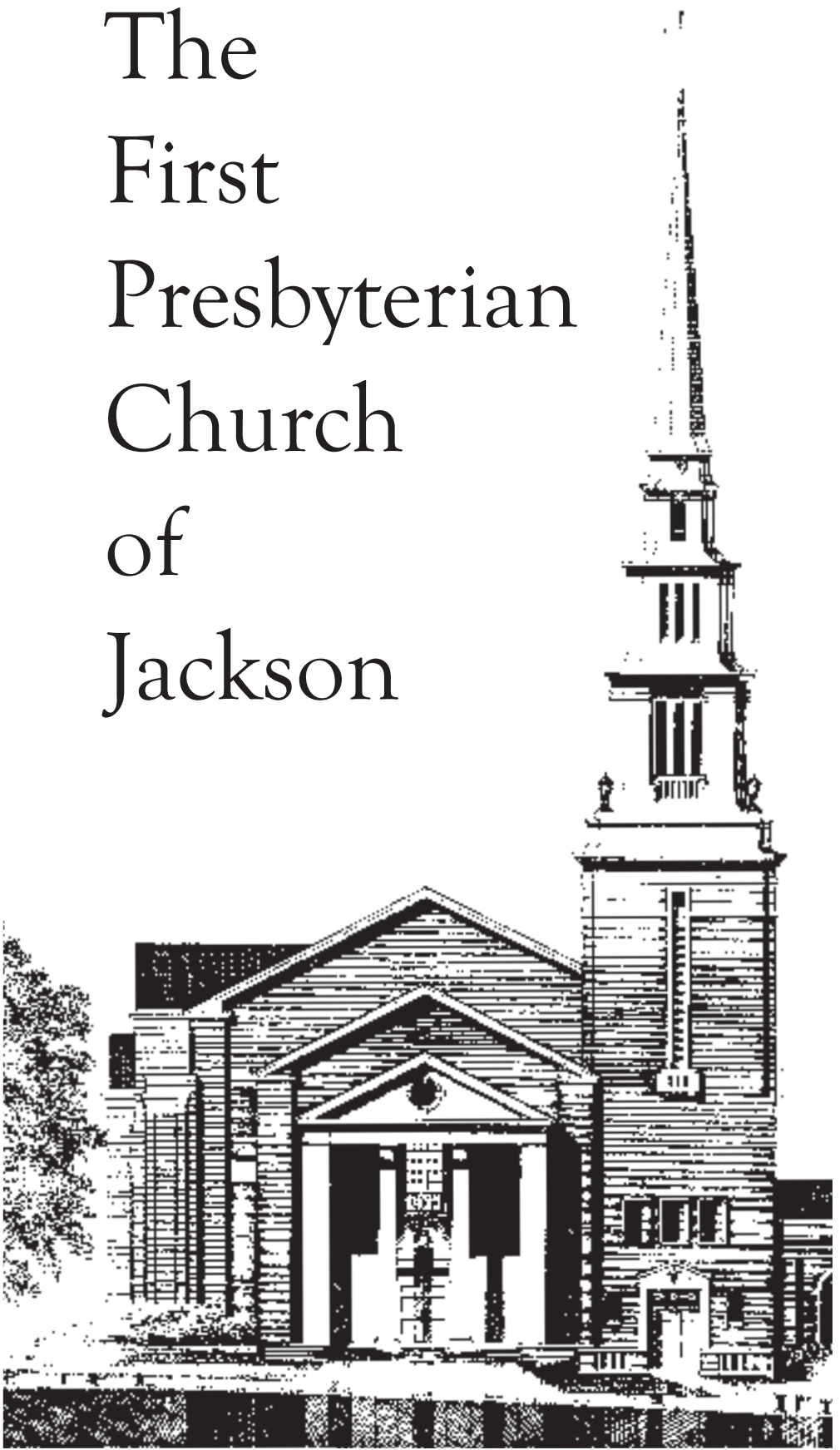


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

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The Eighteenth Day of January, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Minister of Young Adults

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 Wondrous Love Is This" Craig Phillips
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 55** — "To God Be the Glory"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Lord's Prayer** (See Guide)

*‡ **The Doxology** — "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution

The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families

The Biblical Promise

The Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction

The Congregational Response — "Children of the Heavenly Father"

"Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather:
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy."

