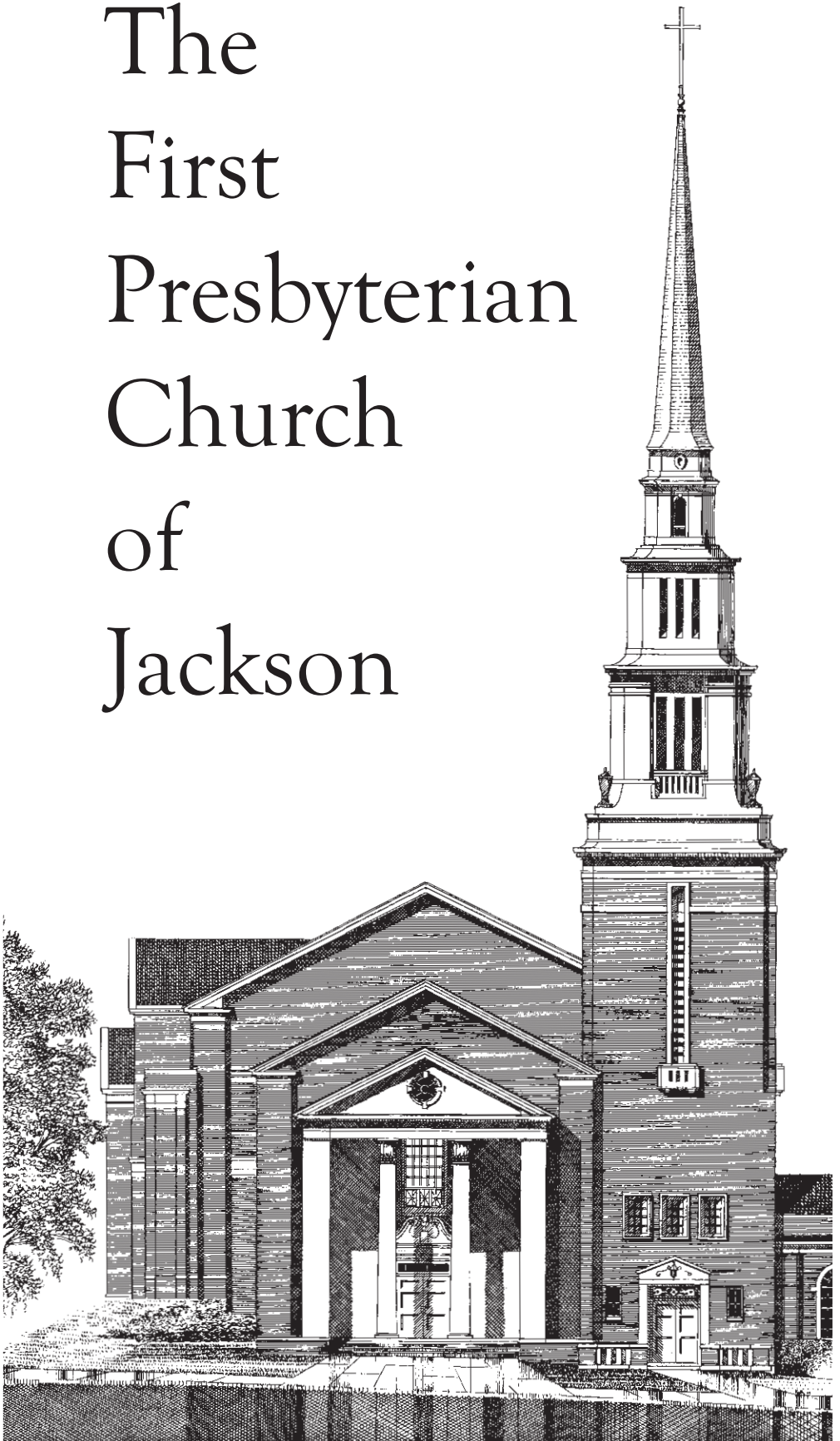


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The First 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. David T. A. Strain  
Minister of Teaching and Mission

*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 Child Is This” ..... Paul Manz  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — “O Come, Let Us Adore Him” ..... 18th C. French

**The Call to Worship**

\*‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 198** — “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”  
(Psalm 24)

**The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Scripture Reading** — Jeremiah 52:24-34 (Pew Bible page 678)

\*‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 194** — “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Carol No. 213** — “What Child Is This”

