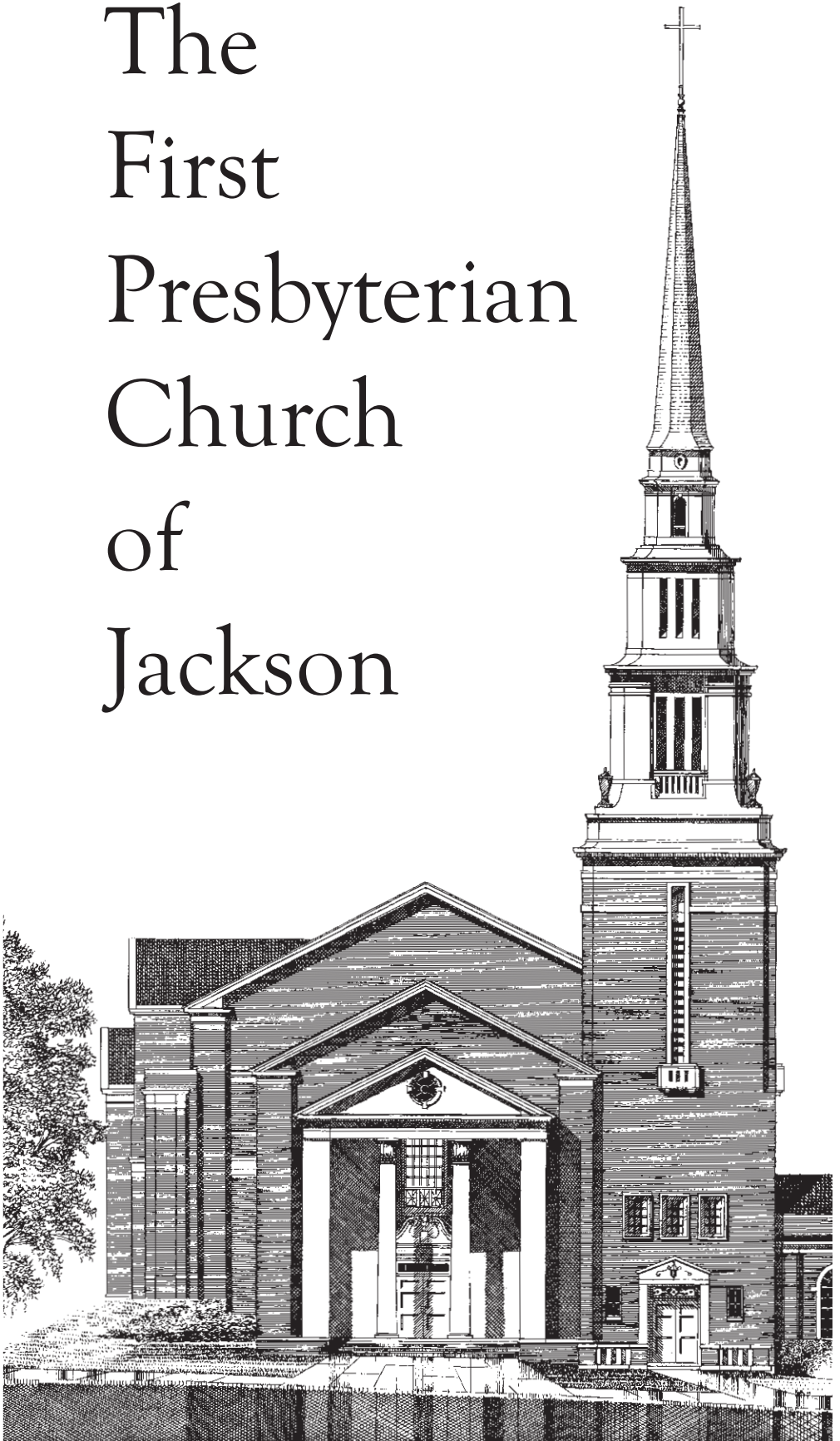


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth Day of December, Two Thousand Thirteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III

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 — “What Is This Lovely Fragrance” Paul Manz
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — “Worthy Is The Lamb!” G. F. Handel

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Carol of Praise No. 196** — “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Scripture Reading — John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible page 886)

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. 162** — “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “All Bells Of Paradise” John Rutter

“Deep in the cold of winter, darkness and silence were ev’rywhere;
softly and clearly, there came through the stillness a wonderful sound, a
wonderful sound to hear: All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
sounding in majesty the news that they bring;
all bells in paradise I heard them ring,

welcoming our Savior, born on earth a heavenly King.

All bells in paradise I heard them ring: ‘Glory to God on high’ the angel voices sing.

