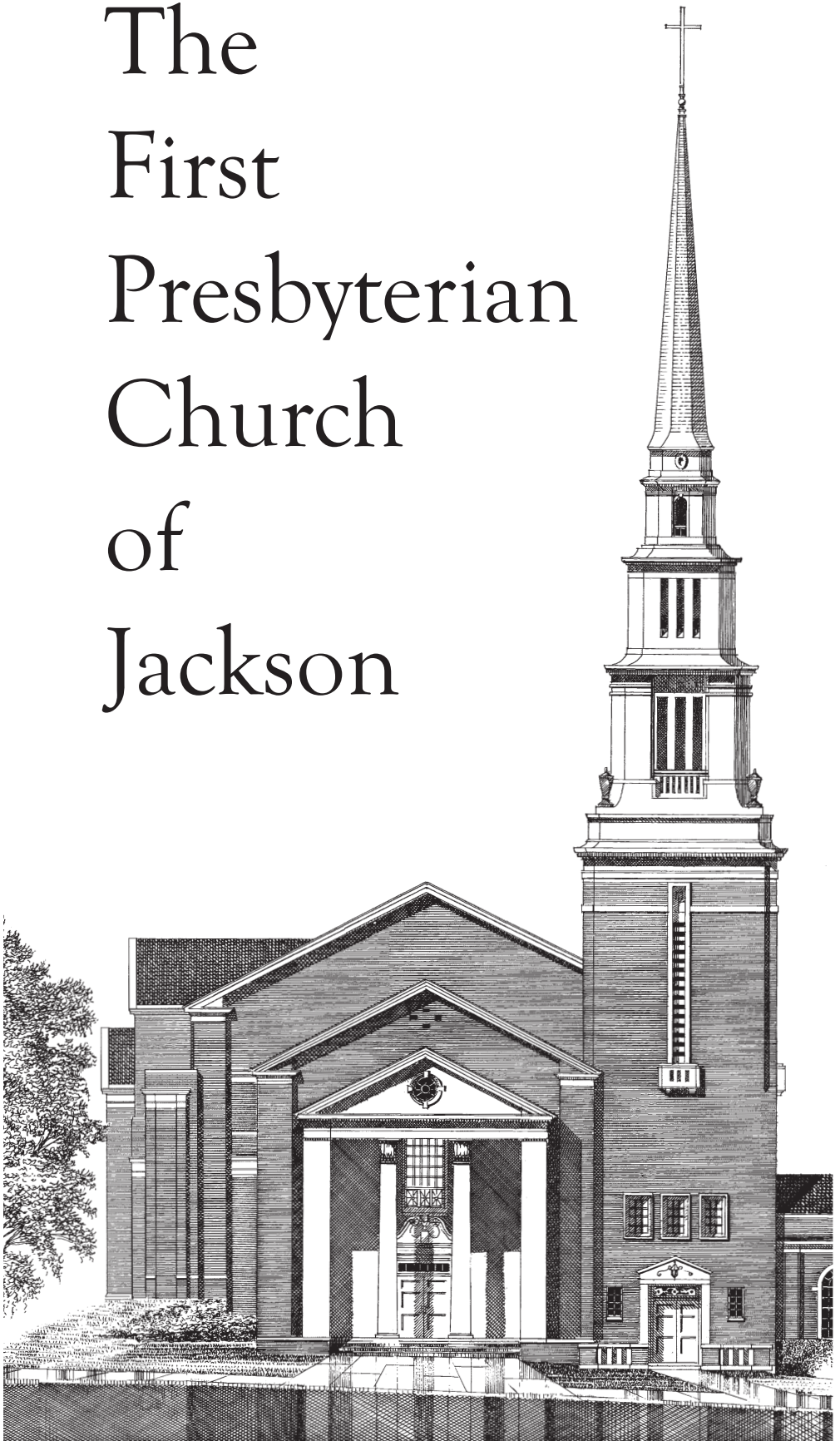


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Ninth Day of August, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock
Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Congregational Care
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain

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 — “Introitus” S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organ

The Introit — “Behold, Now, Praise the Lord” Everitt Titcomb
Jonathan Hunt, Directing

The Call to Worship

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

‡ **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 6:1-12 (Pew Bible page 556)

The Morning Prayer

The Hymn No. 465 — “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “He, Watching Over Israel” (*Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn
“He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps:
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 19:23-41 (Pew Bible pages 928-929)

