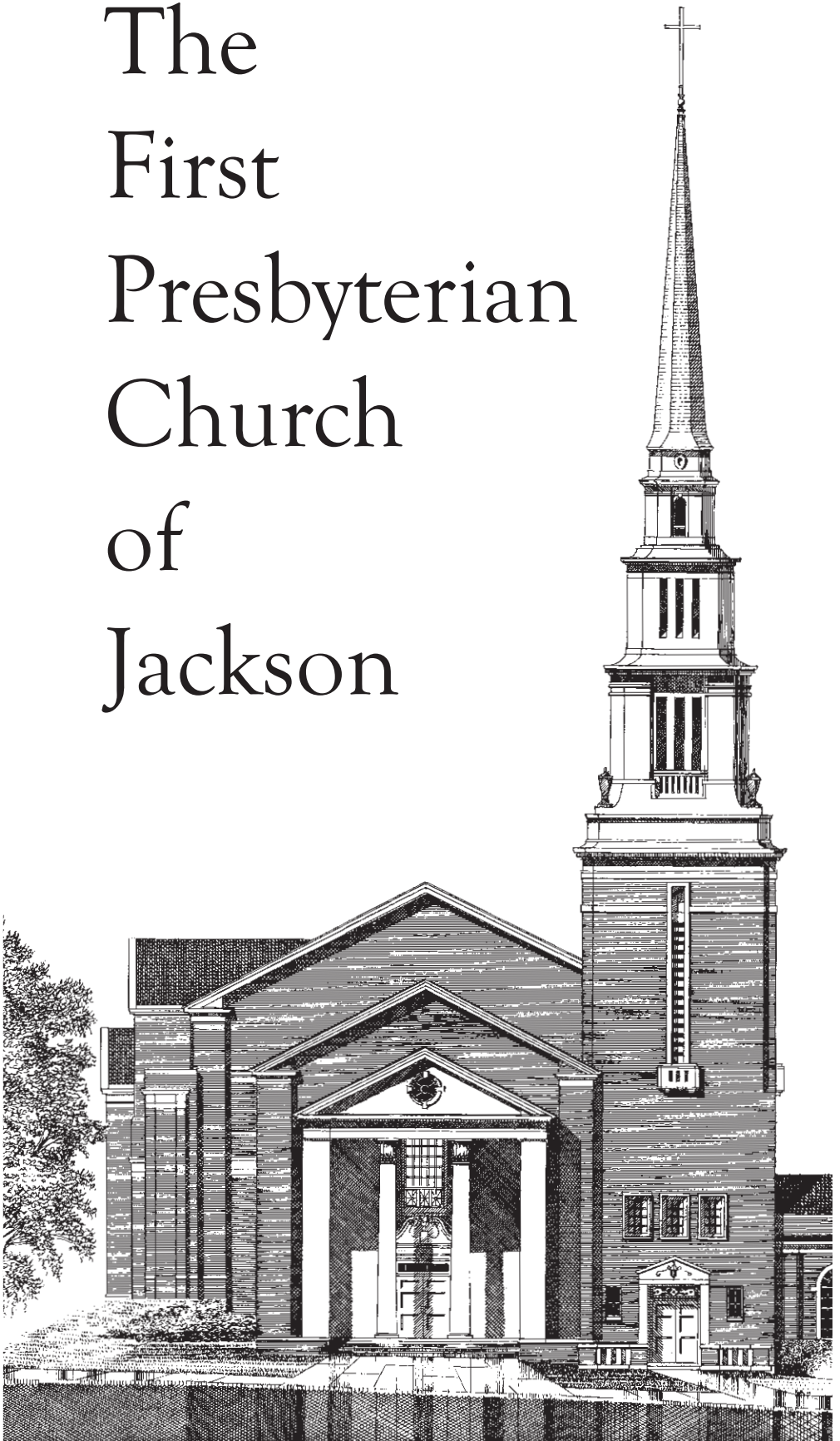


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Nineteenth Day of January, Two Thousand Fourteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Dr. James M. Baird
Senior Minister Emeritus

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey
Minister of Discipleship

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 — "Jesu, Priceless Treasure"J.S. Bach
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "Who Is On The Lord's Side?" Caradog Roberts

