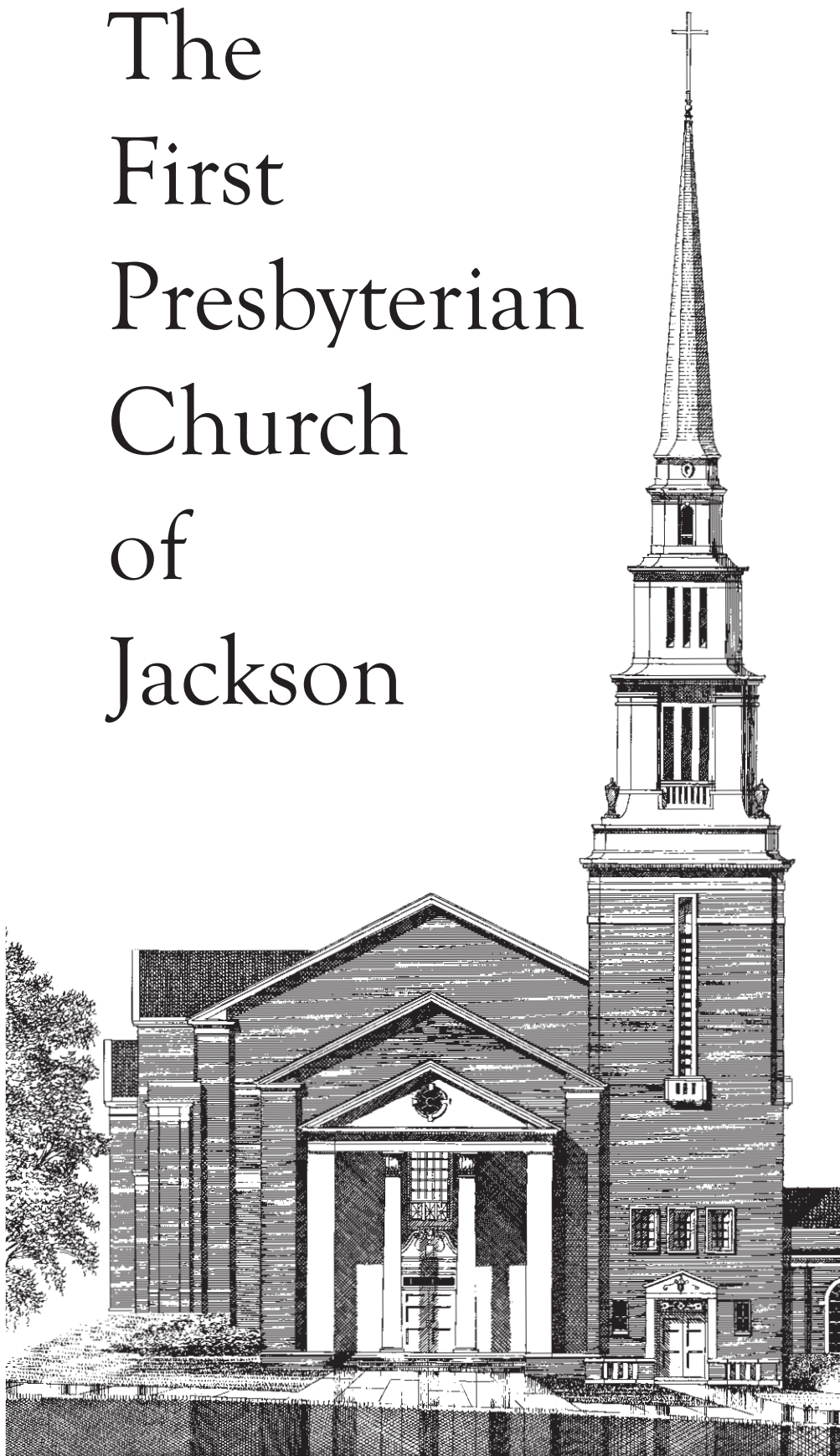


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



*"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty Second 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. 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** — “What Child Is This?” ..... Arr. Walter Pelz  
Nancy Bateman, Cello; Jacqueline Langhofer, Violin; William Wymond, Organ

**The Introit** — “Sing Choirs Of Angels” ..... Arr. David Willcocks  
Sarah Little, Guest Director

**The Call to Worship**

\*‡ **The Carol of Praise No. 203** — “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Scripture Reading** — Micah 5:1-5 (Pew Bible pages 778-779)

\*‡ **The Carol of Response No. 201** — “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**The Recognition of the Recitation of The Shorter Catechism** (11:00 a.m.)

**The Solo** — “Silent Night, Holy Night” ..... Franz Gruber  
Kim Porter, Soprano

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Carol No. 195** — “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

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

**The Offertory** — “And The Glory Of The Lord” (Messiah)..... G. F. Handel  
The Choir with the Student Choir  
“And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together;  
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.”  
Isaiah 40:5

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible pages 807-808)

**The Sermon** — “Irony and Worship at Christmas” ..... Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Carol of Response No. 226** — “As with Gladness Men of Old”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “Gloria In Excelsis Deo” ..... Arr. Wilberg

**The Postlude** — “Christmas Fanfare” ..... Arr. Wymond

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡ Congregation standing

# The Music of Christmas

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Choir and Orchestra

This evening  
4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

A Nursery Will Be Provided  
for children through five years old

**Men, Mark Your Calendars**  
**MID SOUTH MEN'S RALLY**  
**January 31, 2014**

Men, please join us for our annual Mid South Men's Rally. Our speaker this year will be The Reverend Mr. Sandy Willson, senior minister of Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. No advanced registration is necessary. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15 p.m., with the first session beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

**2014 MISSIONS CONFERENCE**  
**February 23 – March 2, 2014**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2014 Missions Conference. If you would like to provide housing or a meal for one or more of our missionaries, please contact the Mission Department at 601-973-9125 or missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org.

