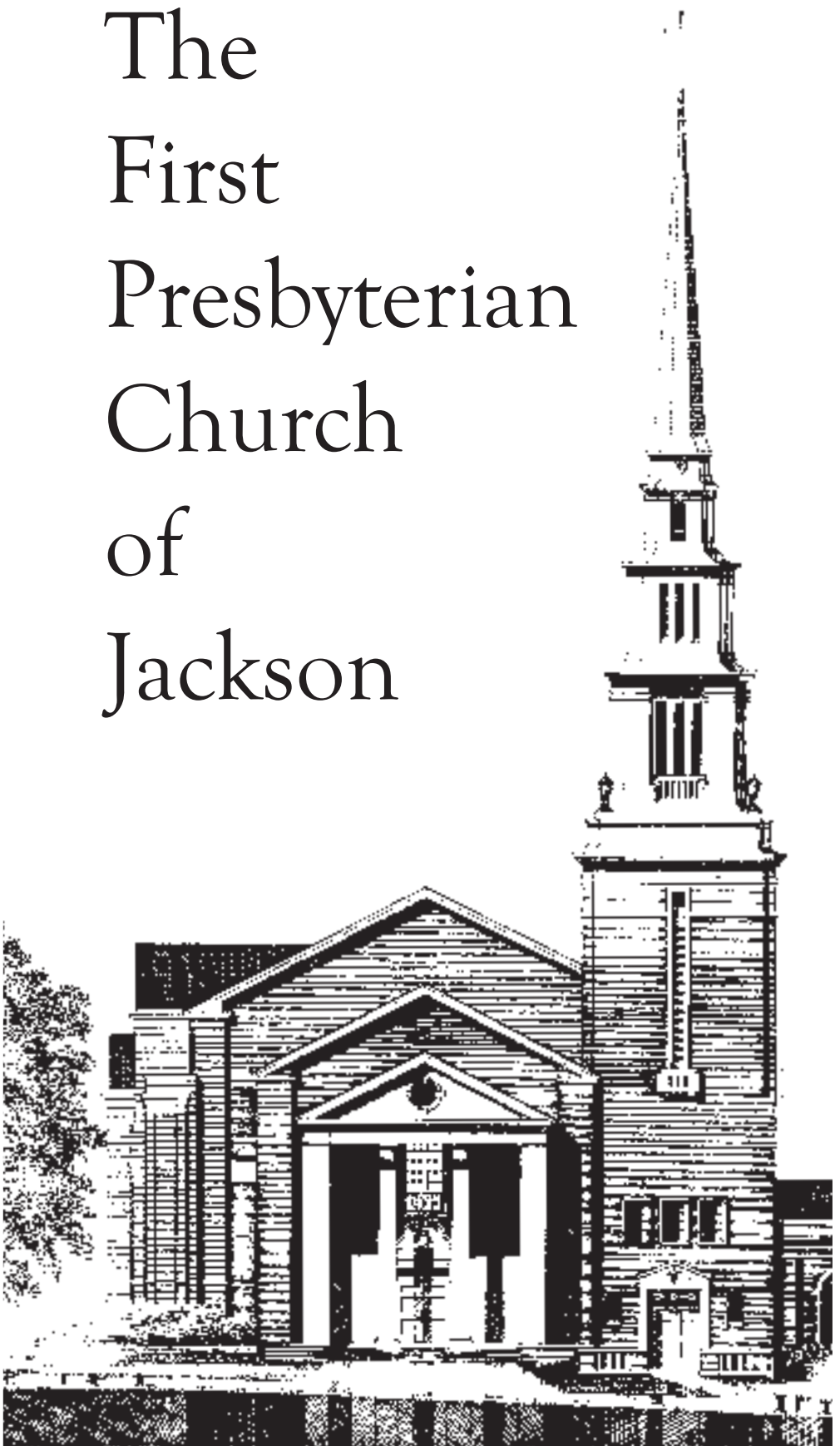


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# THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixth Day of July, Two Thousand Fourteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey

Minister of Discipleship

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley

Executive Minister

*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** — “Our Savior, Our Shepherd” ..... arr. by Gayden Sikes  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — “Almighty God of Our Fathers” ..... Will James

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Doxology**

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

‡\* **The Hymn No. 168** — “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

**The Scripture Reading** — Nehemiah 1:1-11 (Pew Bible page 398)

‡\* **The Hymn of Response No. 495** — “No, Not Despairingly Come I to Thee”

**The Morning Prayer**

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

**The Offertory** — “I Will Rise” ..... Arr. by Courtney and Hasseler  
Tiffany Williams, Ariel Newell, and Celia Burse, Soloists

“There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail.

