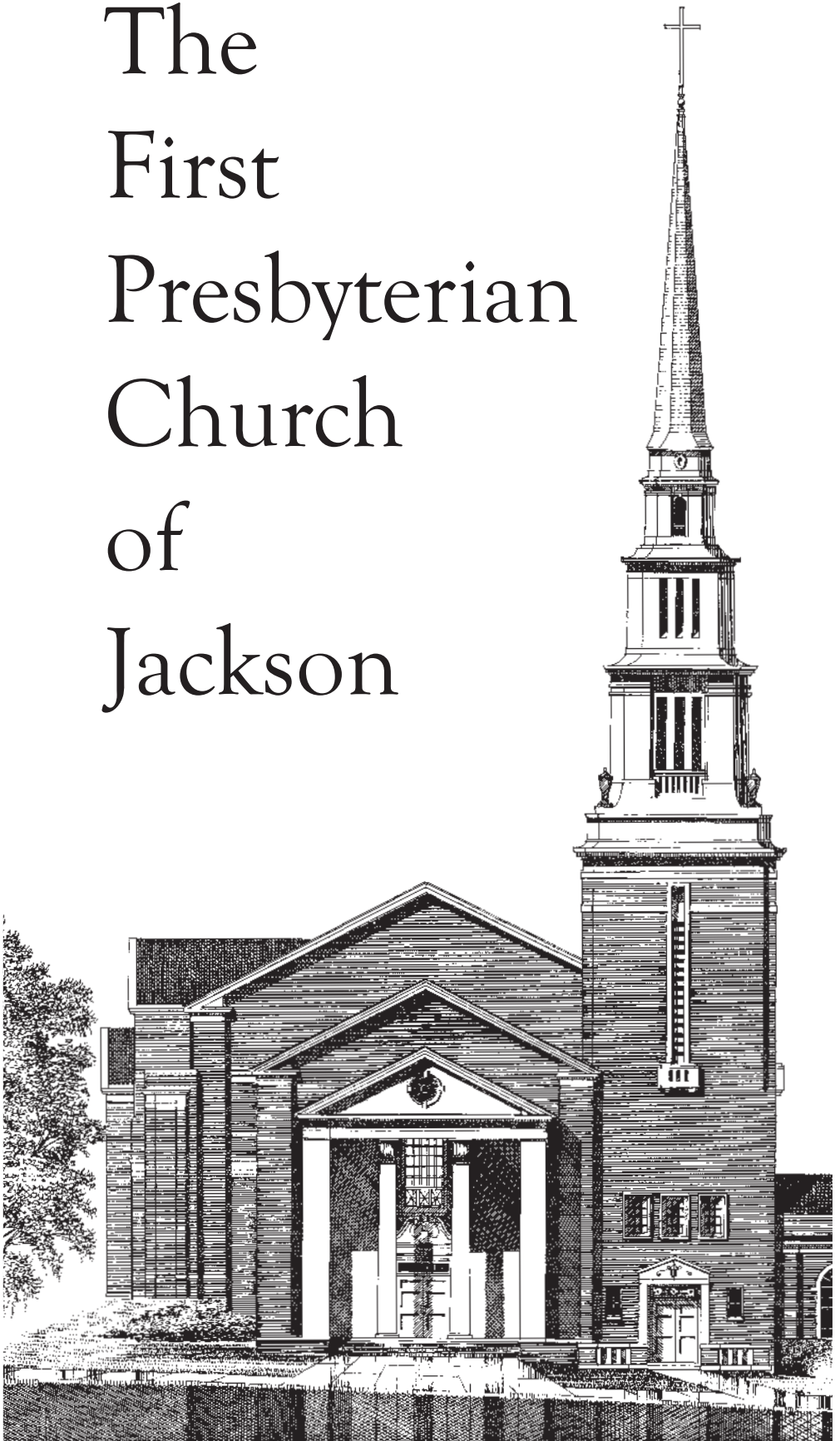


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Day of June, Two Thousand Fifteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain  
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. Edward A. Hartman  
Minister of Mission and Outreach

*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** — “Meditation on Everlasting Love” ..... Ron Boud  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

**The Introit** — “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ..... Ludwig van Beethoven

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Psalm of Praise No. 7** — “From All That Dwell below the Skies”  
(from Psalm 117)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡\* **The Gloria Patri**

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.”

**The Scripture Reading** — Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (Pew Bible page 554)

**The Morning Prayer**

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

**The Offertory** — “O Love, How Deep” ..... Everitt Titcomb  
“O love, how deep, how broad, how high.

How passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God,  
Should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us He prayed, for us He taught, for us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not Himself, but us,  
All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forever more.

