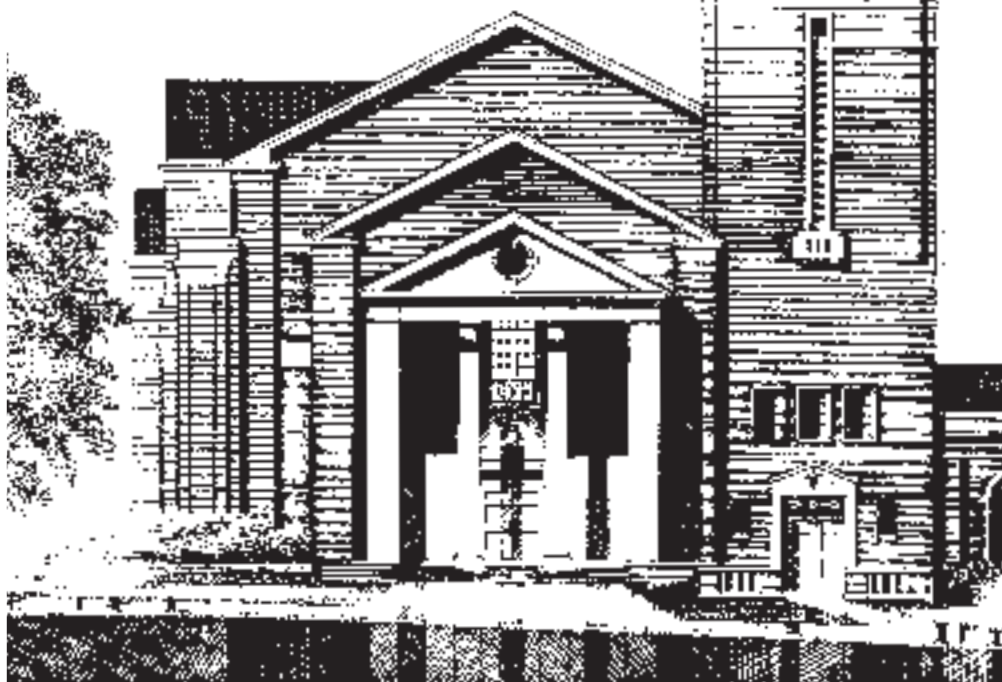


# The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



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

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth 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** — “My Song Is Love Unknown” .....Michale Burkhardt  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” .....Ludwig van Beethoven  
Jeff Brown, Guest Director

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Psalm of Praise No. 3** — “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” (Psalm 136)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

‡ **The Doxology**

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav’ly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

**The Scripture Reading** — I Peter 3:8-22 (Pew Bible pages 1015-1016)

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 715** — “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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

**The Offertory** — “He That Shall Endure to the End” (Elijah).....Mendelssohn  
“He that shall endure to the end shall be saved.”  
Matthew 10:22

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Matthew 13:24-43 (Pew Bible pages 818-819)

**The Sermon** — Training for Kingdom Living: .....Mr. Strain  
“The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares”

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 310** — “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “God Be with You” .....William Tomer

**The Congregational Meeting**

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

**Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Guy L. Richardson**

Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson Campus President

**Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley**

Executive Minister

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

**The Prelude —** The Four and Five-Years-Old Choirs

**The Introit — “Jubilance”** ..... Linda Spevacek

The Pearl Junior High Singers; Sarah Little, Director; Tommy Creel, Accompanist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 372 —** “Praise Waits for Thee in Zion” (Tune: St. Theodulph)

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Evening Hymn (Stz. 1-3) —** “O Church, Arise” (See Evening Guide)

\* **The Greetings**

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

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

**The Offertory —** “Agnus Dei” (Lamb of God) ..... J. D. Frizzell

The Pearl Junior High Singers

“O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

**The Young Children's Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 115 (Stz. 5) —** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

**The Children's Catechism No. 8**

Q. “Who are they?”

A. “The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

**The Scripture —** Genesis 1:1-2, 26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16-17;

Luke 1:35; I John 5:7

**The Meditation** ..... Stefan Sanchez, College Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 449 —** “We Rest on Thee”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture —** Joshua 1:1-9 (Pew Bible page 178)

**The Sermon —** “To Serve with Distinction” ..... Dr. Richardson

‡ **The Benediction and Response (Stz. 4) —** “O Church, Arise”

“So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,

That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,

We hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.”