There's an anchor for my soul I can say, 'It is well.'

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won, He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise when He calls my name.

No more sorrow, no more pain, I will rise on eagle's wings.

Before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise!

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,  
And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes. Jesus has overcome . . . .

I will rise. And I hear the voice of many angels sing 'Worthy is the Lamb!'

And I hear the cry of every longing heart, 'Worthy is the Lamb!'

I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow,

no more pain, I will rise on eagle's wings . . . .

I will rise!”

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**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Matthew 17:1-9 (Pew Bible page 822)

**The Sermon** — “The Transfiguration: A Message for Us” .....Mr. Dempsey

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 605** — “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Choral Response**

“We rest on Thee – our shield and our defender!

We go not forth alone against the foe;’

Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,

‘We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.’

Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,

‘We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.’”

**The Postlude** — “I Love Thy Kingdom Lord” ..... arr. by Gayden Sikes

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker

Minister of Young Adults

Assisting — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps

Director of Media

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

**The Missionary Report** — Britton Wood, Reformed University Fellowship, Stanford University

**The Prelude** — “At Eventide” ..... Charles V. Stanford  
William Wymond, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 478** — “I Love to Tell the Story”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Evening Hymn** — “O Day of Rest and Gladness” (See Evening Guide)

**The General Assembly Report** — Ruling Elder Bill Stone

\* **The Greetings**

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

**The Offertory** — “There’s Power in the Blood” ..... Lewis  
Kristi Jordan, Sarah Ryburn Mealer, Jeff Brown, and Allen Burrows

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 537** (Stz. 2) — “Take Time to Be Holy”

**The Children’s Catechism No. 21**

Q. “When God first made Adam and Eve, what were they like?”

A. “They were holy and happy with God.”

**The Scripture** — Genesis 1:31; I Samuel 16:7; Psalm 8:5-6; Proverbs 29:18;  
Hebrews 13:8; I Peter 1:15-16

**The Meditation** ..... Billy Dempsey, Minister of Discipleship

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 334** — “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — I Samuel 16:1-13 (Pew Bible pages 238-239)

**The Sermon** — “The Search for a King” ..... Mr. Felker

‡ **The Benediction and Response**

“Spirit of God, descend upon my heart:

Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;

Stoop to my weakness, might as Thou art,

and make me love Thee as I ought to love.”

**The Postlude** — “Fanfare in F” ..... Dietrich Buxtehude

\*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.

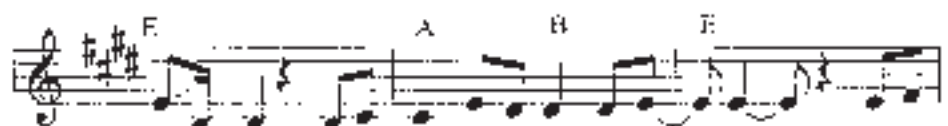
## O Day Of Rest And Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad-ness, O  
 2 On Thee at the me-a-tad The  
 3 Thou art a port pro-rect-ed From  
 4 To-day on wear-y na-tions. The  
 5 New spa-ces ev-er gain-ing. From



day of eye and light O balm of cure and  
 light first had its birth, On Thee for our sal-  
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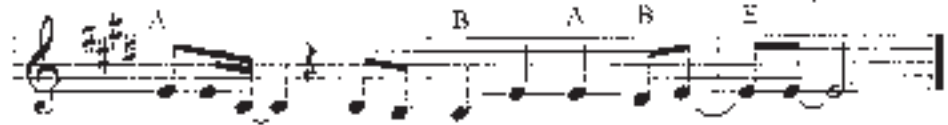
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 \*sert-ail with streams of Par-a-dise, Thou  
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 main-ing. to spir-its of the blest. To