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

**The Offertory** — “O Thou That Tellest” (Messiah)..... G. F. Handel  
“O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise!  
say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God!  
Behold, the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Hebrews 13:18-19 (Pew Bible page 1010)

**The Sermon** — *Better* “Pray for Preachers” ..... Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 628** — “Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “Seven-Fold Amen” ..... Peter Lutkin

**The Postlude** — “Let All Together Praise Our God” ..... Paul Manz

\*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. William F. Joseph III

Minister of Congregational Care

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

**The Prelude** — “Prelude On ‘Greensleeves’” .....Richard Purvis  
William Wymond, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡**The Hymn of Praise No. 647** — “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

‡**The Invocation**

**The Evening Hymn** — “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” (See Evening Guide)  
(Tune: Bill Moore)

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder JoJo Payne

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

**The Young Children's Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 34** — “The God of Abraham Praise” (Stanza 3)

**The Children's Catechism No. 140**

Q. “What happens to human beings when they die?”

A. “Our bodies decay and turn back into earth; our souls live on, in heaven or hell.”

**The Scripture** — Genesis 1:26; 2:7; 3:17-19; 18:27; Psalm 103:13-14;  
Ecclesiastes 3:20; Luke 12:5; John 3:36; 14:1-3; Romans 6:23

**The Meditation** .....Justin Pillsbury, Director of Student Ministry

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

‡**The Psalm No. 119:161-168** — “Though Princes Hunt Me Without Cause”  
(See Back Panel) (Stanzas 1-3)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Psalm 119:161-16 (Pew Bible page 516)

**The Sermon** — *Not by Bread Alone* “Great Peace Have Those Who Love Your Law”  
Dr. Duncan

‡**The Benediction and Response** —

“Though Princes Hunt Me Without Cause” (Stanza 4)

“My soul Your testimonies keeps;

I love them with such great delight.

I keep Your precepts and Your laws;

My ways are all before Your sight.”

**The Postlude** — “Chorus of Shepherds” ..... Jacques Lemmens

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‡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.

# Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Bill Moore



1. Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken, All to leave and fol -  
2. Let the world de - spise and leave me; They have left my Sav -  
\*3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'Twill but drive me to  
4. Go then earth - ly fame and trea - sure, Come di - sas - ter, scorn  
5. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry, Armed by faith and winged



low Thee. Des - ti - tute, des - pised, for - sa - ken,  
ior too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me,  
\*Thy breast. Life with tri - als hard may press me,  
and pain. In Thy ser - vice pain is plea - sure,  
by prayer. Heaven's e - ter - nal day's be - fore thee,



Thou from hence my all shall be. Per - ish ev - ery fond  
Thou art not like them un - true. Oh while Thou doest smile  
\*Heaven will bring me sweet - er rest. Oh 'tis not in grief  
with Thy fa - vor loss is gain. I have called Thee A -  
God's own hand shall guide thee there. Soon shall close thy earth -



am - bi - tion. All I've sought or hoped or known.  
u - pon me, God of wis - dom love and might.  
\*to harm me, While Thy love is left to me.  
- bba Fa - ther. I have stayed my heart on Thee.  
- ly mission. Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days.



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and heaven are still  
Foes may hate and friends dis - own me, Show Thy face and all  
\*Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy un - mixed  
Storms may howl and clouds may ga - ther, All must work for good  
Hope shall changeto glad fru - i - tion, Faith to sight, and prayer



my own  
is bright.  
\*with Thee.  
to me.  
to praise.

## 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) at the church to request a form.

**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, January 15, MOMS will be studying parenting. Registration for new MOMS begins January 1. To register, contact Laura Barbour at 601-366-3073.

**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 call Omega Stephens at 601-973-9115 or email Omega at [omegas@fpcjackson.org](mailto:omegas@fpcjackson.org).