Amen.”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Ephesians 2:11-22 (Pew Bible pages 976-977)

**The Sermon** — “*New Community: He Himself Is Our Peace*” ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 644** — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “All Glory To the Trinity” ..... Everitt Titcomb

**The Postlude** — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ..... Arr. by Joel Raney  
Dr. David Snyder, piano

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III  
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey  
Minister of Discipleship

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

**The Prelude** — “Prelude on ‘Crimond’” ..... Irvine/Wymond  
William Wymond, Organ

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn No. 6** — “O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Recognition of Recitation of the Children’s Catechism**

**The Hymn** — “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (See Evening Guide)

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder George Fair

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

**The Offertory** — “In The Garden” ..... Charles Miles  
Allen Burrows and Jeff Brown

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 234 (Stz. 1)** — “Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

**The Children’s Catechism No. 60**

Q. “When did Christ die?”

A. “Almost two thousand years ago.”

**The Scripture** — Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1; Luke 2; John 1:14; Romans 5:6;  
Philippians 2:9-11

**The Meditation** ..... Wes Strebeck, Senior Minister’s Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 131 (Stz. 1 - 5)**— “Children of the Heavenly Father”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — John 1:12,13; Galatians 4:4-7  
(Pew Bible pages 886, 974)

**The Sermon** — “What Manner of Love” ..... Mr. Lowry

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“More secure is no one ever than the loved ones of the Savior;  
not yon star on high abiding nor the bird in home-nest hiding.”

**The Postlude** — “Andante” (Water Music) ..... G. F. Handel

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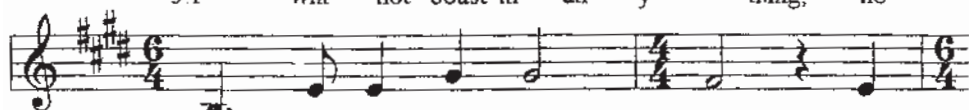
To All Our  
Visitors

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.

# "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"



How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how  
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my  
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no



vast be - yond all meas - ure, that  
 sin up - on His shoul - ders; a -  
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but



He should give His on - ly Son to  
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice . call  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His



make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
 out a - mong the scoff - ers. It  
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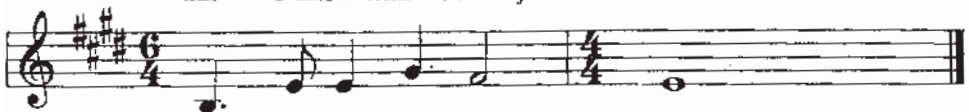
great the pain of sear - ing loss; the  
 was my sin that held Him there un -  
 should I gain from His re - ward? I



Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as  
 til - it was ac - com - plished; His  
 can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring  
 dy - ing breath hasbrought me life - I  
 this I know with all my heart: His



man - y sons to glo - ry.  
 know that it is fin - ished.  
 wounds have paid my ran - som.

# A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

## The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### **From All That Dwell Below the Skies (Psalm 117)**

Our first congregational hymn this morning is one written by the great hymnwriter Isaac Watts. Watts produced his Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament. This setting of Psalm 117 was part of that collection. We sing it to the familiar tune “Duke Street.” The hymn has a wonderful “missiological bent” to it, calling on everyone, in every land and every tongue to praise the one true God. We sing psalms and hymns every Lord’s Day in our corporate worship.

### **Gloria Patri**

Where we naturally go after confession of sin is to doxology. The “Gloria Patri” (“Glory to the Father”) is an ancient hymn of praise to the Triune God. It is a classic “doxology” of the early church. John Chrysostom of Constantinople (one of Calvin’s favorite patristic authors) tells us that it was in use no later than the time of Clement of Rome (circa A.D. 95!). It was customarily attached to the end of a Psalm to confirm a Trinitarian, Christian understanding of the God of the Psalms. This is, indeed, how it was used in the days of the Reformation. By the way, when we sing, “as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end,” the “it” refers to the Holy Trinity. This is a bold affirmation of the eternity of the Triune God.

### **May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

We have often sung this hymn at the time of our evening children’s devotional. This morning, we respond to God’s Word, read and proclaimed, with this well-known and loved gospel song. What better way to become a faithful steward than to gain the mind of Christ? Let’s make this a deliberate petition for ourselves and intercession for our brothers and sisters as we sing it this morning.