**The Response —** The Pearl Junior High Singers

**The Postlude —** “Lord of Glory, Who Has Bought Us” ..... Paul Manz

Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

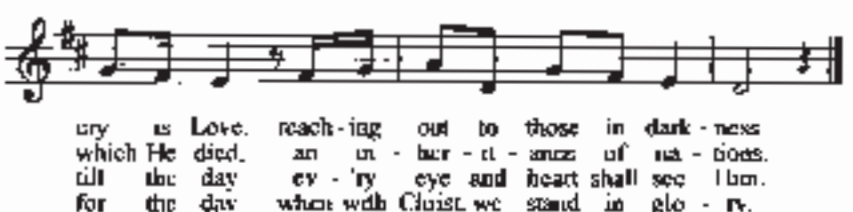
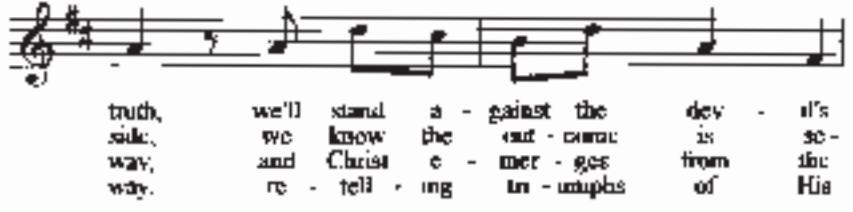
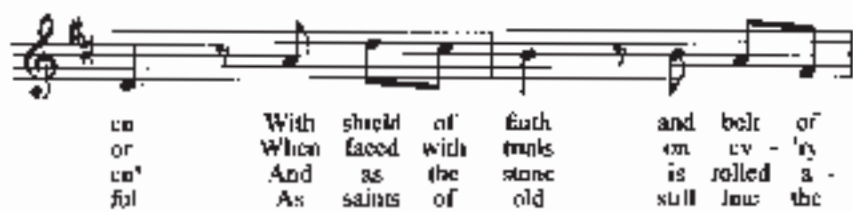
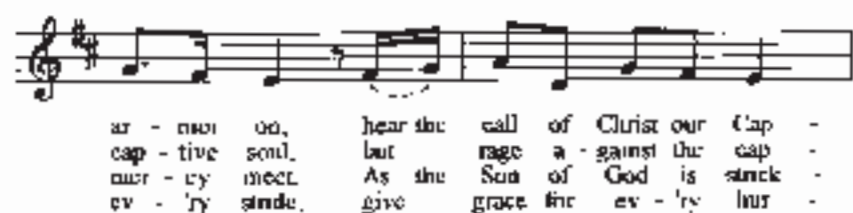
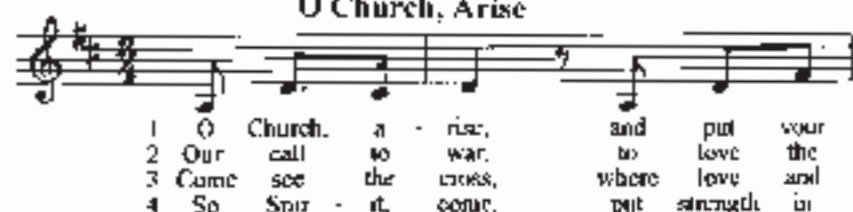
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**To All Our  
Visitors**

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.

# O Church, Arise



# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Give to Our God Immortal Praise

We begin our Lord's Day morning worship by singing together this beautiful paraphrase of Psalm 136 by Isaac Watts. The book of Psalms is God's divinely inspired hymnbook, thus, we always sing psalms along with scripturally sound hymns in all our services. The tune's composer, Ralph Harrison, in 1763, entered Warrington Academy (from which this hymn's tune is named). After being ordained a Presbyterian minister, he served at Shrewsbury for a time, then moved to Cross Street Chapel, Manchester, England. In 1774, he began a school, and gained such repute as a master that when the Manchester Academy was established in 1798, Harrison was appointed one of the professors. About 1780, he planned to bring together a collection of tunes for use in the Manchester district, especially in his own chapel. No local collection had been issued for a long time, and after he had, as he said in the preface, tried in vain to induce others to undertake the work, he began it himself, though he said he "boasted no extraordinary talent in music." A Psalm which reflects on God's deliverance of his people in the Exodus, we sing it today in thanksgiving for God's victories on our behalf at both the old Exodus and the new—out of eternal darkness and into marvelous light through faith in Jesus Christ.

### The Doxology

In response to our Prayer of Adoration and Invocation, we will sing the "Doxology" (a word which simply means "word of praise") in praise to God, from Whom all blessings flow. This morning we sing the classic text of the Doxology (written by Thomas Ken) with the "Alleluia" added, all to the glorious and majestic tune of "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" (to which we sing "All Creatures of our God and King").

### Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

This is most appropriate hymn for us to sing in response to the Reading of God's Word and the Morning Prayer. Sir George J. Elvey (1816-1893), organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle for nearly fifty years, wrote the music to the well-loved Thanksgiving hymn about 1844. The lyrics are by Henry Alford (1810-1871), an Anglican minister in England. The opening stanza calls on God's people to give thanks for God's gracious provisions. Stanzas two through four echo the parable of the Wheat and Tares in Matthew 13, and the parable of the Growing Seed in Mark 4. They remind us that the world is God's field, and for as long as the Lord shall tarry, both wheat and weeds will grow in it. The final stanza recognizes that our Lord will once again return, and gather His people together. It is a prayer to God for His swift return. "Even so, Lord, quickly come, to Thy final harvest home."

