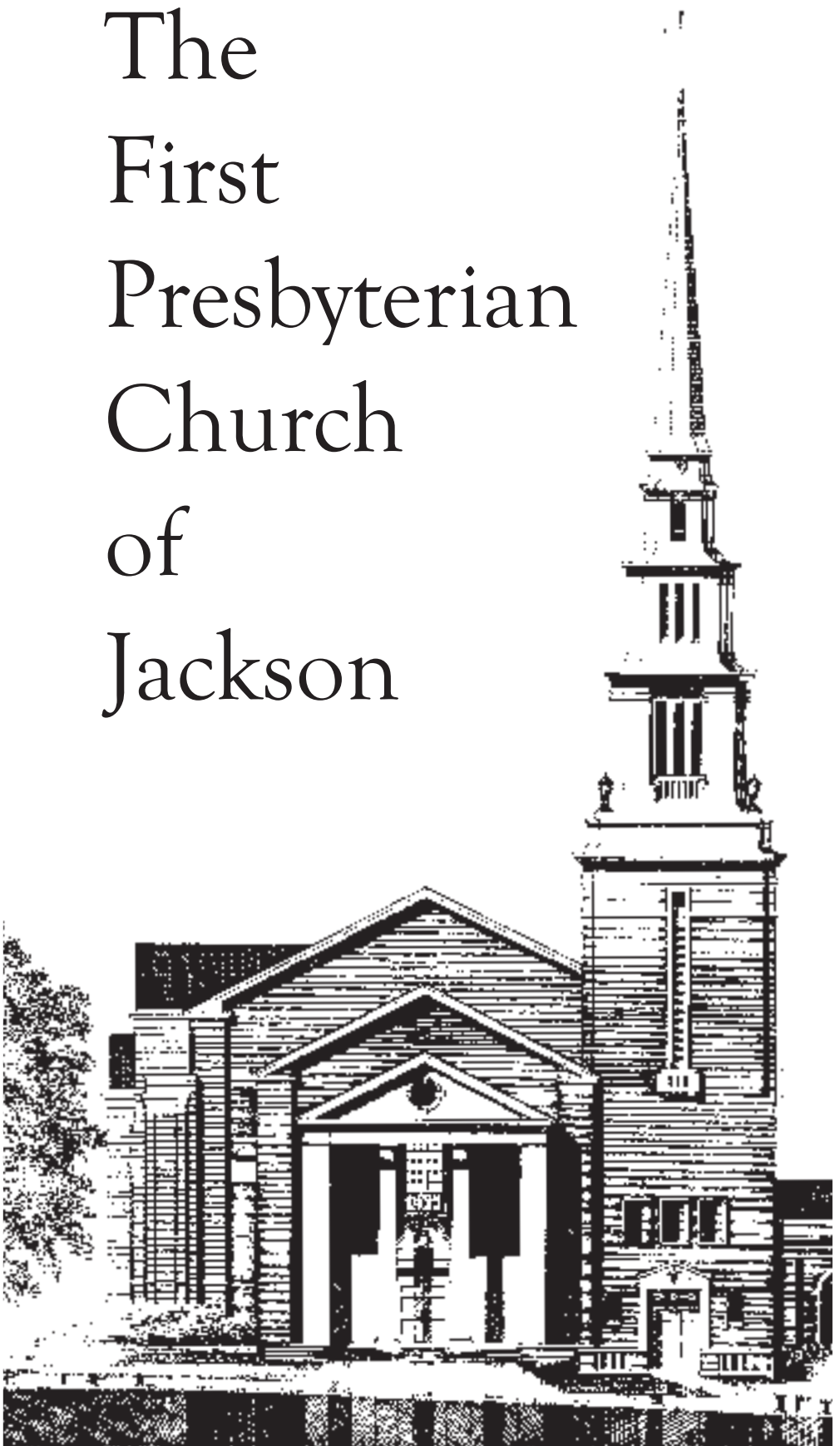


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-third Day of March, Two Thousand Fourteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain

Minister of Teaching and Mission

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 (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Pastorale”Dominico Zipoli

Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — “Who Is On The Lord’s Side?”Carradog Roberts

Jonathan Hunt, Music Intern, Director

The Call to Worship

***The Hymn of Praise No. 296** — “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology**

“Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run.”