Lost in awe and wonder, doubting, I asked what this sign might be:

Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable, a marvelous sight,

a marvelous sight to see. All bells in paradise I heard them ring,

sounding in majesty the news that they bring;

all bells in paradise I heard them ring, welcoming our Savior,
born on earth, a heavenly King.

He comes down in peace, a child in humility, the keys to His kingdom belong to the poor;
before Him shall kneel the kings with their treasures,
gold, incense, and myrrh, incense and myrrh.

All bells in paradise I heard them ring, sounding in majesty the news that they bring;

all bells in paradise I heard them ring, welcoming our Savior, born on earth a heavenly King.

All bells in paradise I heard the ring: ‘Glory to God on high’ the angel voices sweetly sing.”

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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 1:1-4, 9-12, 14, 16-18 (Pew Bible page 886)

The Sermon — “Christmas through the Eyes of John” Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Carol of Response No. 217** — “All My Heart This Night Rejoices”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “Joy To The World” Kuykendall

The Postlude — “Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. by Diane Bish

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Minister of Teaching and Mission

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

The Prelude — "O Come, O Come Immanuel" Ancient Chant
Heather Dolan, Violin; William Wymond, Organ

The Call to Worship

*‡ The Carol of Praise No. 211 — "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

‡ The Invocation

* The Evening Carol No. 214 — "Angels We Have Heard on High"

* The Greetings

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bill Stone

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "The Hands That First Held Mary's Child" Dan Forest
The Student Choir; John Sinclair, Cello; Caroline Pillsbury, Accompanist

"The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood.
From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood.

This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail,
but cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.

When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame,
and gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name,
the angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height,
and like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light.

"This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne,
but God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone."

The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard,
and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word.
The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift and use with anger,
fear and pride to crucify God's gift. Let us, O Lord, not only hold the
child who's born today, but charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way."

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The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 92 — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Stanzas 1 and 3)

The Children's Catechism No. 142

Q. "What happens to the wicked?"

A. "They are thrown into hell."

The Scripture — Matthew 8:12; Mark 9:43; Luke 16:19-31; Revelation 20:15

The Meditation Stefan Sanchez, College Intern

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ The Psalm No. 119:169-176 — "Lord, Let My Cry Before You Come" (Stanzas 1-3)
(See Evening Guide)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 119:169-176 (Pew Bible page 516)

The Sermon — *Not by Bread Alone* "Let My Soul Live and Praise You" Dr. Duncan

‡ The Benediction and Response 119:169-176 — "Lord, Let My Cry Before You Come"
(Stanza 4)

"That I may praise You, let me live;
And let Your judgments bring me aid.
Your servant won't forget Your Laws;
Seek me, who, like a sheep, has strayed."

The Postlude — "Good Christian Men, Rejoice!" 14th C. German

*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.

COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will have our annual College Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 17, at the home of Beth Byrd (4793 Crestwood Drive). We hope all our college students can join us from 7:00-9:00 p.m.!

HOLIDAY BOOKSTORE OPEN HOUSE AND HOLIDAY TIMES

The Bookstore will be open on Saturday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for your convenience. We will be offering free gift wrap with your purchase. This is the only Saturday of the year we are open, just before Christmas, for those who are unable to visit during the week. We invite you to come for coffee and shop for those on your Christmas list.

We will be closed Sunday, December 22, due to the "Music of Christmas Lessons and Carols" service, and for Christmas holidays December 24, 25, 26. The Bookstore will open Tuesday, January 7, 2014, from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Music of Christmas will be Sunday, December 22, at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Nursery is available for children through age 5.

Lord, Let My Cry Before You Come

"Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!"

-Luke 15:6

1. Lord, let my cry be - fore You come; True to Your
 2. Since You in - struct me in Your law, O let my
 3. Be read - y with Your hand to help, Be - cause Your
 4. That I may praise You, let me live; And let Your

word, en - light - en me. Be - fore You let my
 lips Your praise ex - press. My tongue will sing a -
 pre - cepts are my choice. I long for Your sal -
 jud - g - ments bring me aid. Your ser - vant won't for -

plead - ing come; True to Your prom - ise res - cue me.
 bout Your word, For Your com - mands are righ - teous - ness.
 va - tion, Lord, And in Your law do I re - joice.
 get Your laws; Seek me, who, like a sheep, has strayed.

Chords: G D G A7 D Bm D G D 7 A G D7
 G D A7 D A E A A7
 D E7 A G D Em D A7 Bm G D A7 D 7

A Guide to the Morning Service

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 December 1. 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?

