

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-third Day of August, 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. William E. Dempsey  
Minister of Congregational 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** (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — "Be Thou My Vision" ..... A. Van Iderstine  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

**The Introit** — "Rise Up! Arise!" (St. Paul)..... Felix Mendelssohn

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 103** — "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡\* **The Doxology** — "Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

**The Scripture Reading** — Ecclesiastes 7: 1-14 (Pew Bible page 556)

**The Morning Prayer**

**The Hymn** — "My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness" (See Guide)

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

**The Offertory** — "How Can I Keep From Singing" ..... Taylor Davis  
"My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations,  
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing.  
It sounds an echo in my soul: How can I keep from singing?  
While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.  
And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of Heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?  
When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death-knell ringing,  
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging,  
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?"

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Ephesians 4:17-32 (Pew Bible page 978)

**The Sermon** — *New Community*: "The New Self" ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 537** — "Take Time to Be Holy"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — "Four-Fold Amen" ..... W. Wymond

**The Postlude** — "Fanfare in F" ..... Edward Broughton

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer

Minister of Discipleship

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

Senior Minister

**The Announcements and Words of Preparation** (5:55 p.m.)

**The Prelude** — “I Need Thee Every Hour” .....Dale Wood  
William Wymond, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn No. 307** — “Nothing but the Blood”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**The Apostles' Creed** (See Guide)

\* **The Greetings**

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

**The Offertory** — “Be Thou My Vision” .....Irish Folk Tune  
The Student Choir

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Isaiah 44:6-8 (Pew Bible pages 604-605)

**The Sermon** — “The Sovereignty of God” .....Dr. Fluhrer

‡ **The Hymn** — “My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness” (See Evening Guide)

‡ **The Lord's Supper**

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

‡ **The Psalm of Response No. 12** — “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”  
(Psalm 135)

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Postlude** — “Grand Choer” ..... Gordon Young

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

ü The children are dismissed at this time

**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.

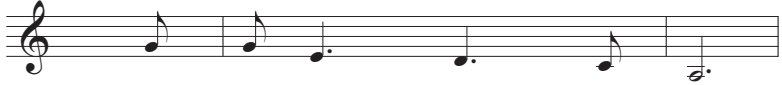
# My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

Stuart Townend

Keith Getty



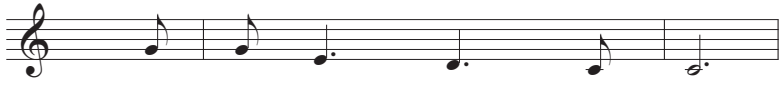
1. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness  
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness  
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness



To Him who bore my pain;  
To Him who walks be - side;  
To Him who reigns a - bove,



Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace  
Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength  
Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace,



And gave me life a - gain;  
And caus - es fears to fly;  
Whose ev - 'ry thought is love.



Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness  
Whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough  
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth



And clothed me in His light  
For ev - 'ry step I take,  
Is giv - en by the King;



And wrote His law of right - eous-ness  
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love  
So I will give my life, my all,



With pow'r up - on my heart.  
And crown - ing me with grace.  
To love and fol - low Him.

# A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

One of the important features of the Protestant Reformation was the restoration of the ordinary means of grace: the Word, the sacraments, and prayer.

This week, in the continuation of exploring our worship practices at First Presbyterian Church, we will explore the place for and purpose of pastoral prayers as an integral portion of our corporate worship service each Lord's Day.

## Pastoral Prayer

*What are pastoral prayers?* A pastoral prayer is a public prayer offered for and on behalf of the congregation. The Apostle Paul instructs in his letter to the church at Corinth that prayers are to be made for the instruction and edification of others. Hence, pastoral prayers seek the glory of God and the edification of those gathered for worship. Because faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17), the pastoral prayers are patterned by and make use of Scripture. Pastoral prayers primarily include two elements: supplication and intercession.

In prayers of supplication or petition, our requests are presented humbly unto God, earnestly asking Him to bestow His goodness upon us in our need. The Bible contains many prayers of supplication displaying various needs such as mercy, guidance, salvation, and deliverance from persecution. In particular, the psalms include numerous prayers of supplication. Psalm 51 contains a notable prayer of supplication in which David prays for God to forgive Him, cleanse Him, create in Him a new heart, and restore His Spirit. We are also instructed to make supplication even for our temporal needs, as Jesus instructs us to ask or supplicate for our daily bread (Matthew 6:11). The pastoral prayer makes earnest supplication for the pardon of sin, for the Spirit of sanctification, for support and comfort within the storms of life, and for temporal mercies as we walk through the valley of vision. These prayers bring the needs of our church before God, submitting our cares into His hands, and trusting His mercy to lead us, provide for us, and sustain us.

When prayers are made specifically on behalf of others, even expanding beyond our congregation, these are considered prayers of intercession. These prayers are directed toward the building up of the Church, the furtherance of the gospel, and the expansion of Christ's kingdom. The prayers are offered for those who are in authority, ministers of the gospel, Israel, our neighbors, enemies, the persecutors, and all men. Christ is the ultimate intercessor. As the Apostle Paul says in Romans 8:34, "Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." All of our prayers profit because Christ's prayers profit much. Just as Christ, the Chief Shepherd, intercedes for His people, the pastor intercedes for the flock entrusted to His care during pastoral prayer.

