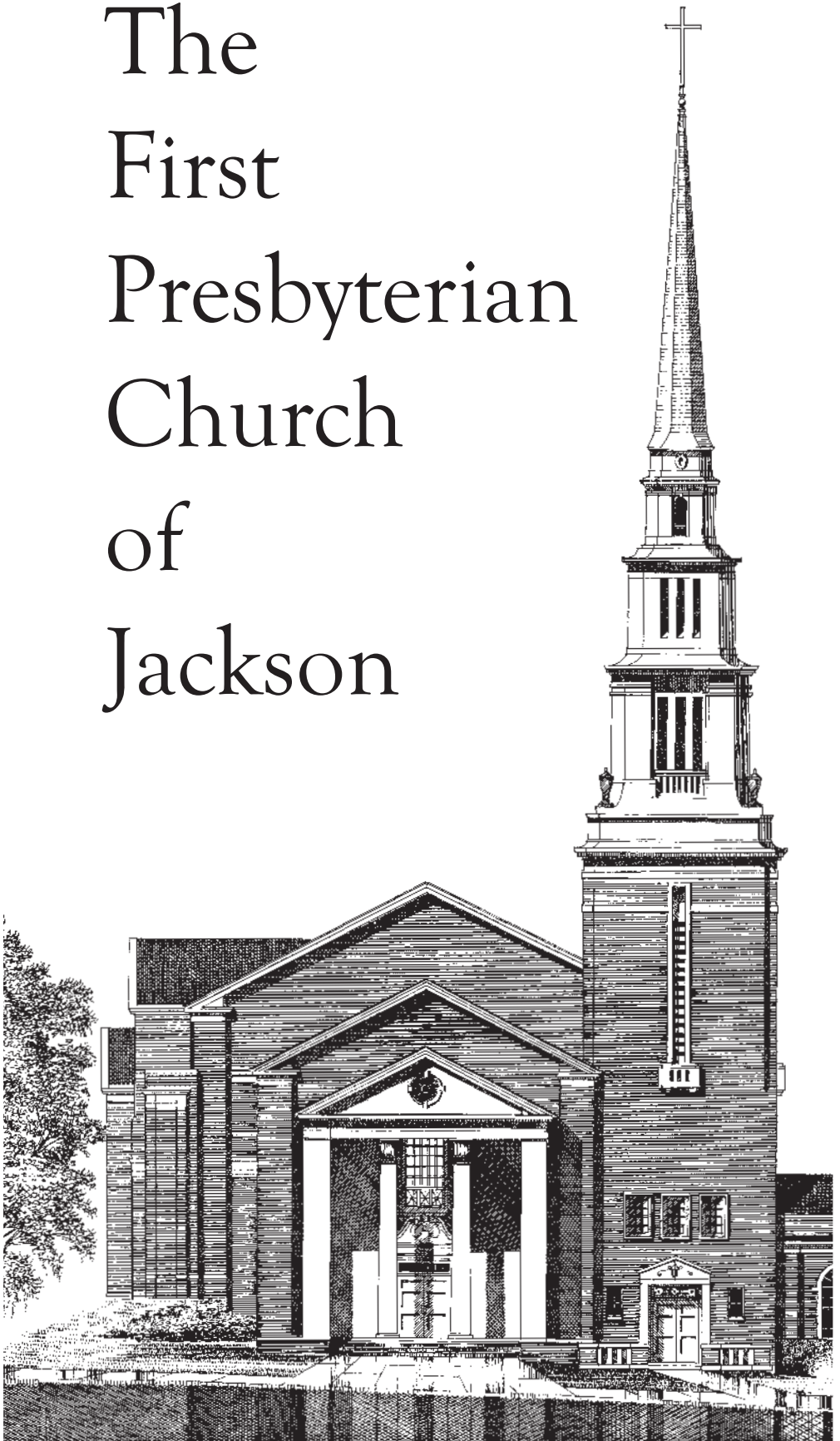


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twelfth Day of July, 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 and College