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15	* Morning Services - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. * Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18	* Regular Mid-week Activities
Friday, December 20	Day School Dismissed for Christmas Break - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 21	Bookstore Christmas Open House - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Free gift wrapping with purchase)
Sunday, December 22	* Morning Services - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 22	* Music of Christmas - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24	Family Christmas Eve Carol Service - 4:00 p.m.
December 24-25	Church Offices are Closed for Christmas
Wednesday, December 25	No Mid-week Activities
Sunday, December 29	* Morning Services - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. * Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1	No Mid-week Activities
Wednesday, January 1	Church Offices are Closed for New Year's Day
Monday, January 6	Day School Returns from Christmas Break

* Nursery Provided

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 15, 2013

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</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p>College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in MH</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>No Senior High Insight</p>
Monday	<p>Scout Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p>
Tuesday	<p>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202</p> <p>Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in PH</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Student Ministry Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>College Christmas Party — 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the home of Beth Byrd (4793 Crestwood Drive)</p>
Wednesday	<p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p>Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p>Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in the YH</p> <p>Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Gym</p> <p>The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in LH</p>
Thursday	<p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
Friday	<p>Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal for Music of Christmas — 9:00 a.m. in LH</p> <p>The Bookstore Open House — 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</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..." **Jon & Olya Powell** - Ministering to university students with Mission to the World in Ukraine. Email address: jpowell2407@gmail.com
Elbert & Karen McGowan - Serving as RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University. Mailing address: 116 Dendron Dr., Jackson, MS 39211; email address: emcgowan@ruf.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the wedding of Rivers Jeanne Uithoven and David Randolph Luter in loving memory of Matthew Garrett Uithoven, brother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. John William Uithoven, grandparents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Dillon Peets, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Asa Boyd Luter, Sr., grandparents of the groom.

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, December 1, we welcomed the following members into our fellowship: Miss Therese Woodward Apel, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Kerut, Mr. Daniel Turner Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. Mabry W. (Barbara) Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ellis (Becky) Moore, Miss Allyson Claire Thigpen, Miss Mary Brooks V. Thigpen, Mr. Noah D. Thigpen, and Mr. Bryan Christopher Wardlaw. Mr. Stefan Gregory Kurt Sanchez joined as an associate member.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you or someone you love is struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share in the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet monthly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. This is a group of people who recognize our struggles and want to help each other along our journey. For more information, please call or text Jimmy at 601-260-1636.

YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

If you are planning to donate stock to First Presbyterian Church before the end of the year 2013, please notify Earl Davis in the Business Office at 601-973-9107. In order for year-end church contributions to be deducted on your 2013 tax return, they must be received at First Presbyterian Church on or before December 31, 2013. The offices will be open from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and you may give online until midnight on December 31, 2013, for your convenience. If you mail your contribution, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2013. Security will be posted on the south side of the church (Pinehurst St.) to receive any contribution that may be dropped off after office hours on December 31, 2013. All gifts received or postmarked after December 31, 2013, will apply to your 2014 contribution statement.

MOM BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION

Spring 2014
Like A Shepherd

Parents and shepherds have similar responsibilities; guiding, feeding, tending, protecting, and a whole lot of prodding! The Bible's wisdom literature is full of both principle and practice to help us in our desire to rear covenant children who will follow and love the Great Shepherd. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Patterson Hall to pursue parenting that will both honor God and provide your children with a firm foundation on which to build life. Hear how a mother's Shepherd leads us through sibling rivalries, willful disobedience, peer pressure, and other topics of interest and necessity. Small and large group discussions, bible teaching, panel discussions with seasoned mentors and weekly fellowship are designed with you, mothers of children through the 6th grade, in mind. Call Laura Barbour at 601-366-3073 or email her at laurabarbour@comcast.net beginning January 1 to sign up.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Bible study that meets from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. will be studying the book of Mark in a small group/book study format. To register contact Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

2014 COMMUNICANTS' CLASS

A new Communicants' Class will begin January 12, 2014, open to children in the 6th grade and up. All 6th graders have received forms in the mail to be completed and returned to the Christian Education office. Anyone else desiring to enroll in the class should call the Christian Education office 601-973-9115 to request a form.

CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR THE PRISON

December 1 through 18, we will be collecting donations for the women inmates of the Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. Fill a clear Ziploc with a clear shampoo, a clear deodorant, and white crew socks. (Examples of clear shampoo are Suave, White Rain, and V05, etc. Examples of clear deodorant are Arrid Extra Dry, Secret Clear, Dry Idea Clear Gel, and Lady Speed Stick Gel. The athletic socks should be a size large in crew style.) Collection bins are located at the Visitors' Desk near the Day School office. Contact Gail Jones at 601-842-2297 or gbjones5@comcast.net if you have any questions.

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