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "If Ye Love Me" Philip Wilby

"If ye love Me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 12:1-32 (Pew Bible pages 53-54)

The Sermon — "God Remembers: I Will Pass Over You" Mr. Strain

*‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 524** — "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Festival Alleluia" W. Wymond

The Postlude — "I Greet Thee, My Redeemer" Herbert Colvin

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain

Assisting — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps

Director of Media

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

The Prelude — “Invocation” (Op. 27) S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 345** — “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

‡ **The Invocation**

* **The Evening Hymn** — “O Church, Arise” (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Don Breazeale

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Our Great Savior” arr. by Wymond/Hunt
Lloyd Turner, Trumpet; Dr. Dave Snyder, Piano

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 466 (Stz. 1, 3) — “I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew”

The Children's Catechism No. 44

Q. “Did Christ act for Himself alone in the covenant of grace?”

A. “No. He acted for all God's chosen people.”

The Scripture — Psalm 34:8, 22; Psalm 100:5; John 6:37, 44; 15:16

The Meditation Stefan Sanchez, College Intern

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 353 (Stz. 1-4)** — “I Love Thy Kingdom Lord”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Philemon (Pew Bible page 1000)

The Sermon — “Gospel Partners” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response**

“Jesus, thou Friend Divine, Our Saviour and our King,

Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n

the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.”

The Postlude — “Festival Hymn” Carl Putti

*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.

O Church, Arise



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your
 2. Our call to war, to love the
 3. Come see the cross, where love and
 4. So Spir it, come, put strength in



ar - mor in; hear the call of Christ our Cap -
 cap - tive soul, but rage a - gainst the cap -
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 ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry him -



tain. For now the weak can say that
 tor, and with the sword that makes the
 cu: Then see His feet lie crushed be -
 die, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv -
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
 neath His feet, For the Con - quer - or has ris -
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith -



en. Wide shield of faith and belt of
 of. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry
 cal And as the stone is rolled a -
 ful. As saints of old still live the



truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
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 way, and Christ u - sur - ges from the
 way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His



lies: an ar - my bold, whose bat tle -
 cure, and Christ will have the prize for
 grave, this vic - 'ry march con - tin - ues
 grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger



cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness,
 which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions,
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him,
 for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

Thoughts on Baptism

Baptism is a new covenant sign. That is, it points to and confirms the gracious saving promise of God to His people and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. It is to be administered to believers and their children, as can be seen from Genesis 17, Matthew 28, Colossians 2, 1 Corinthians 7, and Acts 16.

To elaborate, Christian baptism is (1) **commanded by Christ** in Matthew 28 (“Go...make disciples...baptizing and...teaching them”). (2) It is **to be applied to believers** as we see in Acts 8 (“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning to see from Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?’ *And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’* And he ordered the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.”) (3) It is **to be administered to believers and their children**, as can be seen from Genesis 17 (“I will establish my covenant between me, and you, and your descendants”) — which shows that the normal order of discipleship in the church is baptism followed by teaching; Colossians 2 (In Christ “you were also circumcised...having been buried with Him in baptism”) — which shows that New Testament water baptism replaces Old Testament circumcision as the sign of membership in the church, 1 Corinthians 7 (“your children are...now...holy”) — which confirms the place of children in the new covenant community, the church; and Acts 16 (“Lydia...was listening, and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And...she and her household [were] baptized”) — which shows us the pattern of the earliest church in covenant baptism.

Baptism (and especially “infant baptism” or covenant baptism) beautifully points to the initiative of God’s love. He reached out to us, when we could not reach out to Him. It is thus a perfect picture of sovereign, saving grace. “Every time we baptize an infant we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for.” (B.B. Warfield)

We, of course, also baptize adult believers (who have never before been baptized.) In this way, they are recognized as disciples of Jesus Christ through the means of baptism and confession of faith (see Acts 2:38, 8:35-37; Romans 10:9), and so it is our great joy and privilege from time to time, to hear new Christians profess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel, and to see them receive the mark of membership in the covenant community.

The Larger Catechism says:

“The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.”

The Lord’s Prayer

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.”