**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](mailto:gbjones5@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

<b>HOLIDAY SCHEDULE</b>	
Sunday, December 1	* Morning Services - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. * Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 4	The Bookstore is offering free gift wrapping with purchase - 10:00 a.m. to 6:25 p.m.
Thursday, December 5	Men of the Covenant Luncheon - 11:45 a.m. Speaker: Ligon Duncan
Sunday, December 8	* Morning Services - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. * Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 10	* WIC Christmas Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11	* Children's Christmas Pageant - 6:30 p.m.
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 1, 2013

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>Prayer for Worship Service</b> — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.                      (Library only)  <b>Sunday School</b> — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations  <b>College Sunday School</b> — 9:50 a.m. in the CH  <b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>Student Choir Rehearsal</b> — 4:40 p.m. in MH  <b>New Members Received</b> — 5:15 in PH  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.                      (Library only)  <b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>No Senior High Insight</b></p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Women's Leadership Council</b> — 9:30 a.m. in SC210  <b>Diaconate Executive Meeting</b> — 11:45 a.m. in MH  <b>NCC Tutoring</b> — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&amp;B  <b>Troop 18</b> — 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Room</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study</b> — 6:30 a.m. in WH202  <b>Staff Meeting</b> — 9:00 a.m. in the MS  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  <b>NCC Tutoring</b> — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&amp;B  <b>Management Committee Meeting</b> — 5:30 p.m. in SC215  <b>Internationals</b> — 6:45 p.m. in SC/PH</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>MOMS Winter Fellowship</b> — 9:00 a.m. in PH  <b>Men's Bible Study</b> — 10:00 a.m. in the SR  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  <b>MTW Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH  <b>Interns Meeting</b> — 4:00 p.m. in the YH  <b>Presbytery Committee Meeting</b> — 5:00 p.m. in WH204  <b>Family Night Supper</b> — 5:00 p.m. in MH  <b>Junior High Discipleship Groups</b> — 5:00 p.m. in the YH  <b>Children's Activities</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym  <b>The Choir</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS  <b>Sixth Grade Fellowship</b> — 6:30 p.m. in the Scout Room/Gym  <b>Children's Choirs</b> — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  <b>Discipleship Groups</b> — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH  <b>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting</b> — 6:30 p.m. in LH</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  <b>Men of the Covenant Luncheon</b> — 11:45 a.m. in MH</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Sew and Sow</b> — 9:00 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..." **Jim & Mary Alice Patterson** – Serving as Bible translators with Mission to the World and Wycliffe in the Torres Straits. Email address: jim\_patterson@sil.org.

**Johnathan & Morgan Keenan**- serving as RUF campus minister at the University of Memphis in Memphis, TN. Mailing address: 465 South Holmes, Memphis, TN 38111; Email address: jbkeenan@mac.com

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in cherished memory of Millard Hubbard and his service as deacon and elder, given by his family.

## HOLIDAY BOOKSTORE

The Bookstore will be offering free gift wrapping with purchase on Wednesday, December 4, from 10:00 a.m.- 6:25 p.m. and on Saturday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. when we will have our Christmas Open House. Come for coffee and shop for those on your Christmas list!

## MEN OF THE COVENANT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE

Thursday, December 5

**Dr. Ligon Duncan, Speaker**

**Miller Hall — 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

Men, join us Thursday, December 5, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon where our Senior Minister, Dr. Ligon Duncan, will speak to us. Reservations are not required and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

## WIC CHRISTMAS DINNER

*"Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come!"*

Tuesday, December 10

**6:00–8:30 p.m. in Miller Hall**

**\$6 per person**

Ladies, plan to attend the annual much loved Christmas Dinner. This is a time of fellowship and encouragement complete with a festive holiday dinner, encouraging devotional by Rhonda McRae, and the recognition of ladies who receive our Life Membership awards because of their long and faithful service to our Lord and His Church. Nursery is available upon request. Please RSVP for yourself and children by contacting Caroline Jackson at 601-353-8316.

## 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.

## 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 at the time of your transaction. 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. – 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2013. If you mail your contribution, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2013. All gifts received or postmarked after December 31, 2013, will apply to your 2014 contribution statement.

## 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.

# Though Princes Hunt Me Without Cause

*The large crowd enjoyed listening to Him.*

*—Mark 12:37*

1 161 Though princ - es hunt me with - out cause,  
2 163 I hate all lies with bit - ter hate;  
3 165 Great peace have those who love Your law;  
4 167 My soul Your tes - ti - mo - nies keeps;

Your words I tru - ly have re - vered.  
But in Your law I take de - light.  
And noth - ing caus - es them to fall.  
168 I love them with such great de - light.

162 I am re - joic - ing at Your word  
164 I praise You sev - en times a day  
166 I hope for Your sal - va - tion, LORD,  
I keep Your pre - cepts and Your laws;

As one who is by treas - ure cheered.  
Be - cause Your judg - ments all are right.  
And Your com - mands— I'll keep them all.  
My ways are all be - fore Your sight.