

"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Fourth Day of August, 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. Ralph S. Kelley Executive Minister

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 — "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. By Dan Forrest Dr. David Synder, Pianist The Introit — "Almighty God Of Our Fathers" Will James The Call to Worship ** The Psalm of Praise No. 16 (Stz. 1-4) — "Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord" (Psalm 98) **‡ The Prayer of Adoration and Confession ‡ The Gloria Patri** "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen." **† The Scripture Reading** — Nehemiah 4:1-14 (Pew Bible page 400) The Morning Prayer **† The Hymn No. 580** — "Lead On, O King Eternal" The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings The Offertory — "The Heavens Are Telling" Franz Joseph Haydn The Choir with Gena Everitt, Soprano; Clifford MacGowan, Tenor; Benjamin Roberson, Bass "The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of His work displays the firmament. The day that is coming speaks to the day, The night that is gone to following night. The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of His work displays the firmament. In all the lands resounds the word, Never unperceived, ever understood." The Prayer of Illumination **The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Philippians 3: 12 – 4:1 (Pew Bible pages 981-982) **† The Hymn of Response No. 576** — "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve" **‡** The Benediction The Response — "Festive Amen" William Wymond The Postlude — "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Craig Phillips Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

^{*}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 Mission Report — Karen Stewart, Bethany Christian Services

The Prelude — "Be Thou My Vision"Arr. Todd Beaney Heather Dolan, Violin; Connie Wadsworth, Organ

The Call to Worship

- **‡ The Hymn of Praise No. 447** "Christ for the World We Sing"
- **‡** The Invocation

The Evening Hymn — "Be Thou My Vision"

(See Evening Guide)

* The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Kyle Ball

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Jennifer Biggs, Violin 3; John Sinclair, Cello

The Young Children's Devotional

For children currently in 4-year-old – 3rd grade Sunday School **The Song No. 495 (Stz. 2 and 3)** — "No, Not Despairingly Come I to Thee" **The Children's Catechism No. 28**

Q. "What is sin?"

A. "Sin is disobeying or not keeping God's law in any way."

The Scripture — Psalm 19:7-8; Psalm 23; James 4:17; I John 3:4

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

‡ The Hymn No. 439 (Stz. 1-3) — "Christ Shall Have Dominion"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Jonah 4

(Pew Bible page 775)

The Sermon — *Salvation Belongs to the Lord:* "Disturbing Grace"...Mr. Strain

† The Benediction and Response No. 439 (Stz. 4)—"Christ Shall Have Dominion" "Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings;

He alone is glorious, doing wondrous things. Evermore, ye people, bless His glorious name, His eternal glory through the earth proclaim.

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea, earth's remotest regions shall his empire be."

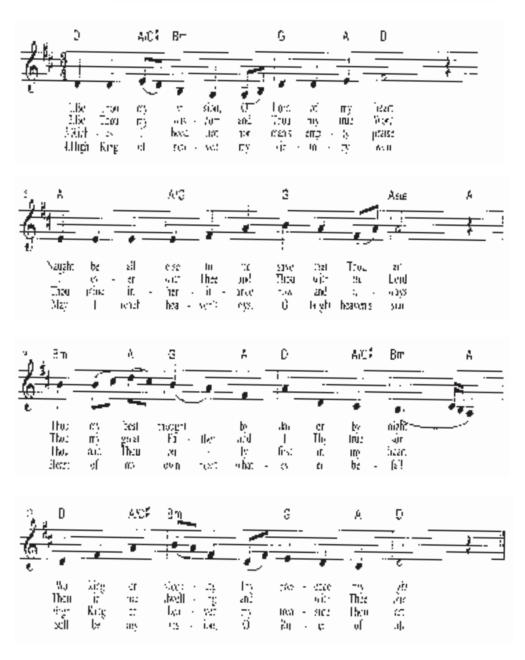
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> To All Our Visitors

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.

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A Guide to the Morning Service

Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord (Psalm 98)

Our opening congregational song this Lord's Day Morning is a setting of the 98th Psalm to the familiar tune Duke Street (to which we sing "Jesus Shall Reign, Where E'er the Sun"). This setting of Psalm 98 from the old ARP (Associate Reformed Presbyterian) Psalter creates a majestic and fitting opening song of praise for our morning worship. Psalm 98 is a beautiful text that looks back to the great redemptive works of God at the Exodus, then forward to the redemptive works of Christ in His first coming, and then finally to the consummation of all things in His Second Coming and Judgment. In fact, Psalm 98 is the source for the beloved Christmas carol, "Joy to the World!" (a hymn originally written by Isaac Watts in order to reflect on the Second Coming of Christ). Let us sing this opening anthem with joy and gladness, as we praise our Great God and Savior this Lord's Day Morning, for it is from him that "unto earth's remotest bound, glad tidings of salvation sound!"