The Call to Worship

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

The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*‡ **The Hymn No. 647** — "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

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 No. 131 — "Children of the Heavenly Father"
(Stanzas 1 and 5)

"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 — "The Majesty and the Glory" Thomas Fetteke
"When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers:

The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea;
But what is man that You are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name Transcends the earth
and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, And so would we.
Alleluia, the majesty and glory of Your name.
Alleluia."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 8:1-11 (Pew Bible page 894)

The Sermon — "The Woman Taken in Adultery"Dr. Baird

‡ **The Benediction**

The Congregational Response

"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, Mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me."

The Postlude — "In Thee Is Gladness"J.S. Bach

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Dr. Sean M. Lucas
Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church Hattiesburg
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minster of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — “Invocation”S. Karg-Elert
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 523** — “My Hope Is in the Lord”

‡ **The Invocation**

* **The Evening Hymn No. 570** — “Faith of Our Fathers!”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Ken Fairly

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — John Sinclair, Cellist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 648 — “My Jesus, I Love Thee” (Stanza 4)

The Children’s Catechism No. 145

Q. “What is heaven?”

A. “A glorious, happy place, where believers will be with God forever.”

The Scripture — Psalm 29:2; Psalm 50:23; I Corinthians 10:31;
Revelation 21-22

The Meditation David Felker, Minister of Young Adults

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

*‡ **The Hymn No. 598** — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (Stanzas 1 and 2)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 48:1-14 (Pew Bible page 472)

The Sermon — “The Blessed Zion”Dr. Lucas

*‡ **The Benediction and Response** — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”(Stanza 3)

“When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell’s Destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side;

songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.”

The Postlude — “Festival Hymn” Carl Puitti

*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.

A Guide to the Evening Service

The Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Songs

My Hope Is in the Lord

We begin our Lord's Day Evening Worship by singing together a modern hymn set to a simple and beautifully singable tune. The lyrics consecutively lay out the practical implications of justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Let us sing it tonight with conviction in our souls and gladness in our hearts!

Faith of Our Fathers!

Tonight, in conjunction with the special occasion of our Evening Worship, we sing the familiar hymn "Faith of Our Fathers." The hymn tune known as "St. Catherine" was composed in England by respected organist and composer, Henri Frederick Hemy, in 1864. Fifteen years earlier, in 1849, the text of the hymn was written by Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), who is ultimately given credit for the hymn. It was not until 1874 — a full 25 years after Faber wrote the text and 10 years after the hymn tune "St. Catherine" was written—that another composer, James Walton, wrote the refrain and adapted the text of "Faith of our Fathers" to the hymn tune "St. Catherine." Though this hymn has its origins in English Roman Catholicism, American Protestants have adopted and appreciated the hymn for its fitting words of tribute to our Christian forbearers. The words speak of a Christian's faithful testimony, even to the point of martyrdom. It is with reverence and awe, then, that we give praise to God for our forefathers in the faith and pray that we too will carry on a faithful witness for our Savior, who is called Faithful and True.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

A fitting conclusion given the occasion of our Evening Worship service, we sing a familiar and favorite Welsh hymn. As you may know, the Welsh revivals of the 1700s brought with them a revival in hymnody. When evangelist, Howell Harris, began to preach personal salvation to his fellow countrymen, he hoped to use songs as a vehicle for his message. However, since there were only a few hymns in the Welsh language, he ingeniously turned to the traditional "Eisteddfod" bard contests to stimulate the writing of new hymns. From these contests emerged a number of usable hymns, as well as a young preacher named William Williams, who became known as the "Isaac Watts of Wales." The first stanza of William Williams's great hymn was originally written in Welsh and then translated into English by Peter Williams. The last two stanzas were also written in Welsh and translated by William Williams himself. The tune "Cwm Rhondda" is a classic. The imagery of the hymn is drawn from Israel's march to Canaan and thus serves as a theologically appropriate metaphor for the Christian life. Williams takes the imagery of Israel crossing over the Jordan and into the Promise Land as an apt description of the Christian's voyage in death from this life into the Eternal and Everlasting Promised Land. Let the words of this glorious hymn be the prayer of our hearts tonight!