In summary, pastoral prayers are public prayers to our heavenly Father in Christ's name, presenting our church's cares and concerns and seeking the extension of Christ's kingdom. These are prayers that also express our own inadequacy and the all-sufficiency of God. These are prayers that are heard and answered by the merit and intercession of our Savior. These are prayers that comfort His people because God is glorified in the comfort and happiness of His people. We will do well to remember the petitions made during the pastoral prayer in our own prayers through the week. Let us join our hearts in prayer in order that the Spirit of Christ may bring encouragement to weary souls, knitting us together in a bond of fellowship and praise, being brought into intimate communion with our Savior.

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • AUGUST 23, 2015

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 8:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Prayer for Worship Service</b> — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Sunday School</b> — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Children’s Church for 3- and 4-year olds</b> — 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon in G105MB</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>College Lunch</b> — 12:00 noon in the gym</p> <p><b>The Student Choir Rehearsal</b> — 4:40 p.m. in the Music Suite</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>No Senior High Insight</b></p>
<b>Monday</b>	No Scheduled Activities
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Staff Meeting</b> - 9:00 a.m. in MS</p> <p><b>Neighborhood Christian Center Tutors Meeting</b> — 9:30 a.m. in WH204</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>American Partner “Orientation Session”</b> — 7:00 p.m. in PH</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Men’s Bible Study</b> — 10:00 a.m. in WH202</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p><b>Family Night Supper</b> — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p><b>Junior High D Groups</b> — 5:30 p.m. in YH</p> <p><b>Children’s Activities</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground</p> <p><b>Christianity Explored</b> — 5:30 p.m. in WH202</p> <p><b>The Choir</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p><b>Children’s Choirs</b> — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>D Groups</b> — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting</b> — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p> <p><b>Young Adults Men’s Basketball</b>— 8:00 p.m. in the Gym</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sunday School Officers Training</b> — 12:00 noon in PH</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>“Sew and Sew” Planning Meeting</b> — 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in SC211</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p><b>Men’s Prayer Breakfast</b> — 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..." **Tom & Jan Courtney** – serving with Mission to the World in Scotland as Director of Solas-Europe, an organization which seeks to support the local church in the U.K. and beyond by equipping Christians to engage their culture for Christ. Mailing address: 23 Baldovan Road, Dundee, Scotland UK DD3 9EA. Email: [tjcourtney@usa.net](mailto:tjcourtney@usa.net) **Britton & Elizabeth Wood** – serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Stanford University in Stanford, CA. Mailing address: 2171 Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025 Email: [bwood@ruf.org](mailto:bwood@ruf.org)

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Helen Orkin — August 13, 2015

## 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 by their children.

## INTERNATIONALS CLASS - AMERICAN PARTNERS NEEDED

You are invited to be part of the Internationals Conversational English Class ministry which meets on Tuesday nights at FPC. This outreach offers Conversational English classes, a broad range of social and travel adventures, the opportunity to experience American friendships, and a clear presentation of the Gospel. More American Partners are still needed to help with the hundreds of Internationals who have flooded the Jackson area. If you speak English ...you qualify. Learn first-hand about this ministry at an Orientation Session on Tuesday night, August 25 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in Patterson Hall. Visit [www.InternationalsClass.org](http://www.InternationalsClass.org) for more information.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Join us this Wednesday during Family Night Supper in Miller Hall as we show our appreciation to the Children's Sunday School Volunteers. From department leaders, table teachers and music leaders to accompanists and substitutes, we want to recognize their tireless efforts for this year. Please stop by to enjoy a piece of cake as we thank them for serving the Lord by serving our children.

## SCOTLAND MISSION TRIP REPORT

Several weeks ago, we sent a team to Dundee, Scotland, in support of our missionaries. Now that they have returned, it is our privilege to hear a report on their labors. Following the evening service on August 30, an extended presentation will be made in Lowe Hall, and all are invited to attend.

## FALL INQUIRERS' CLASS

The Fall Inquirers' Class begins Sunday, September 6, at 9:40 a.m. in WH204 and runs through the fall 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](mailto:omegas@fpcjackson.org).

## JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT

Junior High students, grades 7-9, join us for the Junior High Fall Retreat 2015, September 11-13, at Twin Lakes. We'll have games, a bonfire, relay races, and large-group teaching from our new Director of Students and Families, Andrew Triolo. Sign up by August 31 to receive our EARLY BIRD discounted price of \$79. After August 31, the cost is \$119. Scholarships are available for any students who need them. Contact Jenny Sanders at [youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youthhouse@fpcjackson.org) with any questions. To sign up, please visit [www.fpcjackson.org/discipleship/youth/upcoming-trips](http://www.fpcjackson.org/discipleship/youth/upcoming-trips).

## MEN'S "TRUTH AT DAWN" BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study will begin Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 a.m. in WH202. We will be studying the gospel of Mark. Teachers will be Gabe Fluhrer and Billy Dempsey. Call or email the church office to sign up: 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

## DEPRESSION SEMINAR SERIES

All are invited to join us for a 4-week luncheon seminar series entitled, "Depression: What It Is and How We Deal with It," led by Dr. John Cox and Dr. David Elkin on September 23, 30, October 7, and 14 from 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m in Miller Hall. Lunch is \$6. For more information, email [lisaw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisaw@fpcjackson.org). To sign up, contact the church office at 601-353-8316 or [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org).

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and Earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he arose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

This brief affirmation of basic Christian belief is called the Apostles' Creed, not because one or several of the Apostles of the New Testament were its author, but because it expresses the faith the Apostles taught. So, it is "Apostolic" in the sense that it affirms and preserves the faith which they learned from Jesus. You will notice that we use the traditional translation of the Creed which retains both a beauty of language and some unfamiliar words: "Ghost" is employed where we would use "Spirit," the word "quick" where we would use "living," and "catholic" where we would use "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that upon His death, Jesus actually went into hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as He endured the unmitigated wrath of God.