There the high and low-ly, through a ges joined in  
 Thee our Lord, vic-ter-ious the Spr-it sent from  
 \*at a cool-ing foun-tain in life's dry, drear-y  
 Gos-pel light is glow-ing with pure and re-diam  
 Ho-ly Ghost be-rais-es, to Fa-ther, and to



name, Sing Ho-ly-ly Ho-ly,  
 heav'n And thus on Thee, most  
 \*sand From Thee, like Pis-gah's  
 beams and liv-ing wa-ter  
 Ser. The church her voice up-



Ho-ly To the great God Tri-une  
 glo-ri-ous A tri-ble light was given  
 \*mour-tan We view our pur-posed  
 flow-ing, with soul re-fresh-ing streams  
 rais-es, To Thee, blest Thee in One

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Scripture Reading

### **Nehemiah 1:1-11 – The humble beginnings of a return movement**

The opening page of any narrative is an initiation into the characters and world of the story that is to follow. Right from the start, we notice the first-person point of view, as Nehemiah speaks in his own person (“I was in Susa the capital.”) In view of the major movement that Nehemiah will inspire and oversee, we cannot help but be surprised by the modest beginnings of the movement. It all begins with the report to Nehemiah, living in exile in Persia, that the wall of Jerusalem remains in ruins nearly a hundred years after the first return. This is followed by Nehemiah’s private mourning and prayer of intercession for his nation. Nehemiah is a man who embraces the cause of God’s people in his own soul, longing for the rebirth of his nation. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

## The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### **The Doxology**

Immediately following our Scriptural Call to Worship, we begin our Morning Worship by singing this familiar stanza of praise, “the Doxology.” It is a call for everyone in heaven and earth to praise the Triune God who is the giver of all blessings. Incidentally, this familiar text is merely the last stanza of each of three hymns composed by the fine evangelical Bishop Thomas Ken in 1674 (“All Praise to Thee My God This Night”; “Awake, My Soul and With the Sun”; and “Lord, Now My Sleep Doth Me Forsake.”) “Doxology” simply means “word of praise,” in reference to a brief ascription of adoration to God. Today, we sing its traditional tune (which is a slight metrical variation of the majestic and well known tune “Old One Hundredth.”)

### **I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**

Following our Prayer of Adoration and Invocation, we sing this familiar and beloved anthem as our opening hymn. This glorious hymn of praise to Christ comes to us right out of the great Protestant Reformation and the *Strasbourg Psalter*. Some even believe that John Calvin himself wrote it. The words evidence a deep experiential knowledge of God and piety. This hymn, which deliberately mirrors a medieval song of praise to Mary, but turns every line into an acclamation of the Lord Jesus Christ, extolling Him as the only Mediator of God’s people, first appeared in Geneva. It is the “A Mighty Fortress” of the Reformed tradition. We use it this morning to open our worship, for we recognize that the only way to God is through the Mediator, Jesus Christ. Apart from Him, to seek God is to be frustrated and to find Him to be consumed. In Christ, our souls find rest and refreshment and satisfaction—truly, He is a sure Redeemer!

### **No, Not Despairingly Come I to Thee**

This hymn serves both as our response to God’s Word read from the prophet Nehemiah, and as a preparation before our Morning Prayer. From time to time we include a profession of sin as part of our public worship of God. Coming into His presence (especially in worship) reminds us again and again of our sinfulness and need of a Savior. This hymn adequately expresses our sorrow over the ongoing sin in our lives, sin that the hymn’s author, Horatius Bonar, calls “infinite, infinite, sin upon sin.” Though the mood of the hymn is somber, there is much hope for the sinner. The closing line of the opening stanza is our comfort: “sin hath gone over me, yet is this still my plea, Jesus hath died.” And because we know God to be a faithful God, we come, “not despairingly” to confess our sins, confident that “faithful and just . . . loving and kind art Thou.” We serve a God who delights in forgiving our sins. We mourn our sins, we confess our sins, we turn from our sins, and we look to God to remove our sins.

### **All the Way My Savior Leads Me**

This is a favorite hymn by Fanny Crosby, who knew what it meant to trust in God through a lifetime of hardship and handicap. As we sing this hymn this morning, we should spare a thought for those around us who are passing through great trials and tribulations. It is a call for renewed faith in the overruling providence of God in our lives. We respond to the preached Word of God and close our service proclaiming our trust in the Lord Jesus who does “all things well.”

