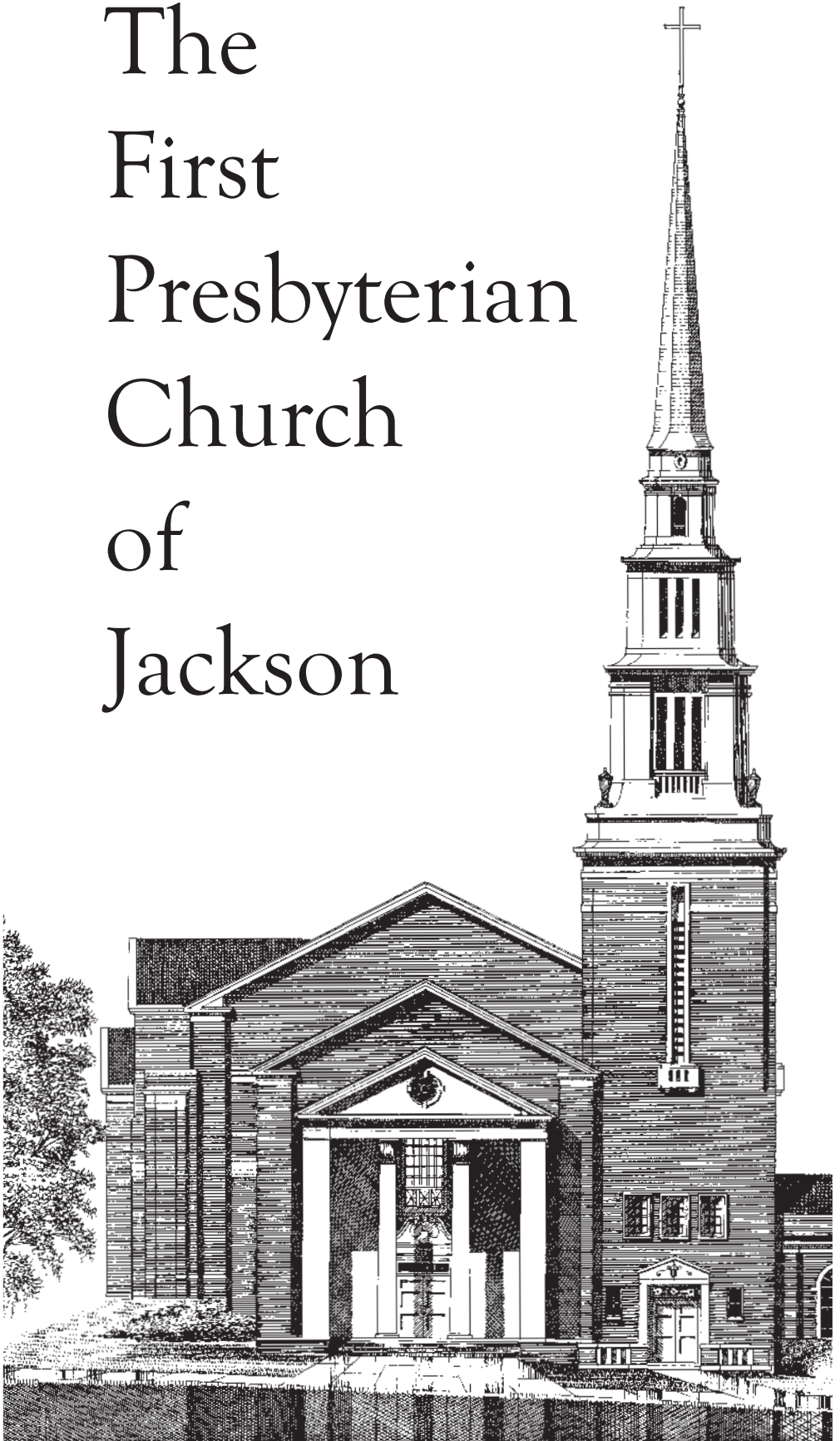


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventeenth 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. David L. Felker  
Minister of Young Adults and College

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

**The Introit** — “Ride on, King Jesus!” ..... Southern Spiritual  
Kim Porter, Soloist

**The Call to Worship**

\*‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 441** — “Jesus Shall Reign” (Psalm 72)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

\*‡ **The Doxology** — “Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when He had purged our stains, He took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!”

