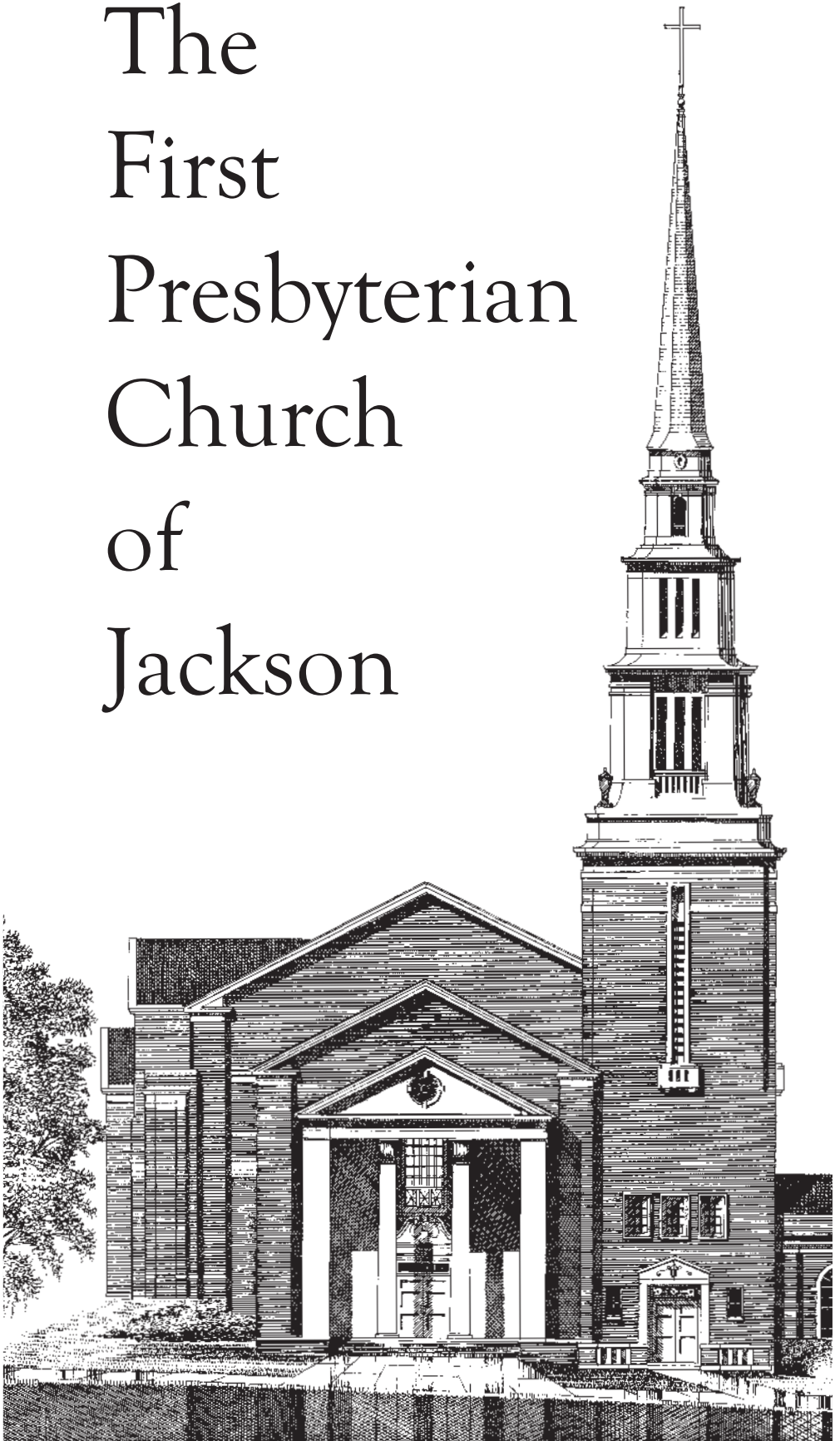


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Tenth Day of May, 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. William E. Dempsey

Minister of Discipleship

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 — "Prelude in G" Michael Burkhardt

Connie S. Wadsworth, Organ

The Introit — "Come, Join Our Cheerful Song" Paul Sjolund

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Hymn of Praise No. 2** — "O Worship the King"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **The Doxology**

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

The Scripture Reading — Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 (Pew Bible Page 553)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Psalm No. 149** — "Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth" (TUNE: *Germany*)
(From Psalm 119)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" Gilbert Martin

"Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine:
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire; purge me with Your holy fire.
Holy Spirit, power divine, fortify this will of mine;
By Your will I strongly thrive, bravely bear, nobly strive.
Holy Spirit, right divine, make my conscience wholly Thine;
Be my guide, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free. Amen."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Ephesians 1:15-23 (Pew Bible page 976)

The Sermon — *New Community*: "Praying for the Spirit" Mr. Strain

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 333** — "Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response**

"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me."

