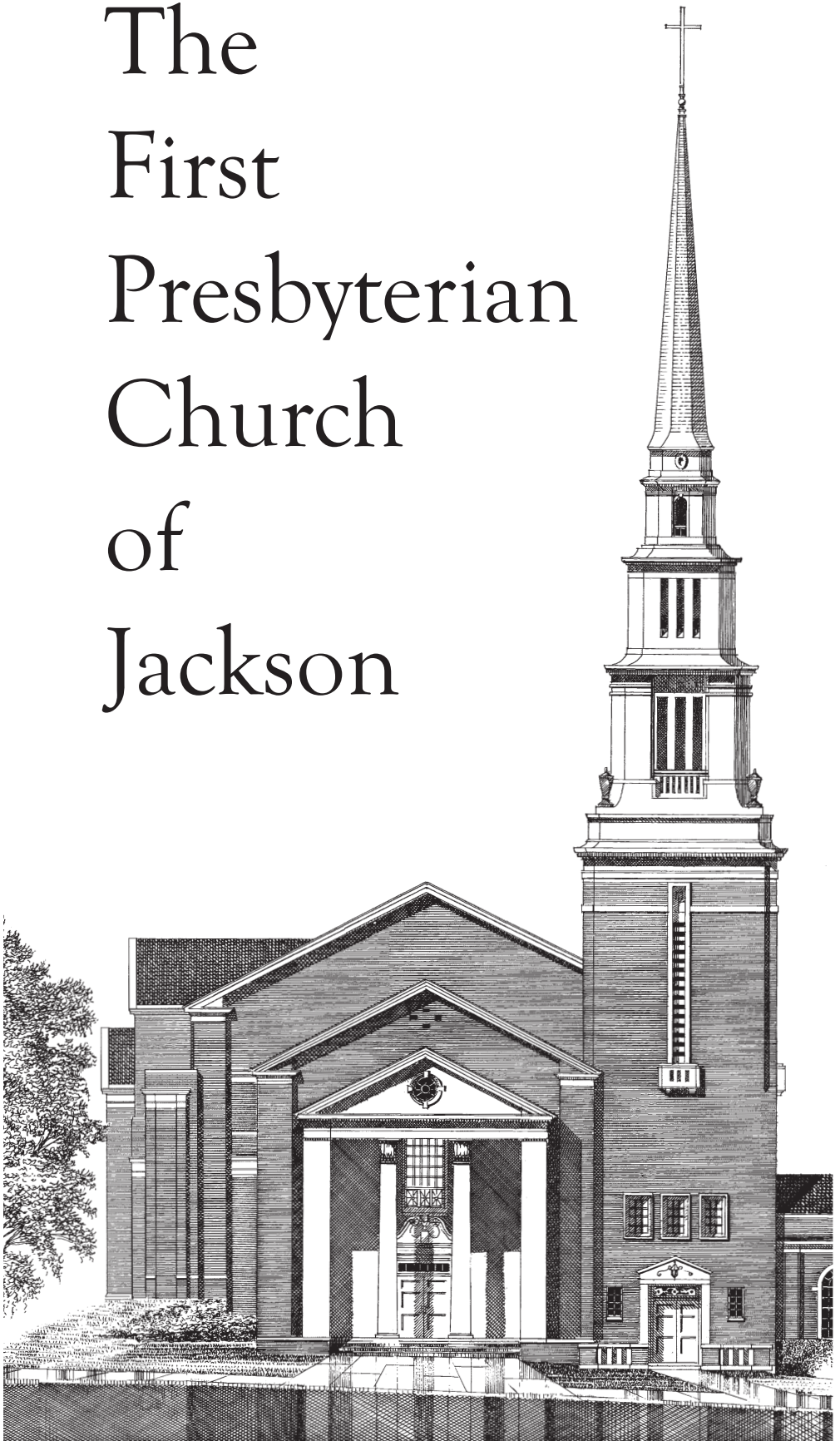


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# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth 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. Wiley P. Lowry III

Minister of Pastoral Care

*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** — “Matin”.....Gordon Young  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

**The Introit** — “Who Is On the Lord’s Side?” .....Caradog Roberts

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Psalm of Praise No. 6** — “O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord”  
(from Psalm 103)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡\* **The Doxology**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when He had purged our stains, He took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!”