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Words of Institution  
The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families  
The Biblical Promise  
The Questions to the Parents and Congregation  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Baptism  
The Baptismal Benediction

**The Congregational Response** — “Children of the Heavenly Father”  
“Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather:  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.  
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.”

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

**The Offertory** — “Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet” ..... Wayne Goodine  
With René Young, Soloist; Kathryn Edwards, Pianist  
“It matters not where you have been; it matters not what you have done;  
for there is cleansing from every sin in the blood of God's own Son.  
Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool,  
though they be red like crimson, they shall be white as snow.  
Rise to walk a brand-new man; oh, how great the mystery!  
By His grace, you can be made whole, and by His blood you are set free.  
Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool,  
though they be red like crimson, they shall be white as snow.  
Come be washed today in the blood of the Lamb.  
Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.  
Though they be red like crimson, they shall be white as snow.”  
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**The Prayer of Illumination**

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

**The Sermon** — *New Community*: “Head over All” ..... Mr. Strain

\*‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 677** — “Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!”

‡ **The Benediction**

\*‡ **The Response** — “He is Lord. He is Lord. He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord.  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.”

**The Postlude** — “Fugue in C Major” ..... Felix Mendelssohn

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Assisting — Mr. Gary W. Sinclair

Christian Education Intern

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

**The Prelude** — “I Am not Worthy” ..... Henry Coleman  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 302** — “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

‡ **The Invocation**

\* **The Evening Hymn** — “In Christ Alone” (See Evening Guide)

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Paul Stephenson

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

**The Offertory** — “Morning Has Broken” ..... Bunessan, arr. by J. Hunt  
Madeleine Case, French Horn  
Shellie Brown, violin; Elisabeth Sinclair, violin  
Stephen Sebastian, viola; John Sinclair, cello

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 521 (Stz. 1)** — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

**The Children’s Catechism No. 57**

Q. “What happens when you believe in Christ?”

A. “You trust Christ alone to save you.”

**The Scripture** — Ecclesiastes 3:14; Matthew 7:13-14; John 10:9; 14:6;  
Ephesians 2:8-9; James 2:19

**The Meditation** ..... Kevin Phipps, Director of Media

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 461 (Stz. 1-4)** — “Not What My Hands Have Done”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

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

**The Sermon** — “The Cry for Purity” ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response**

“I praise the God of grace; I trust His truth and might; He calls me His,  
I call Him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
’Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives.”

**The Postlude** — “Recessional” ..... Herbert Stanley

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‡Congregation standing

To All Our  
Visitors

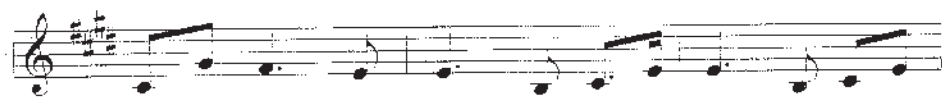
We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have, please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We would love to meet you.

# "In Christ Alone"

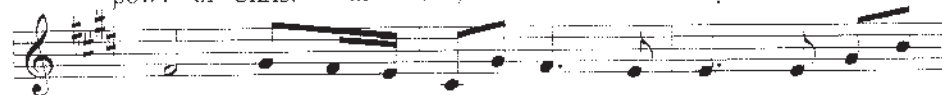
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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my  
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of  
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the  
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease! My com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the  
fied, For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the  
me, for I am His and he is mine, bought with the  
hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand.  
death of Christ I live  
pre - cious blood of Christ  
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

# A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

## Thoughts on Baptism

Baptism is a new covenant sign. That is, it points to and confirms the gracious saving promise of God to His people and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. It is to be administered to believers and their children, as can be seen from Genesis 17, Matthew 28, Colossians 2, 1 Corinthians 7, and Acts 16.

To elaborate, Christian baptism is (1) **commanded by Christ** in Matthew 28 (“Go...make disciples...baptizing and...teaching them”). (2) It is to be applied to believers as we see in Acts 8 (“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning to see from Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?’ *And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’* And he ordered the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.”) (3) It is to be administered to believers and their children, as can be seen from Genesis 17 (“I will establish my covenant between me, and you, and your descendants”) — which shows that the normal order of discipleship in the church is baptism followed by teaching; Colossians 2 (In Christ “you were also circumcised... having been buried with Him in baptism”) — which shows that New Testament water baptism replaces Old Testament circumcision as the sign of membership in the church, 1 Corinthians 7 (“your children are...now...holy”) — which confirms the place of children in the new covenant community, the church; and Acts 16 (“Lydia...was listening, and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And...she and her household [were] baptized”) — which shows us the pattern of the earliest church in covenant baptism.