The Postlude — "Postlude on the Old 100th" Healey Willan

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — “Amazing Grace”arr. by J. Hunt
FPC Brass

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn No. 38** — “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Recognition of Recitation of the Children’s Catechism

The Hymn — “Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Donnie Cannada

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Nearer, My God, To Thee” Mason, arr. by J. Hunt
FPC Brass

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 485 (Stz. 1 and 4) — “O Thou That Hear’st When Sinners Cry”

The Children’s Catechism No. 56

Q. “What happens when you repent?”

A. “You become sorry for your sins. You hate them and stop doing them,
because they anger God.”

The Scripture — Psalm 97:10; Isaiah 55:7; Acts 2:38

The Meditation Greg Meyer, Student Ministry Assistant

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 647 (Stz. 1-5)** — “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 51 (Pew Bible page 474)

The Sermon — “The Cry for Pardon” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response**

“Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.”

The Postlude — “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Holden
FPC Brass

*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.

PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)



1. From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lam-en-ta-
 2. To wash a-way the crim-son stain, grace, grace a-lone a-vail-
 *3. There-fore my trust is in-the Lord, and not in my own mer-
 4. What though I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn ap-pear-
 5. Though great our sins and sore our woes His gracemuch more a-bound-



- tion. Lord turn a gra-cious ear - to me and hear
 - eth. Our works, a-las! are all - in vain; In much
 * - it. On Him my soul shall rest - His word up-holds
 - eth, My heart still trust-eth in - His might; It doubt -
 - eth, His help-ing love no lim - it knows, Our ut -



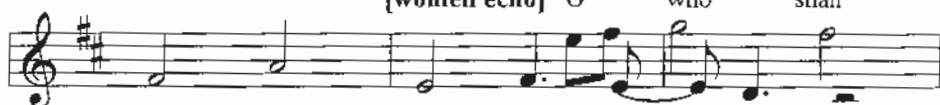
- my sup- pli - ca - tion. If thou in - i - qui - ties
 - the best life fail - eth. No man can glo - ry in
 * - my faint-ing spir - it. His prom - ised mer - cy is -
 - eth, not nor fear - eth; Do thus, O ye of Is -
 - most need it sound - eth. Our Shep-herd good and true

[Men]



- dost mark our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O -
 - Thy sight, all must - a - like con - fess Thy might. And
 * - my fort, my com - fort and my sweet sup - port, I -
 - rael's seed, Ye of - the Spir - it born in - deed. And
 - is He, Who will at last His Is - rael free from

[women echo] O who shall



who shall stand be - fore - Thee.
 live a - lone by mer - - cey.
 * wait for it with pa - - tience.
 wait 'til God a - pear - - eth.
 all their sin and sor - - row

stand be - fore Thee?



[men echo] O who shall stand be - fore

[women] who shall stand be - fore - Thee?



- Thee?

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

O Worship the King

Our opening hymn of praise is based on a psalm of praise. The Book of Psalms is God's divinely inspired hymnbook; thus, we always sing psalms along with scripturally sound hymns in all our services. Though most of our congregation will recognize it as one of their favorite "hymns," it is, in fact, a Robert Grant paraphrase of a portion of Psalm 104. Stanzas one and two use stirring metaphors in an attempt to describe God's transcendence, His majesty, His glory, His beauty, His splendor. He is "our Shield and Defender . . . whose robe is the light." Stanzas three and four express awe and wonder over God's creative masterpiece, creation, and His providential ordering of all things. "The earth with its stores, of wonders untold, Almighty your power has founded of old." Stanza five turns its attention to the special place man is given in God's creation and redemption. Though only "frail children of dust," we are yet the objects of His special care. In the final stanza, we recognize that we are the "humbler creation" (when compared to the angels that sing His praises in heaven), and yet will offer "true adoration" to the King!

The Sermon

One of the deepest issues plaguing our radically individualized society today is the issue of loneliness. As we begin our studies in the book of Ephesians, we're going to see that at its heart is a message about the Church, God's New Community. Its central concern and burden is to teach us about where we really do belong - the church of Jesus Christ, the community into which we are built as we believe the Gospel of grace. And hence, the book of Ephesians is immensely important, providing God's antidote to our isolation.