The Sermon — “Artemis Who?” Mr. Dempsey

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 573** — “Am I a Soldier of the Cross”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Choral Response** — “Love, So Amazing, So Divine” Gilbert Martin

The Postlude — “Toccata Giocosa” Gilbert Martin

*The ushers may seat latecomers
‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker

Minister of Young Adults and College

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley

Executive Minister

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

The Prelude — “Prayer” Engelbert Humperdinck
William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

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

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymns No. 308 — “Jesus Paid It All”

No. 648 — “My Jesus, I Love Thee” (Stanzas 1-3)

‡ **No. 701** — “Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Richard Ridgway

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness” Getty & Townend

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Children’s Catechism No. 69

Q. “Why do you need Christ as a prophet?”

A. “Because I need to know the will of God.”

The Scripture — Psalm 73:21-22; Psalm 119:176; Isaiah 40:29-31; 53:6;

II Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12

The Meditation Kelly Jackson, College Coordinator

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

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

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 2:37-47 (Pew Bible pages 910-911)

The Sermon — “The Dream Team Church” Mr. Felker

The Hymn of Response No. 353 (Stzs. 1-4) — “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Postlude — “Postlude on an English Tune” 18th C.

*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.

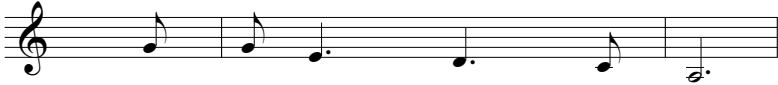
My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

Bob Kauffman

Keith Getty



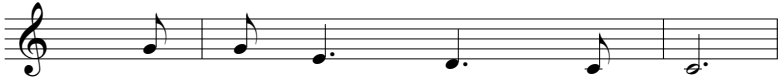
1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness



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



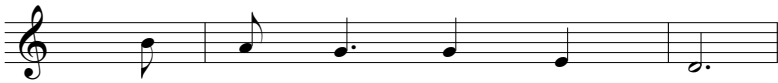
Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace
Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength
Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace,



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 important aspect of any good event is that it has a clear beginning and end. This communicates intentionality and gives a gathered group of people an intelligible sense of what is taking place. This same idea applies to our weekly corporate worship. For the participation and benefit of God's people we desire the flow of worship to be clear and discernable so that collectively, we participate more fully in the means of grace that God has given. We previously considered the reasons why our service begins with a Call to Worship. This morning, we set aside a few moments to think through why our service closes the way it does. What is the Benediction and why do we have one each week?

What is the Benediction?

The word "benediction" has Latin origins (bene = "well," and dicere = "to speak"). A benediction, then, is a word which "speaks wellness/goodness" to a person or group. So properly understood, it is a blessing. The Benediction blessing is an ancient Hebrew practice and was a highlight in the temple worship of the Old Testament saints. After a sacrifice was made, the high priest would stand with arms raised over the people and pronounce the Aaronic blessing recorded in Numbers 6:24-26: "The Lord bless and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." The New Testament is replete with benedictions as well. Jesus pronounces these blessings over the disciples, Paul includes them within his Epistles, and the writer of Hebrews pronounces a benediction in his appeal to the "God of peace" to "equip you with everything good that you may do His will" (Hebrews 13:20-21). The Benediction is not just a parting prayer, but it is the conferral of a covenant blessing based on God's faithfulness to His people. John Calvin describes it as a "pledge of that divine benevolence which is the source of our salvation."

Why is it given each week?

The weekly pronouncement of the benediction serves as a reminder to the congregation that God has both the first and last Word in worship. He invites us to commune with Him through the Call to Worship, but He also blesses us through the Benediction as we depart. It is interesting that the final verse of the Book of Revelation says, "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen" (Rev. 22:21). The very last verse in our Bible is itself a benediction. Therefore, in seeking to pattern our worship after the Bible, we close every service, with God's blessing. As we receive the Benediction, given at the end of the service, let it be a reminder that we do not go in our own strength, but we are accompanied with the powerful blessing of God, who works in and through us to accomplish His glorious purposes.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • AUGUST 9, 2015

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:25 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. – 10:40 a.m.
 (Library only)
Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations
Children’s Church for 3-year olds — 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon
 in G105MB
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Crawfords
 (1962 Douglass Dr)

