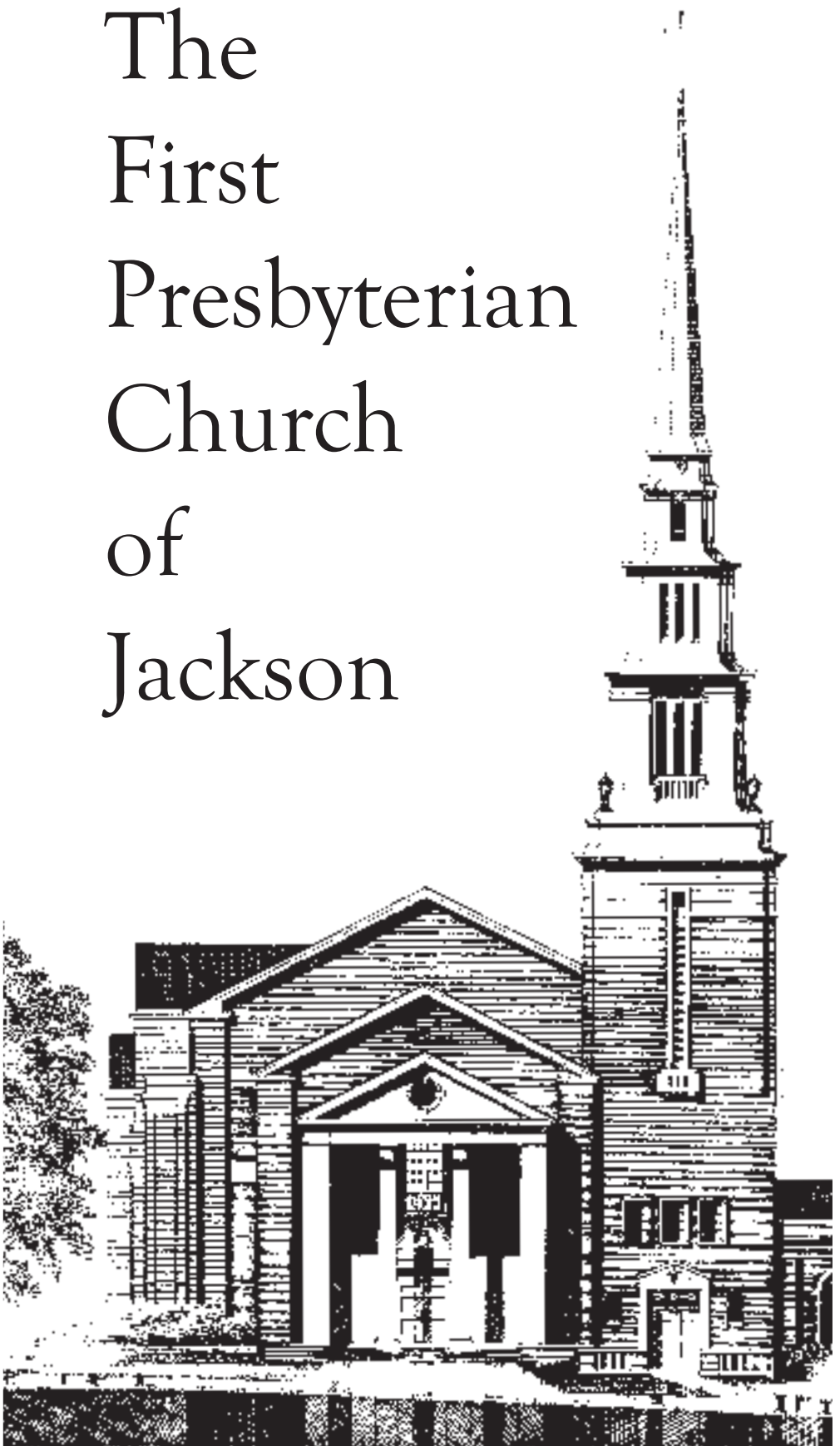


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Seventh Day of April, Two Thousand Fourteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Dr. John Blanchard
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T.A. Strain
Senior Minister - Elect

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 — "Pastorale in C"Eric Thiman
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "The Lord Reigns"Dale Wood

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 1** — "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Public Profession of Faith

The Biblical Basis
The Introduction of New Members
The Questions of Membership
The Prayer
The Declaration
The Blessing

‡* **The Hymn No. 469 (Stz. 1-4)** — "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Hymn of Promise"Natalie Sleeth

"In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."

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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Timothy 4:1-7 (Pew Bible page 996)

The Sermon — "Hitherto-Underneath-Henceforth"Dr. Blanchard

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 469 (Stz. 5-6)**

"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"
"Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.
We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace."