**The Scripture Reading** — Ecclesiastes 4:4-16 (Pew Bible page 555)

**The Morning Prayer**

**The Hymn No. 535** — “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

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

**The Offertory** — “From Sea To Shining Sea” .....Maurice Whitney

“O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.  
O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern, impassion’d stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.  
America! America! God mend thine ev’ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.  
O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimm’d by human tears.  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

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

**The Sermon** — “*New Community: Knowing Christ’s Love*” .....Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 540** — “A Few More Years Shall Roll”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “Five-Fold Amen” .....W. Wymond

**The Postlude** — “Processional” .....G.F. Handel

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

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Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman

Minister of Mission and Outreach

Assisting — Mr. Gary W. Sinclair

Christian Education Intern

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

**The Prelude** — “Meditation” ..... Paul Benoit  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn No. 103** — “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Evening Hymn** — “O Great God” (See Evening Guide)

**The Commissioning of the Scotland Mission Team**

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Jerry Shivers

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

**The Offertory** — “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ...G. Elvey arr. by J. Hunt  
The FPC Brass

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 524 (Stz. 1)** — “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

**The Children’s Catechism No. 64**

Q. “What are the basic works of Christ?”

A. “There are three basic works.”

**The Scripture** —Proverbs 6:6-8; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Isaiah 9:6-7

**The Meditation** .....Chris Brown, Pastoral Care Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 108 (Stz. 1-3)** — “Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Psalm 34 (Pew Bible pages 463-464)

**The Sermon** — “Taste and See that the Lord Is Good” .....Dr. Hartman

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Whate’er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;  
though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken,  
My Father’s care is round me there;  
He holds me that I shall not fall: and so to Him I leave it all.”

**The Postlude** — “Postlude in F” ..... Cesar Franck

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

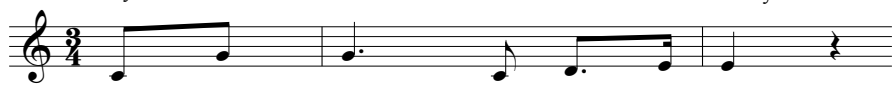
To All Our  
Visitors

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 Great God

Words by Bob Kauflin

Music by Bob Kauflin



1 O great God of high - est heav'n  
2 I was blind - ed by my sin;  
3 Help me now to live a life



Oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.  
Had no ears to hear Your voice;  
That's de - pend - ent on Your grace.



Own it all and reign su - preme  
Did not know Your love with - in  
Keep my heart and guard my soul



Con - quer eve - ry re - bel pow'r.  
Had no taste for heav - en's joys.  
From the e - vils that I face.



Let no vice or sin re - main  
Then Your Spir - it gave me life,  
You are wor - thy to be praised



That re - sists Your ho - ly war.  
O - pened up Your Word to me.  
With my eve - ry thought and deed.



You have loved and pur - chased me  
Through the gos - pel of Your Son,  
O great God of high - est heav'n



Make me Yours for - ev - er - more  
Gave me end - less hope and peace.  
Glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

# A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

God has brought us safely through another week. As our experiences might prove, they have more often than not detracted us from experiencing life with a pursuit of God. Hence, as we enter the sanctuary we are encouraged to spend moments in silent prayer and focus on God in preparation for worship. Then, as we begin our time of public worship, one of our first acts is to pray together.

## The Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession is a response to our opening hymn of adoration and praise. It is only by reflecting upon the true nature of God and adoring His faithfulness to us, that we are able to truly contemplate upon the depth, extent, and magnitude of our sin. The prayer of confession is made so that we confess our sin and experience true repentance by reflecting upon God's goodness even in our times of straying. Thus, it is through this time of corporate prayer, patterned after the New Testament church, that we are ready to continue in our corporate worship of God.

*Why do we have corporate prayer?* In preaching on the pilgrimage of the Christian in this life, the eighteenth century pastor-theologian from New England, Jonathan Edwards said, "To go to heaven fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here." The time of corporate worship and particularly prayer is its closest semblance on earth since we gather with the saints of God to worship and delight ourselves in God.

*What is a prayer of adoration?* Prayers of adoration are prayers that set our thoughts on the nature, attribute, and the works of God and praise Him in response to them. We begin our time of corporate prayer with the prayer of adoration to abase ourselves before the throne of God and exalt God's magnificence in our hearts. It is here that we captivate our wandering minds by remembering the wondrous works of God and awaken our senses to the immanence of God. As the minister leads us in prayer, let us awaken our reverence, our dependence, our faith, and our hope in God.

*What is a prayer of confession?* The minister leads us in a prayer of confession to remove any human barrier that might come in the way of our blessing from God. Having remembered who God is in our prayer of adoration, we remind ourselves of who we are both in ourselves and in God. We remind ourselves that though we are His sheep, we are like lost sheep. During this time, the minister leads us in confessing the times we have desired the things of this world that are in opposition to the things of God. May we, in joining the minister with heartfelt agreement, confess and repent of the times we have left undone those things we ought to have done, and have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Let us join our hearts in prayer in order that the Spirit of Christ may bring conviction for impenitent hearts, encouragement to weary souls, knit us together in a bond of fellowship and praise, and bring us into an intimate communion with our Savior. Let us pray with the goal to enjoy ourselves in bringing honor and glory due His name.

