

"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Nineteenth 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. William E. Dempsey Minister of Discipleship

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 Psalm of Praise No. 364** "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" (Psalm 78)
- **‡** The Prayer of Adoration and Confession
- * The Doxology No. 115 (Stz. 5) "All Creatures of Our God and King" "Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

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 (Stz. 1,5) —

"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 — "Total Praise"Smallwood/Cymbala "Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You.

Your peace You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen."

The Prayer of Illumination

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

- ‡ The Hymn of Response No. 340 "Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell"
- **‡** The Benediction
- ‡ The Response "Seven-Fold Amen"Peter Lutkin

^{*}The ushers may seat latecomers

[‡]Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock
Presiding — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps
Director of Media
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman
Minister of Mission and Outreach

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:55 p.m.) The Peru Mission Trip Report The Prelude — "Nearer, My God, To Thee" Mason arr. by J. Hunt FPC Brass The Call to Worship ‡* The Hymn of Praise No. 538 — "More about Jesus Would I Know" **‡** The Invocation * The Evening Hymn — "Jesus, I Come"(See Evening Guide) * The Greetings The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Kyle Ball The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings The Offertory — "The Solid Rock" W. Bradbury arr. by J. Hunt Mike Beasley, Trumpet; Jonathan Hunt, Trumpet The Young Children's Devotional For children currently in 4-year-old – 3rd grade Sunday School The Song No. 164 (Stz. 1, 5 and 6) — "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" The Children's Catechism No. 66 Q. "How is Christ a prophet?" A. "By teaching us the will of God." The Scripture — Isaiah 55:8; John 6:68, 14:6, 14:24, 14:26, 15:15 The MeditationBilly Dempsey, Minister of Discipleship The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer) **† The Hymn No. 674 (Stz. 1-4)** — "I Need Thee Every Hour" The Prayer of Illumination The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 9:14-26 (Pew Bible page 814) **The Sermon** — "Feasting and Fasting".......Mr. Phipps **‡** The Benediction ‡ The Response No. 674 (Stz. 5) -- "I Need Thee Every Hour" "I need thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. I need thee, O I need thee, ev'ry hour I need thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee." FPC Brass

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> 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 Come



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."

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JULY 19, 2015

Sunday	
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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 — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Felkers (2004 Laurel Street)

Monday

No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Student Ministry Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH

Shepherding Committee — 5:30 p.m. in SC215

Wednesday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.

Family Night Supper — 5:00 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 Adults Men's Basketball—8:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

CH - College House
LH - Lowe Hall
MS - Music Suite
M - Main Floor
MCR - Ministers
Conference Room

MH - Miller Hall
MS - Music Suite
PH - Patterson Hall
YH - Patterson Hall
LRC - Learning Resource
Center
SR - Session Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us...." Wes & Jami Baker – Serving as a pastor, seminary professor, and President of Mission with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru. Mailing address: El Floral 446 #301A, Urb California, Trujillo, Peru. Email: wesbaker@ perumission.org Sam & Anne Taaffe – serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Middle Tennessee State University. Mailing address: 2628 Dorset St. Murfreesboro, TN 37130 Email: sam.taaffe@ruf.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Shelby (Caroline) T Lilly — July 12, 2015 Mrs. Maxine G. Palmer — July 14, 2015

BAPTISM

This morning the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Boyd Douglas Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Guy Payne; Stewart Thomas Boyd, son of Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Alexander Boyd; Nathan Douglas Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Stephen Taylor; Caroline Hamilton Wallace, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cayce LaWayne Wallace.

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.

PERU MISSION TRIP REPORT

Just a couple of weeks ago, we sent a team 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 tonight an extended presentation will be made in Lowe Hall, and all are invited to attend.

SUMMER RUF

College students, join us for Summer RUF! We are going through a series titled, "The Fruit of the Spirit." Wil Nettleton will speak on Tuesday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Keelers (1024 Euclid Ave.). If you are interested in helping with food for Summer RUF, contact collegehouse@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, 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., beginning September 3. To register, contact Alice Patterson at 601-906-6755 or alipatte@gmail.com. **Gospel-Shaped Living: 1 & 2 Timothy** will be taught by Tricia Walters and will meet on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 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. Nursery is available for both studies upon request at the time of registration.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

God Speaks: A Study of the Prophets

Wednesdays in Patterson Hall 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. beginning September 16th. Format: Small group and large group lecture. MOMS is a weekly Bible study for mothers of children 6th grade and under. Limited nursery availability. Registration begins August 1st. Please contact Joanna McNeel at 601-807-1596.

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 earpiece. 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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