‡ **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 — "Praise to the Father"Michael Burkhardt

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Senior Minister - Elect

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker

Minister of Young Adults

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

The Prelude — “Canzona Solenne”S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 57** — “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” (RUF Tune)
(See Evening Guide)

The Recognition of Recitation of The Children’s Catechism

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Tim Threadgill

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “The Mighty Power of God”Mark Hayes
The Student Choir, Caroline Pillsbury, Accompanist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 409 (Stz. 2 and 4) — “Softly Now the Light of Day”(Tune: ST. BEES)

The Children’s Catechism No. 12

Q. “Does God know everything?”

A. “Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.”

The Scripture — Joshua 6, 7; Psalm 139:1-5; Isaiah 55:8-9; Hebrews 4:13;
I John 1:9

The Meditation Kelly Jackson, College Coordinator

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 486 (Stz. 1-5)** — “God, Be Merciful to Me”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Zechariah 7:1-14 (Pew Bible pages 795-796)

The Sermon — *The Coming Kingdom:*Mr. Strain
“A Call to Spiritual Reformation ”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response No. 486 (Stz. 6) — “God, Be Merciful to Me”

“Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee:

Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.”

The Postlude — “Postlude in Dorian Mode” Flor Peeters

*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.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Bill Moore



1. Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken, All to leave and fol -
 2. Let the world de - spite and leave me; They have left my Sav -
 *3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'Twill but drive me to
 4. Go then earth - ly fame and trea - sure, Come di - sas - ter, scorn
 5. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry, Armed by faith and winged



low Thee. Des - ti - tute, des - spised, for - sa - ken,
 or too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me,
 *Thy breast. Life with tri - als hard may press me,
 and pain. In Thy ser - vice pain is plea - sure,
 by prayer. Heaven's e - ter - nal day's be - fore thee,



Thou from hence my all shall be. Per - ish ev - ery fond
 Thou art not like them un - true. Oh while Thou doest smile
 *Heaven will bring me sweet - er rest. Oh 'tis not in grief
 with Thy fa - vor loss is gain. I have called Thee A -
 God's own hand shall guide thee there. Soon shall close thy earth -



am - bi - tion. All I've sought or hoped or known.
 u - pon me, God of wis - dom love and might.
 *to harm me, While Thy love is left to me.
 - bba Fa - ther. I have stayed my heart on Thee.
 - ly mission. Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days.



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and heaven are still
 Foes may hate and friends dis - own me, Show Thy face and all
 *Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy un - mixed
 Storms may howl and clouds may ga - ther, All must work for good
 Hope shall changeto glad fru - i - tion, Faith to sight, and prayer



my own
 is bright.
 *with Thee.
 to me.
 to praise.

A Guide to the Morning Service

Guest Minister

Dr. John Blanchard is an internationally known Christian preacher, teacher, apologist, and author. He has written 30 books, including two of Britain's most widely used evangelistic presentations, *Right With God* and the booklet *Ultimate Questions*. The latter has over fourteen million copies in print in about 60 languages. His major book *Does God believe in Atheists?*, published in 2000, was voted 'Best Christian Book' in the 2001 UK Christian Book Awards, and immediately became a best-seller, described as 'a brilliant defense of belief in God'. Other books he has written include: *Truth for Life, Whatever Happened to Hell, Meet the Real Jesus, Beatitudes for Today and Major Points from the Minor Prophets, and The Hitch-hiker's Guide to Heaven*.

The Introduction of New Members

During the morning services, a group of new members will openly confess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel. They were received into the membership by the Session in the afternoon of April 6, 2014. This Sunday they are presented to the congregation. Listen closely to the five questions of membership. They beautifully summarize key points of Christian faith and discipleship. And be sure to welcome these brothers and sisters, heartily. Matthew Henry once said: "When we take God for our God, we take His people for our people." Taking our church membership vows seriously is one way we can show that we understand this truth.

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)

One of the best-known and well-loved psalms in our congregation, this setting of Psalm 100 is set to the glorious tune "Old One Hundredth." There has probably not been a year in the 177 year-plus life of this church when this psalm and tune haven't been sung. The tune comes right out of Calvin's *Genevan Psalter* and is still in use in every nation where there is a Reformed church. The book of Psalms is God's divinely-inspired hymnbook, and thus we love to sing psalms along with scripturally sound hymns in all our services. A powerful psalm of praise to open our Lord's Day Morning Worship service!

How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

This is one of the very favorite hymns of our congregation. It sings of the amazing electing love of God and beautifully combines an unqualified belief in God's divine sovereignty with a longing to see the lost saved. "Bring the strangers home" is one of the most beautiful ways of describing the gospel's effectual calling of sinners ever penned. Having recently enjoyed our Mission Conference, it is good for us to pray and sing, "We long to see Your churches full."