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JULY 5, 2015

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 8:25 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>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Coffee and Fellowship</b> — 9:30 a.m. in LH</p> <p><b>Sunday School</b> — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>No Senior High Insight</b></p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars”</b> — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>College Gym Night</b> — 7:30 p.m. in gym</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars”</b> — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Stewardship Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p><b>Management Committee Meeting</b> — 5:30 p.m. in SC215</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars”</b> — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Men’s Bible Study</b> — 10:00 a.m. in WH202</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p><b>Family Night Supper</b> — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p><b>Junior High D-Groups</b> — 5:00 p.m. in YH</p> <p><b>“First Plates” Delivery to Shut-Ins</b> — 5:30 p.m. in MH</p> <p><b>Children’s Activities</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground</p> <p><b>The Choir</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p><b>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting</b> — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p> <p><b>Children’s “Fruit of the Spirit” Program</b> — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in M122/123</p> <p><b>Young Adult Men’s Basketball</b>— 8:00 p.m. in the Gym</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars”</b> — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Young Adults Summer Seminar</b> — 6:00 p.m. in MH</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars”</b> — 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in various locations</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p><b>Men’s Prayer Breakfast</b> — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

**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..." **Virginia Y.** – serving with International Xchange Organization in Asia. For more information, please contact the Mission Department. **Jason & Susie Sterling** – serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Ole Miss. Mailing address: 207 Olde Castle Loop Oxford, MS 38655 Email: [jsterling@ruf.org](mailto:jsterling@ruf.org)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Howard J. Cleland by his family.

## SCOTLAND MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

The Scotland mission team will be commissioned tonight for their trip to Dundee, Scotland on July 10-18, 2015. One of our most privileged responsibilities as a "sending body" is to pray for our summer short-term mission teams as they go out from our midst to be of gospel service to others. Team Leader: Stuart Clarke. Team Members: Sharkey Burke, Elizabeth Clarke, Ian Clarke, Janie Clarke, Dave Dear, Dalton Dear, and Henry Greaves.

## MINISTRY SAFE VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the June 7 Ministry Safe Awareness Training. This is an extremely important program to protect our children and strengthen the ministry to children in our church as we serve His kingdom. If you missed the deadline to turn in your Ministry Safe Volunteer Application, we are still accepting applications from volunteers in the Students' and Children's Ministries. Please turn in your completed application to Jenny Sanders in the Youth House tomorrow. We are dedicated to protecting your privacy, and all information provided on your application will be kept securely and confidentially. **If you were unable to attend the training but would still like to volunteer, please contact Jenny Sanders at [youthhouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youthhouse@fpcjackson.org) or 601.973.9117 for more information about how you can receive this important awareness training.**

## SUMMER RUF

College students, join us for Summer RUF! We are going through a series titled, "*The Fruit of the Spirit*." Ben Shaw will speak on Tuesday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Trussells (3536 Hawthorn Drive). If you are interested in helping with food for Summer RUF, contact [collegehouse@fpcjackson.org](mailto:collegehouse@fpcjackson.org).

## SUMMER SEMINAR: RELATIONSHIPS, MARRIAGE, AND DATING THURSDAY, JULY 9, AT 6:00 P.M.

Join us Thursday, July 9, as Dr. John Cox teaches the second of three Summer Seminars on Relationships, Marriage, and Dating. We will meet from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (please arrive at 5:45 p.m.) in Miller Hall, and the cost is \$6 for dinner. **Registration is required.** To sign up, visit [www.fpcjackson.org/young-adults](http://www.fpcjackson.org/young-adults). Nursery is available upon request. Contact David Felker (601-850-8650) with questions.

## LADIES' MONTHLY CIRCLE REGISTRATION

Ladies, Please consider joining a monthly Circle Bible study. **The deadline to register is Sunday, July 12.** If you are already in a Circle, you will automatically be in it next year unless you request a different one. If you're new to Circles, just decide which one you would like to join (a listing is provided on the church website). To register contact the Women and Children's Ministry Department at 601-973-9115 or [omegas@fpcjackson.org](mailto:omegas@fpcjackson.org).

## COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion Sunday will be next Sunday, July 12. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free "crackers" will be available. They will be placed 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.

## 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).

## YOUNG ADULTS SMALL GROUPS

Small groups in the Young Adults focus on cultivating friendships and unpacking the practical applications of the gospel. They typically have 8-15 people, meet sometime during the week, and provide a great opportunity to interact with a book and build community in a more discussion-oriented, informal setting. Especially if you are new to Jackson, this can be a great landing spot and way to get stitched into life at FPC. Now is the perfect time to join a small group. For more information, contact [youngadults@fpcjackson.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcjackson.org) or David Felker at 601-850-8650.

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### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent  
Mrs. Betsy Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator  
Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators  
Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

### THE CHURCH PROGRAM

#### THE SUNDAY SERVICES:

* Sunday School .....	9:40 A.M.
* Morning Worship.....	8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
* Evening Worship.....	6:00 P.M.
Senior High Insight .....	7:30 P.M.
Communion .....	2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October
Baptism.....	3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November
New Members Received 1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:00 p.m. in PH	

*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING:.....	Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Family Night Dinner.....	Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Junior High Large Group.....	Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.
Children's Activities .....	Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.
The Choir Rehearsal .....	Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.
Discipleship Groups .....	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.....	Wednesday 6:30 P.M.