MAY CIRCLES

MONDAY, MAY 11

CIRCLE 2: *Fair Hurst*

10:00 a.m. - home of Fair Hurst
2210 Culleywood Road

CIRCLE 3: *Tot Bailey & Ginger Cotten*

10:00 a.m. - home of Sue Ann Stewart
506 Shalom Way, Flowood

CIRCLE 4: *Rebecca Redman*

10:00 a.m. - Church Parlor

CIRCLE 5: *Laura Blaylock*

9:45 a.m. - Church Library

CIRCLE 6: *Fran Askew*

6:00 p.m. - home of Beth Archer
2257 East Northside Drive

CIRCLE 7: *Marian Ware*

5:30 p.m. - Miller Hall

CIRCLE 8: *Janet Davis*

9:30 a.m. - The Orchard

CIRCLE 14: *Susan Turner & Marty May*

12:00 noon - Miller Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 12

CIRCLE 9: *Gayle Poole and Grace Toler*

10:00 a.m. - Church Parlor

CIRCLE 10: *Diana Howie*

10:30 a.m. - home of Pat Stockett
2405 Sand Ridge Drive

CIRCLE 11: *Frenchie Graham*

10:30 a.m. - home of Frenchie Graham
4005 Cabell Lane

CIRCLE 12: *Nina Johnston & Rachel Bonner*

10:00 a.m. - St. Catherine's

CIRCLE 13: *Karen Crawford*

12:00 noon - Miller Hall

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • MAY 10, 2015

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 YH
Inquirers' Class — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in Session Room
College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
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 Hedermans
 (4265 Brussels Drive)

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
Diaconate Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in PH
Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Tuesday

Men's "Truth at Dawn" Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Junior High Large Group — 5:00 p.m. in YH
Christianity Explored — 5:30 p.m. in LH
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground
Peru Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH202
Uganda Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH204
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Children's "Missions in May" Program — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 in SC122/123
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC & WH
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH

Thursday

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Scout Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH
Discipleship Group Leaders Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

Friday

RTS Seniors Banquet — 6:00 p.m. in MH

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH
RTS Graduation — 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and MH

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..." **Third Millennium Ministries** – This ministry seeks to provide distance theological education to thousands of pastors around the world who lack sufficient training for ministry. Mailing address: 316 Live Oaks Boulevard, Casselberry, FL 32707 Email: dpillow@thirdmill.org **Kyle & Gretchen Parker** – serving as church planters with Mission to North America in Spokane, WA. Mailing address: 3906 S. Manito Blvd. Spokane, WA 99203. Email: jkyleparker@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. John A. (Katherine) Smith — April 29, 2015

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in thankfulness for the life of David Hudson Bradford by his parents, David and Corinne Bradford, and his siblings, Nate Bradford, Marianne Bradford, and Bill Bradford.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Q&A

Please join us, Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. in Miller Hall for a time of Questions and Answers with our Senior Minister, David Strain, on the topic of worship. He will answer questions submitted by you, the congregation, prior to the event. If you have a question regarding worship or elements of worship, please submit it by noon on Tuesday, May 19. You can email your questions to questions@fpcjackson.org or by calling the receptionist at 601-353-8316. Please note that the weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting will not meet.

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS: MINISTRY SAFE

Protecting our Children

Sadly, we live in a day in which our children are exposed to those who not only don't have their best interests at heart, but who, instead, are looking for ways to take advantage of them. Current statistics say that at least 20% of all those sitting in our pews on a Sunday morning have been victims of some form of child abuse in their lifetimes, so our church wants to be at the forefront of insuring the safety of those children God has given to our care. Over the last months our church staff and officers have been involved with Ministry Safe, an organization dedicated to helping churches enact practices which promote the safety of our children and youth. The officers and staff have gone through training regarding the policies and standards that have been proven to be the most effective in prohibiting opportunities to those who would harm our children, and now all our members who volunteer in any way with our children or youth will need to be trained as well. No one will be able to work with our children or youth in any capacity until they complete the training. We know that we're asking for an added commitment from those who are already faithfully serving, but we believe that doing our best to protect our children is what we are called to do, and we know that you want to do that, too.

On Sunday, June 7, in Miller Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, we will have a training luncheon. We are asking that you please make this luncheon a priority if you currently work with our youth or children and if you think you may in the future. This training would also be excellent for parents who want to know how to protect their children from abuse. It will last about 2 ½ hours, and a nursery and children's program will be provided. Please make every effort to attend.

CHURCHWIDE NIGHT OF PRAYER

Across history God has often brought seasons of revival and spiritual renewal to His church when God's people have gathered to pray together. To help us grow in this area, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, after our usual family supper, the entire congregation will gather in Miller Hall for an evening of prayer and praise. We hope that a periodic gathering for prayer like this will become a regular feature of our church's life. Spurgeon called the prayer meeting the "engine room" of the church. Churches change at prayer meetings. The kingdom of God advances when God's people pray. Come and join us with expectant hearts as we look to God for His blessing on the work of the gospel at home and around the world.

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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:

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| * 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 | |

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| *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. |