### Rejoice, the Lord Is King

In thinking about kingdom living and life as disciples of Christ Jesus, we realize that we need to depend on, follow, and trust in an all-wise, all-powerful King. The idea for this hymn's lyrics is inspired by Philippians 4:4—"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!" It is a celebration of the glories of our resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ. It reminds us that the cross was not the final destination for Jesus, but that after "He had purged our stains, He took his seat above." Stanza three calls us to praise Him for the surety of His kingdom. In stanza four, we sing of Jesus' final defeat of all His enemies. And in stanza five, we profess our hope that He will yet return and will "take His servants up to their eternal home." No wonder we respond to each verse with a hearty, "Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!" What a fitting hymn to conclude our Lord's Day Morning Worship.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY • MARCH 30, 2014**

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 8:20 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 various locations</p> <p><b>Inquirers Class</b> — 9:40 a.m. in M133</p> <p><b>College Sunday School</b> — 9:50 a.m. in the CH</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Student Choir Rehearsal</b> — 4:40 p.m. in the MS</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> — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Senior High Insight</b> — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Swayzes (1721 Howard Street)</p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Circle Bible Teachers Meeting</b> — 9:00 a.m. in WH204</p> <p><b>Benevolence Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p><b>NCC Tutoring</b> — 3:00 p.m. in SC210</p> <p><b>Scouts Court of Honor</b> — 7:00 p.m. in MH</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study</b> — 6:30 a.m. in WH202</p> <p><b>Staff Meeting</b> — 9:00 a.m. in the MS</p> <p><b>Sunday School Ministry Team Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NCC Tutoring</b> — 3:00 p.m. in SC210</p> <p><b>Management Committee Meeting</b> — 5:30 p.m. in SC215</p> <p><b>Internationals</b> — 6:45 p.m. in PH</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>MOMS Bible Study</b> — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC</p> <p><b>Men's Bible Study</b> — 10:00 a.m. in SR</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p><b>Interns Meeting</b> — 4:00 p.m. in the basement classroom</p> <p><b>Family Night Supper</b> — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p><b>Junior High Discipleship 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>The Choir</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p><b>Children's Choirs</b> — 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Discipleship Groups</b> — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Sixth Grade Fellowship</b> — 6:30 p.m. in SC321/Gym</p> <p><b>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting</b> — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Mark Bible Study</b> — 9:30 a.m. in various locations</p> <p><b>Genesis Bible Study</b> — 9:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Men of the Covenant</b> — 11:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p><b>Student Ministry Committee Meeting</b> — 11:45 a.m. in WH204</p> <p><b>MS Valey Presbytery Meeting</b> — 3:00 p.m. in WH202</p> <p><b>Presbytery Mission to Military Committee Meeting</b> — 4:00 p.m. in SC215</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Sew &amp; Sow</b> — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</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..." — **Dave & Jan T.** – serving as church planters with Mission to the World in Europe. For contact information, please contact the Mission Department.

**Joel & Holly Wallace**- serving as the Associate Director for the Mission to North America; Special Needs Ministry. Mailing address: 3409 Loch Ridge Trail, Birmingham, AL 35216; Email address: jwallace@pcanet.org

## MISSION PLEDGE CARDS

As of last Sunday, 249 cards were received for a total of \$578,818. Last year at this time we had received 290 cards for a total of \$668,166. 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.

## CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a congregational meeting **today** 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.

## 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.. 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.

## MEN OF THE COVENANT

Thursday, April 3

Miller Hall — 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Men, join us Thursday, April 3, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon where Mr. T. Mac Howard from Delta Streets Academy in Greenwood, MS, will speak to us. Reservations are not required and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

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

### Family Seminar Series with Dr. Tom Elkin

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

#### 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](http://www.fpcjackson.org) and go to Discipleship / Women / Events or call 601-353-8316 or email [receptionist@fpcjackson.org](mailto:receptionist@fpcjackson.org) a week in advance of each seminar. Nursery for children up to age 4 will be made available upon request.

## 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](mailto:ghdear@bellsouth.net) or Weezie Polk at 601-973-9115 or [weeziep@pcjackson.org](mailto:weeziep@pcjackson.org).

## SUPPORT GROUP

It has been said that two of the most powerful words in the English language are "me too." Every month a group meets of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction. This is a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. Please join us. For more information concerning the place and time of our meetings call or text (601)941-7518 or email Shannon Craft at [shannonc@fpcjackson.org](mailto:shannonc@fpcjackson.org)

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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 5:15 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 Discipleship Groups ..... Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.  
Children's Activities ..... Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.  
Discipleship Groups ..... Wednesday 6:30 P.M.  
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting..... Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

\*THE CHOIR REHEARSAL.....Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.

### THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:

\*Administrative Council .....First Monday, 9:30 A.M.  
\*Circles ..... Second Week

THE MEN OF THE COVENANT .....First Thursday, 11:45 A.M.

THE SESSION MEETING .....Second Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE DIACONATE MEETING .....Second Monday, 5:30 P.M.

\* A nursery for infants and pre-school children is maintained by the Church.