Baptism (and especially “infant baptism” or covenant baptism) beautifully points to the initiative of God’s love. He reached out to us, when we could not reach out to Him. It is thus a perfect picture of sovereign, saving grace. “Every time we baptize an infant we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for.” (B.B. Warfield)

We, of course, also baptize adult believers (who have never before been baptized.) In this way, they are recognized as disciples of Jesus Christ through the means of baptism and confession of faith (see Acts 2:38, 8:35-37; Romans 10:9), and so it is our great joy and privilege from time to time, to hear new Christians profess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel, and to see them receive the mark of membership in the covenant community.

### *The Larger Catechism* says:

“The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.”

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • MAY 17, 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 various locations</p> <p><b>College Sunday School</b> — 9:50 a.m. in the CH</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary</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> <p><b>No Senior High Insight</b></p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Sunday School Presidents' Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p><b>Benevolence Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Men's "Truth at Dawn" Bible Study</b> — 6:30 a.m. in WH202</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Women and Children's Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p><b>Shepherding Committee Meeting</b> — 5:30 p.m. in SC215</p> <p><b>Choir Dinner</b> — 6:00 p.m. in MH</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Day School Graduation</b> — 8:30 a.m. in Sanctuary and MH</p> <p><b>Men's Bible Study</b> — 10:00 a.m. in the SR</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 Large Group</b> — 5:00 p.m. in the YH</p> <p><b>Children's Activities</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/ Company Room</p> <p><b>ABC Uganda Mission Trip Meeting</b> — 5:30 p.m. in WH204</p> <p><b>The Choir</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p><b>Children's "Missions in May" Program</b> — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in SC122/123</p> <p><b>Q and A with David Strain</b> — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>General Assembly Commissioners' Meeting</b> — 11:30 a.m. in WH204</p> <p><b>Student Ministry Committee Meeting</b> — 11:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p><b>MTW Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>No Scheduled Activities</b></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** – Serving in administration and church planting with Mission to the World in Europe. For contact information, please contact the Mission and Outreach Department. **Jon & Marla Payne** – serving as church planters at Christ Church Presbyterian in Charleston, SC. Mailing address: 1381 Scotts Creek Cir. Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, 29464 Email: [jdpchristchurch@icloud.com](mailto:jdpchristchurch@icloud.com)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the graduating class of 2015 by Reformed Theological Seminary.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. William (Jackie) Ruddock — May 7, 2015

## BAPTISM

This morning the sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered to Russell Levi Coleman, son of Justice and Mrs. Josiah Dennis Coleman; Lucas Pierre Phipps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Clayton Phipps; Nora Lynn Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly Dunwoody Jackson; Charles Curren Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Carey Johnston; Morgan Lee Sumrall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Myer Sumrall.

## GOOD BYE, AND HELLO AGAIN

Today is Weezie Polk's last day as our Children's Ministry Director. We have all benefitted so much from her devotion and efforts on behalf of our children, not to mention the use of her huge talents and quick wit, so come by the Visitors Desk today before Sunday School to express your appreciation to her for her service to our children and our Lord. She will resume the role of exceptional volunteer from which she was recruited to be the Children's Director, and you will see her around the church continuing to co-labor with us all in Gospel ministry.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## "MINISTRY SAFE" TRAINING LUNCH - PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN Sunday, June 7 • 12:30 p.m. • Miller Hall

This training is for:  
**ALL children and youth volunteers**  
(*this includes VBS, Children's Choirs, Sunday School,  
Sunday night scripture memory class*)

**ALL chaperones • Any parents who are interested**

Nursery and Children's Programs will be available.  
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# The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

In order for the congregation to more fully enter into the service of the sacrament of baptism and to refresh ourselves on our church membership vow, the following is provided for your convenience and information:

To the parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

And

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

First Presbyterian Church purposes to stand as a Reformed witness to Jackson, to the surrounding community, and ultimately to the world through the proclamation of the whole counsel of God as written in the verbally inspired, infallible Scriptures.

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