longs to go where I may fully know the glories of my Savior;

And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.

Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child; I am a child of glory;

I am born from above, my soul is filled with love; I love to tell the story.

My soul longs to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior . . .

My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings, and contemplates the hour

When the messenger shall say, ‘Come leave your house of clay,

and with bright angels tower.’

My soul longs to go where I may know the glories of my Savior;

And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.”

**The Young Children's Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 465 (Stanza 1)** — “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

**The Children's Catechism No. 45**

Q. “What did Christ have to do in the covenant of grace?”

A. “He had to obey the whole law for His people and to suffer the punishment for their sins..”

**The Scripture** — Matthew 26:28; 36-46; John 17:1-4; Romans 5:19

**The Meditation** ..... Gary Sinclair, Women and Children's Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 587 (Stzs. 1-3)** — “Who Is on the Lord's Side?”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — John 13:1-17 (Pew Bible page 900)

**The Sermon** — “The Call to Missionary Service” ..... Dr. Hartman

‡ **The Benediction and Response**

“Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,  
but the King's own army none can overthrow:

round His standard raging, vict'ry is secure;

for His truth unchanging make the triumph sure.

Joyfully enlisting by Thy grace divine,

we are on the Lord's side, Savior, we are Thine.”

**The Postlude** — “O Zion Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling” ..... J. Walch

\*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.

# MID-SOUTH MEN'S RALLY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015  
THE REVEREND DR. RALPH DAVIS



Ralph Davis is a preacher known for keen exposition and rich illustration. His preaching reflects an intense love for the Word of God applied and lived out in the lives of his hearers. The son of a Presbyterian minister, Dr. Davis has served pastorates in Kansas, Maryland, and Mississippi, and taught at Belhaven University and Reformed Theological Seminary-Jackson. He holds degrees from Dubuque Theological Seminary (M.Div.), Union Theological Seminary (Th.M.), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Ph.D.).

Dr. Davis' published works include commentaries on Joshua, Judges, the books of Samuel and Kings, Jeremiah and Daniel, as well as Psalms 1-12.

He and his wife, Barbara, married in 1966, and their clan consists of 3 married sons, Luke, Seth and Joel, and a smattering of grandchildren.

Dr. Davis currently serves as the Minister in Residence at the historic First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina.

## SCHEDULE

5:15—6:30 p.m. Dinner served in Miller Hall, bookstore open

6:30—7:30 p.m. Session 1

7:30—8:00 p.m. Break, refreshments in Miller Hall, bookstore open

8:00—9:00 p.m. Session 2

-No advance registration is necessary.

-No charge for the Rally or Dinner.

-A freewill offering will be taken during the service.

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# A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

## The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds

There is no better way to begin our worship together than by turning our hearts, minds, and voices to our God in adoration for all the wondrous things He has done. And this hymn, which speaks of a day yet to come when “all the earth shall worship Thee” is a blessed reminder that our God is indeed God of all peoples. Even so, Lord, quickly come.

### All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

We will sing stanzas one and three of this well-known and majestic hymn. This is a much-loved hymn of our congregation, as indeed it is throughout the world. It has been called “the National Anthem of Christendom,” and has been translated into almost every language spoken by Christians. The author of the hymn, Edward Perronet, was the descendent of a French Huguenot family which fled first to Switzerland and then to England to escape religious persecution. Perronet was a pastor who worked closely with the brothers John and Charles Wesley for many years in England’s 18th century revival. A fitting way to continue our congregational singing this morning, we sing it to the familiar and stirring tune “Coronation.”

### How Precious Is the Book Divine

Today, we’ll glory in the Word of God written- the Word of God that gives us life in the Divine Word- in the singing of this excellent hymn by John Fawcett. Fawcett was converted at age 16 under the ministry of George Whitefield. He at first joined the Methodists, but three years later began attending the Baptist Church in Bradford, England. Having begun to preach, he was ordained a Baptist minister at Wainsgate, Yorkshire. In 1772, he was invited to London to succeed the famous John Gill as pastor of the Carter’s Lane Baptist Church but declined. This is a fine hymn to follow our morning prayer and Scripture reading and to prepare our hearts to hear the Word of God preached.