The Scripture Reading — I Peter 3:1-7..... (Pew Bible page 1015)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 141** — “God, in the Gospel of His Son”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Anthem — “Down To The River” Arr. Mack Wilberg

With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

“As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!
O, sisters, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down to the river to pray.
O, brothers, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down to the river to pray.
O, fathers, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down,
O, mothers, let’s go down, down to the river to pray.
O, sinners, let’s go down, come on down,
don’t you wanna go down to the river to pray.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 13:1-23 (Pew Bible page 818)

The Sermon — *Training for Kingdom Living*Mr. Strain

“The Parable of the Sower”

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 383** — “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

‡ **The Benediction**

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

The Postlude — “Rejoice the Lord is King”Joel Raney

Dave Synder, Pianist

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain

Minister of Teaching and Mission

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey

Minister of Discipleship

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

The Prelude — The First and Second Grade Choirs

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 4** — “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn — “My Heart Is Filled” Getty / Townend
(See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Tian Teh

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Gloria” Sawanee
The Student Choir; Jonathan Hunt, Director; Caroline Pillsbury, Accompanist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 342 (Stz. 5) — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

The Children's Catechism No. 7

Q. “How many persons are in the one God?”

A. “Three persons.”

The Scripture — Genesis 1:1, 26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Job 11:7-9; I John 5:7

The Meditation Jason Wegener, Mission Intern

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 170 (Stz. 1-3)** — “Fairest Lord Jesus”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Zechariah 4:1-14 (Pew Bible page 794)

The Sermon — *The Coming Kingdom* Mr. Strain
“Not by Might, Not by Power”

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 170 (Stz. 4)** — “Fairest Lord Jesus”

“Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

now and for evermore be thine.”

The Postlude — “Postlude in the 18th Century Style” Eric Thiman
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

*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.

My Heart Is Filled



1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To



Him who bore my pain; Who plumbed the depths of
Him who walks be - side; Who floods my weak - ness -
Him who reigns a - bove; Whose wis - dom is my



my dis - grace And gave me life a - gain; Who
es with strength And caus - es fears to fly; Whose
per-fect peace, Whose ev - 'ry thought is love. For



crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness, And clothed me with His
ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough For ev - 'ry step I
ev - 'ry day I have on earth Is giv - en by the



light, And — wrote His law of right - eous - ness With
take. Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love And
King. So — I will give my life, my all, To



pow'r up - on my heart.
crown - ing me with grace.
love and fol - low Him.

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

We open our Lord's Day Morning Worship today by singing this well-known and majestic hymn. This is a much-loved hymn of our congregation, as indeed it is throughout the world. It has been called "the National Anthem of Christendom," and has been translated into almost every language where there are Christians. The author of the hymn, Edward Perronet, was the descendent of a French Huguenot family which fled first to Switzerland and then to England to escape religious persecution. Perronet was a pastor who worked closely with the brothers John and Charles Wesley for many years in England's 18th century revival. A fitting way to begin our congregational singing this morning, we sing it to the familiar and stirring tune "Coronation."

God, in the Gospel of His Son

Our hymn of response appropriately thanks God for the truth of His word, especially as it is revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ. We sing it to the familiar tune "Germany", the same tune to which we sing "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness."

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

This beautiful hymn was written almost 200 years ago by John Cawood. Given the subject of this morning's sermon, the Parable of the Sower, this is a most appropriate response for us to sing: a prayer that God's Word would, "give root in every heart, to bring forth fruits of love."

"YOUR FAMILY: MADE IN HEAVEN. SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED."

Family Seminar Series With Dr. Tom Elkin

Join us as we consider decision-making in the three critical stages of Family Life on these three dates:

March 25

"When 2 Become 3"
(The Arrival of Your
First Child)

April 8

"When 3 Becomes 13"
(The Arrival of
Adolescence)

April 29

"When You Say Goodbye,
But They Say Hello" (Adult
Children Living at Home)

To register, go to www.fpcjackson.org and go to Discipleship/Women/Events or call 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org a week in advance of each seminar. Nursery for children up to age 4 will be made available upon request. Lunch will be served at 11:30, Dr. Elkin will begin at 11:45 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m.

YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults, join us March 27, at 7:00 p.m. for Thursday Night Fellowship. This is our mid-week Bible study targeting singles and married couples with an RUF large-group feel to it. This spring we are going through a series titled, *The Disciplines of Grace*. Contact David Felker at 601-850-8650 for more details. Come and bring friends.

PROS

PROS (Presbyterian Retired Organization) will meet Thursday, March 27, at 11:30 a.m. Margaret and Jim Tohill will present a program on growing up in Vicksburg. We will then enjoy beef brisket, cheese grits, green beans, French bread, and strawberry angel food cake. Don't miss it. Please sign up by calling the church office at 601-353-8316 by Monday, March 24th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014

Save the dates, VBS will be here soon! This year's dates are June 2-6 and our theme is Follow Me! We will study Jesus's interaction with different people and groups while He was here on earth. If you would like to sign up to help with VBS, please contact Gena Dear at ghdear@bellsouth.net or Weezie Polk at 601-353-8316 or weeziep@pcjackson.org.

FLIP FLOPS FOR PERU

Our short-term mission team will be in Peru from June 27 – July 5, 2014, and we are collecting new and gently-worn flip flops for VBS children in Cajamarca. If you would like to help with this project, please drop your donations in the box by the information desk. We need flip flops to fit children's feet ranging from first graders to high school age.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • MARCH 23, 2014

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 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. – 10:45 a.m.
 (Library only)
 Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations
 Inquirers Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133
 College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
 Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
 Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in the MS
 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 Manns
 (243 Ashcot Circle)

Monday

NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
 Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in SR/SC213

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
 Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS
 Crafts for Mission — 9:00 a.m. in SC
 VBS Bible Training — 9:00 a.m. in the PH
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 WIC Family Seminar Series — 11:30 a.m. in WH205ABC
 Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
 NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210
 Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC
 Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in SR
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
 Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
 Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH
 Peru Summer Mission Trip Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH204
 VBS Crafts — 5:30 p.m. in WH202
 Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym
 The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
 Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in various locations
 Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in SC321
 An Evening with the Strains — 6:30 p.m. in MH

Thursday

Mark Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in various locations
 Genesis Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
 The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 PROS — 11:45 a.m. in MH
 Student Ministry Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in WH204
 MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

Friday

Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH
 Cub Scout Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in SC215

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...” — **Tial & Annie T.** – serving as church planters with Mission to the World in Southeast Asia. For contact information, please contact the Mission Department.

Sonny & Morgan Walker- serving as an Intern with Christian Medical and Dental Association at University of Mississippi Medical Center here in Jackson. Mailing address: 5422 Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, MS 39209; email address: sonnywalker0986@yahoo.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Margueritte D. Ransom— March 12, 2014

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mrs. Doris Gene “Dean” Via Spence, in honor of her birthday and are given by her family.

BAPTISM

Last Sunday, the sacrament of covenant baptism was administered to Betty Gene Levy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Levy; Maury Elizabeth Wesley McPhillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Manning McPhillips, Jr.; William Arnold Turnage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Arnold Turnage; and Nora Marie Wallace, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cayce L. Wallace.

MISSION PLEDGE CARDS

Through last Sunday, 221 cards were received for a total of \$545,566. If you have not turned in your Mission Pledge card, we encourage you to bring it next Sunday and place it in the regular offering plate as an act of worship.

2014 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

This year we will be electing eight (8) additional Elders, and twenty (20) additional Deacons. Each full communing member in good and regular standing will have until 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2014, to submit nominations. All nominations shall be handed or mailed to the Executive Minister’s office on the provided form. By submitting and signing an officer nomination form, church members are attesting that they have spoken with the person being nominated and have gained his permission to do so.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 30, 2014, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services for the purpose of hearing a report from the Pulpit Search Committee and to vote to extend a call to the Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain to fill the vacancy of the Senior Minister.

AN EVENING WITH THE STRAINS

The Pulpit Search Committee invites all communing members of First Presbyterian Church to come together in Miller Hall on Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship with the Senior Minister Candidate, The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain. All other regular Wednesday evening adult activities will be cancelled.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, April 6, 2014. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and **turn it in by Monday, March 24**. Any forms received after this Monday will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained from Shannon Craft or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

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