Monday

Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

Wednesday

Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
International American Partners Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Junior High D Groups — 5:30 p.m. in YH
Children’s Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/
 Playground
Children’s Sunday School Leaders Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH204
“Bright Lights, Belhaven Nights” Training — 5:30 p.m. in WH202
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Q&A — 6:30 p.m. in MH
Children’s “Fruit of the Spirit” Program — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 in M122/123
Young Adults Men’s Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Summer Seminar with Dr. John Cox — 6:00 p.m. in MH

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

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..." **Jack & Nell Chinchen** – serving in education and leadership with African Bible College in Liberia and the United States. Mailing address: P.O. Box 103, Clinton, MS 39060. Email: nellchinchen@yahoo.com **Joel & Holly Wallace** – Serving as the Associate Director for Mission to North America's Special Needs Ministry. Mailing Address: 3409 Loch Ridge Trail, Birmingham, AL 35216; Email: jwallace@pcanet.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary, from the wedding of Nigel Reeves Turner and Charity Faith Anderson, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl and Eloise Anderson, L.E. and Elza Turner, and Robert C. Jones, grandparents of the bride and groom.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Q&A

Please join us, Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. in Miller Hall for a time of Questions and Answers with our Senior Minister, David Strain, our Minister of Congregational Care, Billy Dempsey, and our Minister-elect of Discipleship, Gabe Fluhrer. They will answer questions on ministry submitted by you, the congregation, prior to the event. Please email your questions to questions@fpcjackson.org, or call the receptionist at 601-353-8316 no later than noon on Tuesday, August 11. Please note that the weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting will not meet.

SUMMER SEMINAR: RELATIONSHIPS, MARRIAGE, AND DATING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, AT 6:00 P.M.

Join us Thursday, August 13, as Dr. John Cox teaches the final Summer Seminar on Relationships, Marriage, and Dating. We will meet from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (please arrive at 5:45 p.m.) in Miller Hall, and the cost is \$6 for dinner. **Registration is required.** To sign up, visit www.fpcjackson.org/young-adults. Nursery is available upon request. Contact David Felker (601-850-8650) with questions.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

It's time to sign up for Children's Choir! Registration will be Wednesday evening, August 19, from 5:45 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. All children who are 4 years old by September 1 through 5th grade are invited to come to the gym with a parent to register. Rising 6th graders also need to sign up for Wednesday night fellowship at this time. **Children's Choir will begin on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. There is a great need for volunteers to help with all age groups. Please contact Janie Clarke at 601-953-4991 or janielclarke6@gmail.com to volunteer. No musical ability is required!**

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 19, at 6:30 p.m. in various locations.

EVENING COMMUNION — AUGUST 23

Please note that on Sunday, August 23 we will celebrate communion in the evening service.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Join us on Wednesday, August 26, during Family Night Supper in Miller Hall as we show our appreciation to the Children's Sunday School Leaders, table teachers, music leaders and accompanists for their tireless efforts this year. Please stop by to enjoy a piece of cake, as we thank them for serving the Lord by serving our children.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTIAN CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to tutor children in kindergarten through 5th grade in the Neighborhood Christian Center program, please contact Nina Johnston at 601-879-9670 or nnj115@aol.com. NCC meets in the Study Center Room 210 on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The program begins in mid-September and continues throughout the school year. No teaching experience is necessary. All that is required is a loving heart for children and the desire to share Christ's love with them.

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.

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MOMS Bible Study
GOD SPEAKS: A Study of the Prophets
Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.,
beginning September 16

For: Mothers of children from birth to 6th grade

Teacher: Jane Wiggins

Format: Small Groups and Large Group Lecture

Registration: Beginning August 1

Contact Joanna McNeel at 601-807-1596
or joanna.b.mcneel@gmail.com

Gospel-Shaped Living: 1 and 2 Timothy
Thursdays: 9:00 - 11:00, beginning September 10

For: Ladies of all ages

Teacher: Tricia Walters

Format: Small Groups and Large Group Lecture

Attn: Mothers of Adolescents - We have small groups
for mothers of 6th through 12th graders.

Registration: Contact the Women and
Children's Ministry Department
at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

Son of God: The Gospel of Matthew
Thursdays: 9:45 - 11:00, beginning September 3

For: Ladies of all ages

Teacher: Laura Husband

Format: Lecture

Registration: Contact Alice Patterson
at 601-906-6755 or alipatte@gmail.com.