But recognizing that we were once strangers, and that we are now guests at the banquet feast only because of His love "that sweetly drew us in" is also one of the best ways to curb our pride. For without that divine calling, we would have never come to the Lord Jesus. Or, as Watts puts it, "else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sins." Try insisting on your own greatness while you ponder "Why was I made to hear Your voice, and enter while there's room?" Let us sing this hymn in awe and wonder today, as we contemplate our gracious God and our great salvation.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • APRIL 27, 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 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 M133 College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary Make up pictures for officers nominees — 3:45 p.m. in PH Officers Training — 4:00 p.m. in PH 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 — 7:30 p.m. at the home of The Burrows (2236 N. Cheryl)</p>
Monday	<p>Circle Bible Teachers — 9:00 a.m. in WH204 NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 Graduating Senior High Dinner — 6:00 p.m. in MH Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in various locations</p>
Tuesday	<p>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202 Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. WIC Spring Luncheon with Tom Elkin — 11:30 a. m. in WH 205 MTJ Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in WH205A NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>Staff/Salary Subcommittee — 7:45 a.m. in WH202 Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in SR The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m. MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH 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/Playground The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in various locations Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in SC321/Gym Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p>
Thursday	<p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Men of the Covenant — 11:45 a.m. in MH</p>
Friday	<p>No activities scheduled</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

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...” — **Hermes & Alleen Tomás** – serving as part of the church planting team with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru. Mailing address: Avenida Fatima 820, Dpto. 703, Trujillo, Peru, South America. Email address: alleenmclain@me.com.

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IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Andrew James Dickie — April 17, 2014

FLOWERS

The flowers from the wedding of Veazey Tramel and Joe Reindl are in memory of Mr. Bobby Littal Tramel, grandfather of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Edward Holt, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig Reindl, grandparents of the groom; and Mr. Donald Phillip Gwarjanski, friend of the bride and groom.

NEW MEMBERS

On April 6, 2014, the following new members were welcomed into our fellowship: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Richard (Elisha) Bailey, Mr. Wade Hampton Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. (Lisa) Browning, Miss Lillian Eileen Burke, Mr. David Hampton Crews, Mr. Reece Alexander Davis, Miss Claire Elkin, Miss Sarah Brennan Gregg, Mr. Henry William Harrington Greaves, Jr., Miss Mary Noble Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Jordan (Elysia) Jackson III, Miss Eliana Crisler Knotts, Miss Frances Ann Madden, Miss Katherine Ellett Oliver, Mr. Andrew Paul Purvis, Mr. David Glen Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Stan P. (Jill) Purvis, Mr. William Harris Purvis, Mr. Douglas Edward Redman, Jr., Mrs. Grant (Lauren) Ridgway, Miss Margaret Inez Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Petula) Sinclair, Miss Lydia Rebekah Spivey, Mrs. David (Sheena) Strain, Dr. and Mrs. Clarke Stewart (Cassi) Strange, Mr. Thomas Watts Swayze, Miss Ann Claire Thomas, Mr. Micah Chase Usry, Mrs. Ruby Ann Walsh, Mr. Robert Turner Wright, Miss Regina Yen, and Mr. Victor Yen.

“YOUR FAMILY: MADE IN HEAVEN SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED”

Family Seminar Series with Dr. Tom Elkin

“When You Say Goodbye, but They Say Hello”
(Adult Children Living at Home)

Join us Tuesday, April 29, in WH205 for our final spring luncheon series with Dr. Tom Elkin, Minister of Marriage and Family Life. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. in Miller Hall, and Dr. Elkin will begin speaking at 11:45 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. To register, please call Caroline Jackson at 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

MEN OF THE COVENANT

Men, join us Thursday, May 1, at 11:45 a.m. for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon where Mr. Denny Terry will speak to us. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 11, 2014. Space is available for both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or email her at shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014

This year’s VBS dates are June 2-6 and our theme is *Follow Me!* We will study Jesus’s interaction with different people and groups while He was here on earth. If you would like to sign up to help with VBS, please contact Gena Dear at ghdear@bellsouth.net or Weezie Polk at 601-353-8316 or weeziep@pcjackson.org.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent
 Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator
 Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators
 Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

- THE SUNDAY SERVICES:
- * Sunday School 9:40 A.M.
 - * Morning Worship..... 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
 - * Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M.
 - Senior High Insight 7:30 P.M.
 - Communion 2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October
 - Baptism.....3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November
 - New Members Received 1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:15 p.m. in PH
- *THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING:.....Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
- Family Night Dinner..... Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
 - Junior High Discipleship Groups Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.
 - Children's Activities Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.
 - Discipleship Groups Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
 - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting..... Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
- *THE CHOIR REHEARSAL.....Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.
- THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:
- *Administrative CouncilFirst Monday, 9:30 A.M.
 - *Circles..... Second Week
- THE MEN OF THE COVENANT First Thursday, 11:45 A.M.
- THE SESSION MEETINGSecond Monday, 7:00 P.M.
- THE DIACONATE MEETINGSecond Monday, 5:30 P.M.

* A nursery for infants and pre-school children is maintained by the Church.