*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** (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" .....Bach/Schneider  
William Wymond, Organist

**The Introit** — "With A Voice Of Singing" .....Martin Shaw  
Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern, Director

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Hymn of Praise No. 700** — "Come, We That Love the Lord"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡ **The Assurance of Pardon**

‡ **The Apostles' Creed** (See Morning Guide)

‡\* **The Doxology No. 9 (Stz. 1 and 5)** — "All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"  
(Psalm 22)

"All you that fear Jehovah's name, His glory tell, his praise proclaim;  
you children of his chosen race, stand in awe before his face,  
stand in awe before his face.

The Lord's unfailing righteousness all generations shall confess;  
from age to age shall men be taught what wondrous works the Lord has wrought,  
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought."

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

**The Offertory** — "Surely, He Hath Borne Our Griefs" (Messiah) G. F. Handel  
"Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities,  
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him."  
Isaiah 53:4-5

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Ephesians 3:14-21 (Pew Bible page 977)

**The Sermon** — *New Community*: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn No. 424** — "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

‡ **The Lord's Supper**

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 529 (Stz. 1 and 2)** — "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** - "Glory To the Trinity" .....Stanley Marchant

**The Postlude** — "Chorale" ..... S. Karg-Elert

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

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Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey

Minister of Discipleship

Assisting — Mr. Joseph D. Johnson

Young Adults Intern

**The Announcements and Words of Preparation** (5:55 p.m.)

**The Prelude** — “Abide With Us For It Is Toward Evening” ....Jaromir Weinberger  
William Wymond, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

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

‡ **The Invocation**

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

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Tim Threadgill

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

**The Offertory** — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” ....by Peace, arr. by Olstad  
Debbie Dempsey, Flutist

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 647 (Stz. 1, 3, and 4)** — “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

**The Children’s Catechism No. 65 (The basic works of Christ)**

Q. “What are they?”

A. “The works of prophet, priest, and king.”

**The Scripture** — John 14:6, 18:37; Acts 3:11-26; Hebrews 7:25-28

**The Meditation** .....David Felker, Minister of Young Adults and College

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 498 (Stz. 1-4)** — “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Matthew 9:9-13 (Pew Bible page 814)

**The Sermon** — “The Ones Jesus Pursues” .....Mr. Dempsey

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response No. 498 (Stz. 5)** — “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

“Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;

He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.”

**The Postlude** — “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” ..... G. F. Handel

\*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

Words and music by Keith and Kristyn Getty



1. O church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on;
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul,
3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet,
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride,



Hear the call of Christ our cap - tain;  
But to rage a - gainst the cap - tor;  
As the Son of God is strick - en;  
Give \_\_\_\_\_ grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle,



For now the weak can say that they are strong  
And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole  
Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize



In the strength that God has giv - en.  
We will fight with faith and val - or.  
For the Con - quer - or has ris - en!  
Of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth  
When faced with trials on ev' - ry side,  
And as the stone is rolled a - way,  
As saints of old still line the way,



We'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies;  
We know the out - come is se - cure,  
And Christ e - merg - es from the grave,  
Re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace,



An ar - my bold whose bat - tle cry is "Love!"  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
This vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day  
We hear their calls and hun - ger for the day



Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
An in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

# A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's table together. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. St. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

## The Lord's Table

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

## Christ's Presence

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JULY 12, 2015

## Sunday

**Pre-Service Announcements** — 8:25 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. – 10:40 a.m.  
 (Library only)  
**Coffee and Fellowship** — 9:30 a.m. in LH  
**Sunday School** — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in YH  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:55 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  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Cottens  
 (2202 Culleywood Road)

## Monday

**Session Meeting** — 7:00 p.m. in MS  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**College Gym Night** — 7:30 p.m. in gym