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JANUARY 18, 2015

Sunday

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)
Communicants Class — 9:40 a.m. in PH
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
College Lunch — 12:00 noon. 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
No Senior High Insight

Monday

Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in PH/SC210

Tuesday

“Truth At Dawn” Men’s Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Student Ministry Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Women & Children Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
Internationals Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC
Men’s Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in the SR
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Parents’ Prayer — 11:45 a.m. in YH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in the YH
Children’s Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the
 Gym/Company Room
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children’s Choirs — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in various locations
Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in SC321/Gym
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH

Thursday

“12 Extraordinary Women” Ladies Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in SC
Genesis Ladies Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday

Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211 A/B

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..." — **Jim & Mary Alice Patterson** - Serving with Mission to the World and Jungle Aviation & Radio Service. Mailing address: 6609 Old Settlers Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173. Email: jim_patterson@sil.org. **Elliott & Carrie Everitt** - serving as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Mercer University in Macon, GA. Mailing Address: 3279 Stinsonville Rd, Macon, GA, 31204; Email: elliot.everett@ruf.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert (Bob) Cooper, Jr. -- January 12, 2015

BAPTISM

This morning, the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to: Dorothy Adele Fyke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joel Rutherford Fyke; Samuel South Kirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Barrett Kirk; Emma Clare Saxon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Joseph Vincent Saxon III; Grace Elizabeth Swindell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan Swindell; Taylor Jane Usry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Micah Chase Usry; Jane Graham Fairly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hendrick Fairly, Jr.; Lucas Chambers Heath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Owen Heath; Eleanor Grace Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Jordan Jackson III; Davis Russell Moffett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jared Lewis Moffett; Charles Patterson Starkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Timmons Starkey; Lucy Caroline Ridgway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grant Ridgway.

COLLEGE LUNCH

All college students are invited to join us for a free lunch TODAY following the 11:00 service in Patterson Hall.

QUILTING/SEWING RETREAT - UFOs

Do you have some UFOs (unfinished objects) stashed away? Bring your sewing or quilting projects that need to be finished with you to Twin Lakes, and join us for a retreat on January 23-24. Cost is \$36 and includes 3 meals along with great fun, fellowship and plenty of time to sew. Space is limited, so sign up soon! Contact Debbie Dempsey for further details.

MID-SOUTH MEN'S RALLY - JANUARY 30, 2015

Men, mark your calendars, and plan to join us for our annual Mid-South Men's Rally. Our speaker this year will be The Reverend Dr. Ralph Davis, Minister-in-Residence at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC. No advance 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 Christina Meenan at missiondepartment@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9125.

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUPS

The Young Adults ministry at FPC has small groups of 12-15 people that meet throughout the week for the express purpose of encouraging one another in prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. The groups focus on cultivating friendships and unpacking the practical applications of the gospel. Especially if you are new to Jackson, this is a great way to get connected and develop friendships. For more information or to sign up, please contact one of our Young Adults ministry staff members, David, Anna, or Joe; or you can email: youngadults@fpcjackson.org.

SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY FOR JANUARY: CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS

Another service ministry needs YOU! Crafts for Missions will be meeting the Tuesdays of February and March and we need your helping hands. This year we are making a paper beaded star ornament to send to our missionaries for Christmas 2015. We meet from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in SC 211. A nursery can be provided upon request. Our first meeting is February 3, 2015. Please contact Tina Oates for more information or to request a nursery spot: toates22@gmail.com or 601-506-0111.

2015 MISSION CONFERENCE

February 22 – March 1, 2015

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2015 Mission Conference! If you would like to provide housing or a meal for one or more of our missionaries, please contact Laura Husband at 601-605-9237 or wwhusband@comcast.net.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Several members of our congregation have benefitted from the hearing devices that are available during our worship services. These devices transmit the sound from the pulpit directly into a small and unobtrusive ear piece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office: 601-353-8316.

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The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

In order for the congregation to more fully enter into the service of the sacrament of baptism and to refresh ourselves on our church membership vow, the following is provided for your convenience and information:

To the parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

And

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

First Presbyterian Church purposes to stand as a Reformed witness to Jackson, to the surrounding community, and ultimately to the world through the proclamation of the whole counsel of God as written in the verbally inspired, infallible Scriptures.

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