**"FRIDAY" FORUM**

Friday Forum on Thursday, January 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Derek Thomas will be speaking (Derek couldn't be with us on Friday, so he's coming for a Thursday night). Nursery is available for children 5 and under if requested. There will be a meal from Newk's for \$6. Please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or at shannonc@fpcjackson.org to sign up.

**BAPTISM**

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, January 19, 2014. Space is available for both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or email her at shannonc@fpcjackson.org

<b>UPCOMING SCHEDULE</b>	
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
Sunday, January 12	* Morning Services/Lord's Supper - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 12	* Farewell Reception for the Duncan Family - 4:00 p.m. in Lowe Hall
Sunday, January 12	* Evening Service/Dr. Duncan's Farewell Sermon - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 15	Farewell Reception for Billy and Marian Joseph - 5:00 p.m. in Miller Hall
Thursday, January 16	* "Friday" Forum - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Speaker: Derek Thomas
Sunday, January 19	* Morning Services/Baptisms - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Friday, January 31	Mid-South Men's Rally - 5:15 p.m. Speaker: Sandy Willson
* Nursery Provided	

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Welcome

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We also hope that this guide will help you understand the various components of our service, and thus make you more comfortable and familiar with it. By the way, we try to present most of our announcements prior to the service in order to avoid interrupting the flow of our worship of God with distractions that take our minds away from our central purpose: giving to the Lord the glory due His name.

## Dr. Duncan Away Next Sunday

Dr. Duncan will be away speaking at a missions conference next Sunday, December 29. There will be a reception on January 12th at 4:00 p.m. to honor the Duncans, followed by Dr. Duncan preaching a farewell message at our evening service.

## The Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Songs

### Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

One of Wesley's great hymns, the tune is from Mendelssohn (his cantata Festgesang). This carol is full of biblical and theological allusions. Savor them as you sing it to God's praise. Here are four stanzas of this carol that we don't often hear. Consider them: "Come, Desire of nations, come, Fix in us thy humble home; Rise, the woman's conquering seed, Bruise in us the serpent's head. Now display thy saving power, Ruined nature now restore; Now in mystic union join Thine to ours, and ours to thine. Adam's likeness, Lord, efface; Stamp Thy image in its place. Second Adam from above, Reinstate us in thy love. Let us Thee, though lost, regain, Thee, the life, the inner Man: O! to all thyself impart, Form'd in each believing heart." It is wonderful that Wesley, in the birth of Christ, points us to the work of the death and resurrection of Christ in our lives.

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

The author of this favorite Carol of Christmastide is Phillips Brooks, the famous Episcopal clergyman, still associated with Holy Trinity Church in Boston's Back Bay area. For three stanzas, Brooks piles up objective truths about the incarnation and then applies them to us in the fourth. In the first stanza, we are given a picture of Bethlehem on the night of Jesus' birth. Brooks uses the physical darkness of night to represent the spiritual darkness of the world, and when he says that "in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light," we are singing about more than dark alleys and streetlights. We hear this language and are reminded of Jesus' words in John 8:12: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." In the second stanza we sing of the heavenly watch care over this infant child. "While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love." In the third stanza, Brooks draws a parallel between the silent entry of Jesus into the world in Bethlehem and His silent entry into meek souls who receive Him by faith. "No ear may hear His coming . . . where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in." In the final stanza, we ask that this Savior of the world would be our Savior, that He would "cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today." This is a great evangelical carol.

### Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Watts wrote this Christological meditation on Psalm 98 as much about the second coming of Christ as the first, but it has become one of our favorite seasonal songs. We sing it this morning to Lowell Mason's superb arrangement of Handel's lively tune, as our opening carol of praise. This hymn celebrates the joy that the created order has as Christ comes to undo the curse of Genesis 3. We sing of that blessing flowing "far as the curse is found!"

### As With Gladness Men of Old

William Dix was sick in bed on Epiphany (the date on which liturgical churches remember the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem) when he penned these words. Note especially the words of the third stanza which reminds us of the costly and extravagant gifts brought to Jesus by these "men of old." May God grant that we would "all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King."

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 22, 2013

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Prayer for Worship Service</b> — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p><b>Sunday School</b> — 9:40 a.m. — 10:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>College Sunday School</b> — 9:50 a.m. in the CH</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Music of Christmas</b> — 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>No Senior High Insight</b></p>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Scheduled Activities</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Church Offices are Closed</b></p> <p><b>Family Christmas Eve Carols Service</b> — 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Merry Christmas!</b></p> <p><b>Church Offices are Closed</b></p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Scheduled Activities</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>No Scheduled Activities</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> — 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...." **Clay & Darlene Quarterman** – Ministering with Mission to the World in Ukraine and serving as President and Professor at the Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Ukraine. Mailing address: 1163 Winrose St., Jackson, Ms 39211. Email address: cqmission@yahoo.com.

**Brad & Carrie Mills**- serving as church planters with Mission to North America in Clovis, CA. Mailing address: 2982 Saginaw Ave Clovis, CA 93611. Email address: braddmills@gmail.com.

## **HOLIDAY BOOKSTORE TIMES**

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

## **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.

## **MOMS 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 the Good 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.

## **SUPPORT GROUP**

It has been said that two of the most powerful words in the English language are "me too." Every month a group meets of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction. This is a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. Please join us. For more information concerning the place and time of our meetings call or text 601-941-7518 or email Shannon Craft at shannonc@fpcjackson.org

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WTVW TV14 Memphis Sunday  
WBIH TV29 Prattville, AL

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