

"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

# THE LORD'S DAY

# The Third 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. William E. Dempsey Minister of Discipleship

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** — "Allegro" (Sonata No. 6 in D, Op. 2) ...... Dietrich Buxtehude Shellie Brown, Violin; Nancy Bateman, Cello; Connie Wadsworth, Harpsicord

**The Introit** — "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ...... Ludwig van Beethoven

The Call to Worship

- ‡\* The Hymn of Praise No. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
- **‡** The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

**The Scripture Reading** — Nehemiah 2:9-20

(Pew Bible page 398-399)

The Morning Prayer

‡ The Hymn No. 585 (Stz. 1-4) — "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

"O Lord God, hear Thou my prayer.

Help Thou me, and give ear to my prayer.

Daily do I worship Thy great name and Thy power.

Thou alone canst help me: O send me Thy peace and love.

O protect me, my God, Let me never stray, O my Saviour.

Leave me not, O God of my salvation.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,

and praise Thy great name while I have my being.

Hear my prayer, hear Thou my prayer;

Help Thou me, and give ear to my prayer.

Glory to Thee!"

#### The Prayer of Illumination

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Philippians 2:14-30 (Pew Bible page 981)

- ‡ The Hymn of Response No. 571 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
- **‡** The Benediction

The 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 Congregational Meeting

\*The ushers may seat latecomers ‡Congregation standing

# **EVENING WORSHIP**

#### Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — "Saviour, like a Shepherd" .... William B. Bradbury arr. by Dana Everson
Lloyd Turner, Trumpet I Madeleine Case, Horn I Drew Dempsey, Trombone
Jeff Brown, Trumpet II Jonathan Hunt, Horn II Sarah Morris, Piano

The Call to Worship

- ‡ The Psalm of Praise No. 438 "All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds" (Psalm 66:1-7)
- **‡** The Invocation

**The Evening Hymn** (Stz. 1-4) — "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" (See Evening Guide)

The Recognition of Recitation of The Children's Catechism

\* The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Richard Russ

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — Shellie and Bonnie Brown, Violinists

The Young Children's Devotional

For children currently in 4-year-old – 3rd grade Sunday School **The Song No. 524 (Stz.1-2)** — " Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ" **The Children's Catechism No. 25** 

Q. "What did God promise in the covenant of works?"

A. "To give Adam life, if he obeyed God."

**† The Hymn No. 94** — "How Firm a Foundation"

The Prayer of Illumination

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Jonah 1:1-16 (Pew Bible page 774)

**† The Benediction and Response** — "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

"Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer. Heaven's eternal days before Thee, God's own hand shall guide us there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days, Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise."

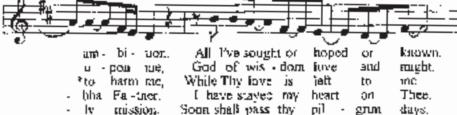
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To All Our Visitors

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.







Yet how rich is my convoling toon, God and heaven are still Foes may hate and friends dishown me, Show Thy face and all \*Oh twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unlimited Storms may how, and clouds may gather. All must work for good Hope shall change to glad from interest. Faith to sight, and prayer



## A Guide to the Morning Service

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

#### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

One of our congregation's favorites, this beloved anthem is a beautiful hymn by which to begin our Lord's Day Morning Worship. The author of this hymn-text, Robert Robinson, was sent by his widowed mother to Londom. He loved reading more than his appointed vocation and eventually became a minister (first a Methodist, then later a Baptist). This hymn poignantly points out why God's sovereign grace is so essential to our assurance—our hearts "are prone to wander." If our salvation and security rest ultimately on our actions, rather than on God's sovereign mercy, then there is no hope. This is such a simple truth, and yet such a difficult one to continue to cling. We so desperately want to contribute something to our salvation, or at least vindicate God's activities by our own efforts. The grace of God may call us to holy living, but our holy living is never the source of our standing before the Great Judge. Let us sing this hymn with gladness in our hearts in light of God's great grace—the fount of every blessing!

#### Take My Life, and Let It Be

In response to our Scripture Reading and Morning Prayer, we sing this familiar hymn of dedication and consecration. "Take My Life" was Frances Ridley Havergal's "consecration hymn," as she called it. "Only a person as totally dedicated to God as she was had the right to pen such lines or invite others to sing them. We know from one of her letters just when and how the hymn was written. The date was February 4, 1874; the occasion was the end of a five day visit to the house of some friends. She had prayed that God would so use her visit that all ten members of the household might become genuine, rejoicing Christians; and He answered her prayer. 'Before I left the house everyone had got a blessing. The last night of my visit, after I had retired, the governess asked me to go to the two daughters. They were crying, etc.; then and there both of them trusted and rejoiced; it was nearly midnight. I was too happy to sleep, and spent most of the night in praise and renewal of my own consecration; and these little couplets formed themselves, and chimed in my heart one after another, till they finished with Ever, ONLY, ALL for Thee!"" (Colquhoun).

#### Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

In response to our hearing God's Word proclaimed from Philippians, we sing this familiar hymn of resolve. Given our sermon text highlighting the Christian Life and how Timothy and Epaphroditus exemplify the life of a fellow soldier, worker, and brother, this is a most fitting hymn for us to sing together as we conclude our Lord's Day Morning Worship. This martial hymn details our call to be combatants. We have been enlisted into a struggle, not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces of evil. Our only hope against such a foe is to stand strong in the strength of God, or as this hymn reminds us, the enemy is vanquished as Christ leads his soldiers from victory unto victory.

# **FPC THIS WEEK**

#### SUNDAY • AUGUST 3, 2014

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**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

College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Oral Exams for Deacon Nominees — 3:15 p.m. in PH

New Members Received — 5:15 p.m. 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 Davis home

(200 Bent Tree Cove, Flowood)

#### Monday

Executive Diaconate Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH

### Tuesday

Presbytery — 9:00 a.m. at FPC, Kosciusko

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Management Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

#### Wednesday

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

MOMS Ministry Team Meeting — 10:00 a.m. in SC211B

MOMS Teachers Meeting — 11:30 a.m. in MH

**Stewardship Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH **Ushering Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH

**Interns Meeting** — 4:00 p.m. in the basement classroom **Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH

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

Children's Activities and Classes — 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

in the Gym

The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS

QNA with David Strain — 6:30 p.m. in MH No Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

#### **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...." — **Tom & Jan Courtney** – serving with Mission to the World in Scotland as Director of Solas-Europe. Mailing address: 23 Baldovan Road, Dundee, Scotland UK DD3 9EA. Email address: tjcourtney@usa.net

Jon & Marla Payne – serving as church planters with Mission to North America at Christ Church Presbyterian in Charleston, SC. Mailing address: 1381 Scotts Creek Circle, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464 Email address: jdpchristchurch@icloud.com

#### **FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the wedding of Anne Elizabeth Flowers and Daniel Zegel and are given to the glory of God in honor of Mrs. Anne Williams Flowers, and in loving memory of Mr. Uriah Grey Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Michael Hartley, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dominic Ruffo and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Henry Zegel, Senior, grandparents of the groom.

#### OFFICER OF ELDER VOTING BEGINS TODAY

Following the 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. services, we will begin voting for the office of elder. Ballots will be distributed following both morning worship services and the evening worship service and will be collected by our elders. You are asked to vote for eight (8) nominees. All communing members are invited to vote once.

#### WEDNESDAY QNA TIME

Please join us, Wednesday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m. in Miller Hall for a time of Questions and Answers with our Senior Minister, David Strain. David will answer questions submitted by you, the congregation, prior to the event. If you have a question on life ministry, changing culture and Christianity, a recent sermon, or anything else you would like to pose to David, please submit it by noon on Tuesday, August 5. You can email your questions to wednesdayqna@fpcjackson.org or call the receptionist at 601-353-8316. Please note that the weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting will not meet.

#### PERU MISSION TRIP REPORT

Several weeks ago, we commissioned a team to go to Cajamarca, Peru, 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 10, an extended presentation will be made in Lowe Hall, and all are invited to attend.

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Adults are needed as volunteers for children's choirs beginning August 13 and running through April. We are in need of directors, pianists, and adults who can supervise, maintain order, and help out with games, fun songs, and quiet activities. Supplies for these are provided.

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS REGISTRATION

Registration will take place on August 13, in the gym. Parents, please register your four year olds through fifth graders, from 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Children will have supervised play time from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., with a snack at 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsals will then begin on Wednesday, August 20, with playtime in the gym or on the playground from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., followed by choir until 7:30 p.m. Sixth graders may also sign up for their special Wednesday night activities and devotional hour.

#### FAMILY FUN NIGHT Mississippi Braves Game

Please join us on Friday, August 15, at Trustmark Park for a Family Fun Night at the Braves Game. The ticket cost is \$5.00. Please call the church office at 601-353-8316 to sign up by Monday, August 11. Sign up and payment for this event is required due to the advance purchase of tickets. You may pick up your tickets on game night at the ballpark's main gate. Just look for the FPC table.

#### **DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS**

Not in a D Group? It is a great opportunity for spiritual growth and good fellowship. Call Billy Dempsey at 601-973-9112 or email bdempsey@fpcjackson.org if you would like more information or to enroll in a D Group. Our Discipleship Groups are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. in various locations.

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# FALL BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN

There are books to order and leaders to recruit, so please **Register Now!** 

#### **GENESIS:**

## The Beginning of It All

Thursdays from 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., beginning September 11.

Teacher: Laura Husband

Format: Lecture

Participants: Ladies of all ages

Registration: Contact Marty May at 601-856-6649 or

margaretannmay@comcast.net

#### THE SON OF DAVID:

# Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books

Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., beginning September 11.

**Teachers:** Debbie Dempsey and Tricia Walters **Format:** Small groups and large-group lecture

Participants: Ladies of all ages: includes small groups

for mothers of adolescents (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Registration: Contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115

or omegas@fpcjackson.org

## MOMS BIBLE STUDY

## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:

## When God Became Man

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., beginning September 3.

**Teacher:** Jane Wiggins

Format: Small groups and large-group lecture

**Participants:** Ladies who are newly married and mothers of young children (6<sup>th</sup> grade and below)

Registration: Contact Laura Barbour at 601-366-3073

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