## The Scripture Reading

Eccles. 3:1–15. *The world’s most famous poem on the subject of time.* The subject is the problem of time, as the world has called it; the theme (interpretive slant) is announced at the outset, as the poem asserts that there is a time for everything. It is one of the most oratorical passages in the Bible, and the specific techniques include the following: strict parallelism within verses, so that the second line gives an example of an experience similar to that in the first line (being born and planting something in v. 2, for example); antithesis (pairing of opposites, such as weeping and laughing in v. 4); an identical grammatical structure to each line, consisting of (a) the formula “a time to,” (b) naming a human action, (c) the contrasting formula “and a time to,” and (d) naming a second human action that is antithetical to the first action; evocation of elemental, universal human experiences; concreteness (time ceases to be an abstraction as the examples accumulate). There is no overall progression in the passage, but generally the two lines of each verse deal with a similar experience, and the verses alternate between naming the positive experiences first (being born and planting in v. 2) and the negative experiences first (killing and breaking down in v. 3). The poem illustrates the haunting and cumulative effect of Hebrew poetry: by the time we finish the poem, we are emotionally convinced that there is, indeed, a time for everything. In terms of the rhythm of the book of Ecclesiastes, the poem is positive in mood: within the given that we cannot control the events of life, the poem (a) implies that life is as much good as bad, (b) embodies a spirit of calm resignation rather than protest in regard to the time-bound nature of human life, (c) affirms an order to human life, and (d) asserts the positive theme of timeliness (if we cannot control time, we can plug into its flow). Additionally, three later statements on the theme of “a time for everything” give the idea a strongly positive meaning (3:11, 17; 7:14). (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JUNE 7, 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. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Sunday School</b> — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in YH</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Ministry Safe Training/Lunch</b> — 12:30 p.m. in MH</p> <p><b>New Members Received</b> — 4:45 p.m. in PH</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>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars”</b> — 8:00 a.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Worship Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p><b>Diaconate Meeting</b> — 5:30 p.m. in PH</p> <p><b>Session Meeting</b> — 7:00 p.m. in MS</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. in various locations</p> <p><b>Staff Meeting</b> — 9:00 a.m. in MS</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars”</b> — 8:00 a.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>Children’s Activities</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/ Playground</p> <p><b>Peru Mission Team Meeting</b> — 5:30 p.m. in WH202</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. in various locations</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Neighborhood Christian Center “Summer Super Stars”</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</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..." **Will & Judi Traub** - serving with Mission to the World (MTW) in Scotland. Mailing Address: 490E Perth Road, Dundee DD2 1LR Scotland, UK; Email: willtraub@mac.com **Way & Amy Rutherford** - serving as Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Baylor University in Waco, TX. Mailing address: 11004 Trailwood Dr., Woodway, TX 76712 Email: wayrutherford@gmail.com

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Dorothy (Dot) Day Johnson — May 28, 2015

Mr. John H. Baker — May 28, 2015

## "MINISTRY SAFE" TRAINING LUNCHEON TODAY

All those registered to attend the Ministry Safe Training Luncheon should come to Miller Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service today. Boxed lunches will be available for pick up. If you have a child in the nursery, please feed him or her before you come for lunch. The training will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH TIME

Beginning today, children currently in the Four -Year-Old Sunday School class no longer go to Church Time but may instead sit with their parent(s) during worship.

## GOLDEN CIRCLE

Ladies, if you or a close family member are unable to attend service or church activities, we would love for you to join our Golden Circle. Golden Circle ladies receive cards and visits from various congregation members. We would love to minister to you in this way. Please contact Kortney Anderson 601-826-0043 or andersonkortney@gmail.com.

## SUMMER RUF

College students, join us for Summer RUF! We are going through a series titled, "*The Fruit of the Spirit*." Elbert McGowan will speak on Tuesday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Mays (4348 N. Honeysuckle Lane). If you are interested in helping with food for Summer RUF, contact collegehouse@fpcjackson.org.

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER/SISTER/FRIEND LUNCHEON

The Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Luncheon - "*Hope in God's Faithfulness*" - is June 16, 2015, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Miller Hall. Cost is \$6 per person. Panelists Ginger Cotten, Rhonda Baird, and Deborah Oakley, led by moderator Tricia Walters, will explore the riches of our relationships as we center them on Gospel goals. What difference does the Gospel make in all our relationships? Nursery available by request (ages 4 and under) at the time of registration. To register, call or email the church: 601-353-8316 or receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

## THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

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. This summer we'll be going through a series on Community. We were made in the image of a God who is in community. We depend on it during trials. We long for it. Where do we find it? What does it look like? How do we get it? Join us Thursday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wade home (2417 Eastover Drive). For more information, contact youngadults@fpcjackson.org.

## WOMEN IN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY/YEARBOOK

We are updating information for the 2015-16 edition of the WIC Directory. If there have been any changes to your information (address, phone, email, or Circle membership), please contact the Women and Children's Ministry Department at 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org. Thank you for helping us make the Directory as accurate as possible!

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