PERU MISSION TRIP

We are planning a mission trip to Cajamarca, Peru, June 27-July 5, 2014. The purpose of the trip will be to assist the local church with its medical, dental, and VBS ministries. If you have any questions email Danny Story at dstory2@comcast.net.

MARATHON CONFERENCE

March 21-22, 2014

Mark your 2014 calendar and plan to attend the Marathon Conference to be held at beautiful Twin Lakes Conference Center in Florence, MS. Our speaker will be The Reverend Mr. John Sartelle. Please watch your mail for more information and conference registration.

LADIES, HELP NEEDED

"Loving Concern," is a ministry (of our Women in the Church) which serves meals for families in our congregation following the death of a loved one. This ministry offers opportunity to show our concern to those in our church body during a time of need, and we are in need of more volunteers. Volunteers are assigned to a team that serves on a rotational basis, and, therefore, they are only called upon fewer than 4 times a year. If you could consider volunteering for this ministry, or if you have other questions, please contact Georgia Anderson at andlight@aol.com or 601-940-3376. Please call by Monday, January 20, because there will be a training meeting on the 23rd.

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.

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 NT water baptism replaces OT 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.”

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JANUARY 19, 2014

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)
 Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations
 Communicants' Class — 9:40 a.m. in PH
 College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
 Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
 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

Scout Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
 NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B
 Boy Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Room/PH

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
 Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Mission Conference Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
 NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B
 Cub Scout Pack Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in MH
 Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in SC/PH

Wednesday

MOMS — 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.
 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
 The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
 Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in the Scout Room/Gym
 Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations
 Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH
 Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in LH

Thursday

Genesis Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
 Mark Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in Various Locations
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Loving Concern — 11:30 a.m. in WH204
 PROS — 11:45 a.m. in MH

Friday

Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211

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..." **Bill & Pam Schweitzer** - Church planting in England with Mission to the World. Mailing address: The Cottage, Ravensworth Park Estate, Gateshead, NE11 0HQ United Kingdom. Email address: bill.schweitzer@btinternet.com.
Way & Amy Rutherford - Serving as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at University of Louisville. Mailing address: 3905 Plymouth Road, Louisville, KY 40207. Email address: wayrutherford@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. William Wallace Hubbard — January 12, 2014
Mrs. Charles M. (Martha) Sudduth — January 13, 2014

INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, our next joining date is Sunday, February 2, 2014. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Monday, January 20, 2014. Any forms received after January 20 will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained from Shannon Craft or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

SEW AND SOW QUILTING RETREAT

Are you interested in attending a quilting retreat at Twin Lakes, January 24th and 25th? Cost is \$50 with three meals provided. Call or email Cindi Alexander at 601-260-9278 or loreal@bellsouth.net for more information or to sign up and get the supply list. Space is limited so act fast.

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 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 Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

MEN OF THE COVENANT

Thursday, February 6

Miller Hall — 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Men, join us Thursday, February 6, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon where Billy Joseph 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.

2014 MISSION CONFERENCE

February 23 – March 2, 2014

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2014 Mission Conference! Our keynote speaker is David Robertson who serves as Senior Minister at St. Peters Free Church in Dundee, Scotland. If you would like to provide housing or a meal for one or more of our missionaries, please call Anna Henson at 601-397-3012 or email her at annamchenson@aol.com.

Our Missionary Guests Will Be:

Stephen Atkinson* – Christian Witness to Israel
Wes & Jami Baker* – Peru
Mike Bonner – Friends of Alcoholics
J.C. & Alohalani Cunningham – West Port St. Lucie, FL
Derek & Shannon Ebbers – Romania
Elliott & Carrie Everitt – Mercer, RUF
Stephanie & Fred Hubach – Special Needs Ministry - MNA
Johnny & Becky Long – World Harvest
Elbert & Karen McGowan – Jackson State, RUF
Don & Fran McNeill – Uganda
Brad & Carrie Mills – Clovis, CA
Sam & Anne Taafe – Middle Tennessee State, RUF
Lee Thigpen – Mission First

*Missionaries need housing

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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