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JULY 6, 2014

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>Prayer for Worship Service</b> — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  (Library only)  <b>Sunday School</b> — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations  <b>College Sunday School</b> — 9:50 a.m. in the CH  <b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.  (Library only)  <b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>No Senior High Insight</b></p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>NCC Summer Superstars</b> — 8:00 a.m. in various locations</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>NCC Summer Superstars</b> — 8:00 a.m. in various locations  <b>Staff Meeting</b> — 9:00 a.m. in the MS  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  <b>Twin Lakes Executive Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH  <b>Management Committee Meeting</b> — 5:30 p.m. in SC215  <b>Summer RUF</b> — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Pringles  (4121 Crane Boulevard)</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>NCC Summer Superstars</b> — 8:00 a.m. in various locations  <b>Men's Bible Study</b> — 10:00 a.m. in SR  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  <b>Family Night Supper</b> — 5:00 p.m. in MH  <b>Junior High Discipleship Groups</b> — 5:00 p.m. in YH  <b>Children's Activities/Classes</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Gym  <b>The Choir</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS  <b>Christian Education 'Getting the Message' Study Group</b> —  6:00 p.m. in WH202  <b>Dundee, Scotland Mission Trip Meeting</b> — 6:30 p.m. in WH204  <b>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting</b> — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>NCC Summer Superstars</b> — 8:00 a.m. in various locations  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  <b>Presbytery Mission to the Military Meeting</b> — 4:00 p.m. in SC215</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>NCC Summer Superstars</b> — 8:00 a.m. in various locations</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p><b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> — 7:30 a.m. in MH  <b>College Basketball</b> — 2:00 p.m. in the Gym</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...” — **Daniel & Katy Brink** – serving as church planters with Mission to the World in Spain. Mailing address: Calle de Cea Bermudez, 10 Apt 2A 28003 Madrid, España. Email address: danielandkaty@gmail.com

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## COMMUNION SUNDAY

Communion Sunday will be next Sunday, July 13. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper.

## GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For those interested, professionally prepared gluten-free “crackers” will be available for the next Communion Sunday, July 13. They will be placed on the table on the south wall of the greeting courtyard. Please take one on the way in to the morning worship service.

## SUMMER RUF

Attention all current and rising college students! We will continue our Summer RUF Bible Study on Tuesday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Charlie and Anne Pringle (4121 Crane Boulevard). Ben Shaw, RUF Campus Minister at Southern Miss., will continue our study on the Psalms in a series titled “*Songs of Beauty, Songs of Brokenness*” by speaking on “Singing of Contentment.” Hope to see you there!

## SEWING CAMP SPONSORED BY SEW AND SOW

Sew and Sow will be offering a basic beginner sewing camp this summer July 14 – July 18 that will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The deadline for signing up is tomorrow, July 7. This class is open to ladies ages 10 and up (10 y/o will need to be accompanied by an adult). The class size is limited with priority for FPC members. Nursery is available upon request. For more information, please call Cindi Alexander at 601-260-9278 or email loreal@bellsouth.net.

## WEDNESDAY QNA TIME

Please join us, Wednesday, July 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Miller Hall for a time of Questions and Answers with our Senior Minister, David Strain. David will answer questions submitted by you, the congregation, prior to the event. If you have a question on life ministry, changing culture and Christianity, a recent sermon, or anything else you would like to pose to David, please submit it by noon on Tuesday, July 15. You can email your questions to [wednesdayqna@fpcjackson.org](mailto:wednesdayqna@fpcjackson.org) or by calling the receptionist at 601-353-8316. Please note that the weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting will not meet.

## BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, July 20, 2014. Space is available for both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. To make your reservation, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or email her at [shannonc@fpcjackson.org](mailto:shannonc@fpcjackson.org).

## MOMS BIBLE STUDY

**Don't forget to register!**

MOMS is a weekly Bible study for mothers of children 6th grade and under. It meets on Wednesdays in Patterson Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00a.m. Starting Wednesday, September 3, MOMS will be studying the *Gospel of John: When God Became Man*. Registration for new MOMS begins August 1. To register, contact Laura Barbour at 601-366-3073.

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