### Lead on, O King Eternal

This superb hymn, with its martial tune, was composed by a congregational minister Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917). Though he was a prolific poet, this is his most famous hymn. It was written at the behest of his classmates for their Commencement exercises at Andover Theological Seminary. The imagery of preparation, purpose, fight and conquest has the Gospel ministry as its focus, but is (of course) applicable to the whole of the Christian life and experience, as Paul reminds us. May this be a prayerful reminder to us that Christ is our King, that He will reign victorious, and, indeed, that “the crown awaits the conquest.”

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JANUARY 25, 2015

## 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  
 Communicants' Class — 9:40 a.m. in PH  
 College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH  
 Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
 The Student Choir — 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 — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Ellisons  
 (4204 Honeysuckle Lane)

## Monday

Circle Bible Teachers Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in WH202  
 Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
 Scouts Court of Honor — 7:00 p.m. in MH  
 Yakama Spring Break Mission Trip Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in YH

## Tuesday

Men's "Truth at Dawn" Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202  
 Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MS  
 Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH  
 Young Adults/College Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH  
 Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
 Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH/SC

## Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC  
 Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202  
 MOMS Leadership Huddle — 11:00 a.m. in SC211  
 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/  
 Company Room  
 The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
 Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on the 1st Floor SC  
 Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC & WH  
 Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in Scout Room/Gym  
 Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH

## Thursday

"12 Extraordinary Women" Ladies Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in SC  
 Genesis Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH  
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 Thursday Night Fellowship — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Clarkes  
 (622 Broadway Avenue)

## Friday

Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211A/B  
 Mid-South Men's Rally — 5:15 p.m. in MH/Sanctuary

## 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..." **Kurt & Jill P.** - Serving with Mission to the World in Europe. For more information, please contact the Mission Department. **Christian Witness to Israel** - CWI is an international evangelistic society committed to sharing the good news of Jesus the Messiah with Jewish people around the world. Mailing Address: 6401 S 50th St., Rogers, AR 72758 Email: sgt.atkinson@gmail.com.

## MID-SOUTH MEN'S RALLY - JANUARY 30, 2015

Men, mark your calendars, and plan to join us for our annual Mid-South Men's Rally. Our speaker this year will be The Reverend Dr. Ralph Davis, Minister-in-Residence at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC. No advance registration is necessary. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15 p.m., with the first session beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Christina Meenan at [missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org](mailto:missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org) or 601-973-9125.

## CHURCHWIDE NIGHT OF PRAYER

Across history God has often brought seasons of revival and spiritual renewal to His church when God's people have gathered to pray together. To help us grow in this area, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, after our usual family supper, the entire congregation will gather in Miller Hall for an evening of prayer and praise. We hope that a periodic gathering for prayer like this will become a regular feature of our church's life. Spurgeon called the prayer meeting the "engine room" of the church. Churches change at prayer meetings. The kingdom of God advances when God's people pray. Come and join us with expectant hearts as we look to God for His blessing on the work of the gospel at home and around the world.

## THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults, come join us this Thursday, January 29, at 7:00 p.m. for Thursday Night Fellowship. We are beginning a new series: "Seek the Welfare of the City." We will be meeting at the home of Stuart and Janie Clarke (622 Broadway Avenue). Contact David Felker (601-850-8650) for more details. Bring friends, and come on out!

## 2015 MISSION CONFERENCE

February 22 – March 1, 2015

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2015 Mission Conference! Our keynote speaker is Mike Campbell who serves as Senior Minister at Redeemer Church in Jackson. Jon Eide will kick things off as he preaches all three services on Sunday, February 22, 2015. If you would like to provide a meal for one or more of our missionaries, please call Laura Husband at 601-605-9237 or email her at [wwhusband@comcast.net](mailto:wwhusband@comcast.net).

### *Our Missionary Guests Will Be:*

**Latasha Allston** – Jackson State, RUF Intern

**Leon Brown** – Richmond, VA

**Ric Cannada** – Indonesia Partnership

**Mark Casson** – Metanoia MNA Prison Ministry

**Jegar & Jemima Chinnavan** – Fairfax County, VA

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