Lead On, O King Eternal

Following our Scripture Reading from Nehemiah chapter 4 and our Morning Prayer, we sing this familiar hymn of resolve and triumph. 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. Let us sing these words as our pledge to follow our King, the Lord Jesus; for indeed, "the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might."

Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

In response to the preaching of God's Word from Philippians 3 and 4, we sing this apt hymn of response. This much-loved hymn stresses the importance of the believer's activity in growth in grace and holiness, as well as our motivation to it. Both are important biblical themes often lost today in the preaching and teaching of wider evangelicalism. As we conclude our Lord's Day Morning Worship, let us resolve to "run the race which is set before us," to press on with vigor, and to live the Christian life in pursuit of godly zeal, obedience, and holiness— all so that one day we might be crowned with victory, only in order to "lay all honors down" at the feet of the Savior.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • AUGUST 24, 2014

Sunday	Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary
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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

College Lunch — 12:00 noon in PH

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 Moores

(4233 N. Honeysuckle Lane)

Monday WIC Council Meeting – 9:00 a.m. SC210

Tuesday Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Internationals Orientation — 7:00 p.m. in MH

Wednesday MOMS New Member Coffee — 9:00 a.m. in PH

MOMS Leader Training — 9:45 a.m. in SC210

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.

MNA Committee — 12:00 noon in MH

Session Finance Committee — 12:00 noon in MH

Family Night Supper/Tom Elkin Appreciation — 5:00 p.m. in MH

Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH

3-Year-Old Sunday School Leaders Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in M135

Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym

The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS

Christian Education 'Getting the Message' Study Group —

6:00 p.m. in WH202

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

 $\textbf{Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting} \, - \, 6:\!30 \; p.m. \; in \; PH$

Thursday | The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday No Scheduled Events

Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us...." — **Jonathan & Tracy Eide** – serving as team leader and church planters with Mission to the World in Ukraine. Mailing address: Shaumanya Str. 46A, Kiev, 04111 Ukraine. Email address: jeide@mtwukraine.org

Ben & Marianna Shaw – serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Southern Mississippi. Mailing address: 2806 Williamsburg Rd, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Email address: benshaw12@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Abigail Bonner by the parent sponsors of the Student Choir.

TOM ELKIN APPRECIATION

Please join us for dinner on Wednesday, August 27, as we honor Dr. Tom Elkin during the dinner hour. This will be a great chance for you to thank Tom and Mary for their ministry among us. There will be a designated place for you to drop off cards or a note to them. As part of our beloved congregation, they will continue to worship with us. If you are unable to come Wednesday, you will have many opportunities to thank them in the months to come.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY Don't forget to register!

MOMS is a weekly Bible study for mothers of children 6th grade and under. It meets on Wednesdays in Patterson Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Starting Wednesday, September 3, MOMS will be studying the *Gospel of John: When God Became Man.* Registration for new MOMS began August 1. To register, contact Laura Barbour at 601-366-3073.

MEN OF THE COVENANT

Men of the Covenant, our monthly businessmen's luncheon, resumes for the fall on Thursday, September 4th at 11:45 a.m., with Rev. John Sartelle of Christ Presbyterian Church, Oakland, TN, speaking. Cost for the lunch is \$6. Invite a friend or a co-worker to join you!

"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 be 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 or email the receptionist at the church office at 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org 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.

COLLEGE LUNCHES

The College Ministry will offer lunches for all the college students visiting or attending First Presbyterian Church this fall. These lunches are a great time of fellowship, good food, and a great way to get to know the staff and college ministry at FPC. For more information, please contact Kelly Jackson at 601.624.7121 or Stefan Sanchez at 478.737.0198. Today is the first of four lunches to be held this semester. We will meet in Patterson Hall at noon. Come and bring your friends: August 24, September 21, October 19, and November 16.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOUND

...I ONCE WAS LOST

Beginning on Sunday night, August 31, there will be a six-week series of evangelistic sermons entitled, "Found: Six Stories of Real People Who Met Jesus." Each week we will look at the story of someone from the Gospels who met and was changed forever by Jesus. Each represents a common question or struggle that many of our unconverted friends may have.

Our hope is that you will prayerfully consider bringing a friend to church over the next six weeks to hear the Gospel. To help you remember to pray and to give you something to place in the hands of a friend, colleague, or neighbor who doesn't know Jesus, we have printed invitation cards with the titles, times, and dates of the series. At FPCJ, we want to be a church which brings the gospel to our community. Let's take this opportunity to begin to pray and reach out with the good news!

August 31st - Jesus and the Churchgoer John 3:1-15

September 7th - Jesus and the Outsider Matthew 15:21-28

September 14th - Jesus and the Scam Artist Luke 19:1-10

September 28th - Jesus and the Insecure John 4:1-26, 39-42

October 5th - Jesus and the Materialist Matthew 19:16-26

October 12th - Jesus and the Last Chance Luke 23:26-43