## Tuesday

**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in the MS  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**Internationals Class Planning Meeting** — 12:00 Noon in MH

## Wednesday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**First Plates** — 5:30 p.m. in MH  
**Junior High D-Groups** — 5:30 p.m. in YH  
**Children's Activities** — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground  
**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH  
**Children's "Fruit of the Spirit" Program** — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
 in M122/123  
**Brass Ensemble Practice** — 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Young Adult Men's Basketball** — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym

## Thursday

**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**MNA Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Thursday Night Fellowship** — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Walters  
 (1514 Riverwood Drive)

## Friday

**No Scheduled Activities**

## 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..." **African Scholarship Exchange** – ASE is a ministry that partners with African churches to help develop Christian leaders through post-high school educational opportunities. Mailing address: PO Box 5303, Jackson MS 39296-5303. Email: [admin@africanscholarship.org](mailto:admin@africanscholarship.org). **Seth & Julie Still** – serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Delta State University. Mailing address: 207 N. Leflore Ave., Cleveland, MS 38732. Email: [sstill@ruf.org](mailto:sstill@ruf.org)

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Leland Hume, Jr. — July 3, 2015

## GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free "crackers" are available for Communion today. They are located on the table on the south wall of the greeting courtyard. Please pick up a piece on the way in to the morning worship service.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

All are invited to join us each Sunday morning for coffee in Lowe Hall following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. We hope you'll stop by and fellowship with our whole church before Sunday School.

## BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, July 19, 2015. Space is available for both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Lisa Walters at 601-973-9102 or [lisaw@fpcjackson.org](mailto:lisaw@fpcjackson.org).

## PERU MISSION TRIP REPORT

Just a couple of weeks ago, we sent a team to go to Cajamarca, Peru, in support of our missionaries. Now that they have returned, it is our privilege to hear a report on their labors. Following the evening service on July 19, an extended presentation will be made in Lowe Hall, and all are invited to attend.

## THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Join us for the next Thursday Night Fellowship in our series on Community. TNF is the Young Adult Ministry's mid-week, large-group bible study, with teaching, singing, and fellowship and is perhaps the most visible dimension of the Young Adult ministry at FPC. Join us Thursday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Walters home (1514 Riverwood Drive). For more information, contact [youngadults@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcjackson.org).

## SUMMER RUF

College students, join us for Summer RUF! We are going through a series titled, "*The Fruit of the Spirit*." Seth Starkey will speak on Tuesday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Biggs (4025 Crane Blvd). If you are interested in helping with food for Summer RUF, contact [collegethous@fpcjackson.org](mailto:collegethous@fpcjackson.org).

## LADIES BIBLE STUDIES

Ladies, please consider joining one of our Thursday Bible studies this fall:

**Son of God: The Gospel of Matthew** will be taught by Laura Husband and will meet on Thursdays, from 9:45 - 11:00, beginning September 3. To register, contact Alice Patterson at 601-906-6755 or [alipatte@gmail.com](mailto:alipatte@gmail.com).

**Gospel-Shaped Living: 1 & 2 Timothy** will be taught by Tricia Walters and will meet on Thursdays, from 9:00 - 11:00, beginning September 10. Small groups are available for mothers of 6th through 12th graders. To register, contact the Women and Children's Ministry Department at 601-973-9115 or [omegas@fpcjackson.org](mailto:omegas@fpcjackson.org).

Nursery is available for both studies upon request at the time of registration.

## SUPPORT GROUP

If you are 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. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, every month a group of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction meets for a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

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*The Sacrament of*  
**THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*will be observed today.*  
*Participation requires your:*

1. Reverence and attention
2. Discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper
3. Meditation on Christ's death and suffering
4. Self judgment
5. Sorrow for sin
6. Desire for Christ
7. Feeding on Him in faith
8. Trusting in Him
9. Rejoicing in His love
10. Giving thanks for His grace
11. Renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ
12. Special love to all Christians