

"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The Nineteenth Day of May, Two Thousand Thirteen MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker Minister of Young Adults

At the time of the Greetings and Announcement 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 — "Little Chorale Prelude on 'Be Thou My Vision'"A.P. Van Idersti Connie S. Wadsowrth, Organist

The Introit — "Let All The World In Every Corner Sing" Walter Pelz **The Call to Worship**

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

†The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

The Scripture Reading — Jeremiah 28:1-17 (Pew Bible pages 655-656)

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 No. 413 — (Stanzas 1 and 3)

"Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer"

"Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer, we now devote to Thee; Let them Thy covenant mercies share, and Thy salvation see. In early days their hearts secure from worldly snares, we pray; O let them to the end endure in every righteous way."

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "The River Of The Water Of Life".......Malcolm Archer "I saw the river of the water of life, bright as a crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. Alleluia.

Let Everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wished take the waster of life as a gift. Alleluia. Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.

Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water. I saw the river of the water of life..."

Rev. 22:1; John 7:37-38 OneLicense.net #A-713437

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 7:11-28 (Pew Bible pages 1004-1005)

The Sermon — *Better* "The Guarantee of a Better Covenant" Dr. Duncan

‡The Hymn of Response No. 305 — "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

‡The Benediction

The Response — "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"W. Tomer

The Postlude — "I Sing the Almighty Power of God".....Ron Boud

^{*}The ushers may seat latecomers ‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley Executive Minister

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.)
The Prelude — "Pastorale on 'Forest Green'"Richard Purvis William Wymond, Organist
The Call to Worship
‡ The Psalm of Praise No. 1 — "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (Psalm 100)
†The Invocation
The Greetings and Introduction of the Presbytery CommissionMr. Kelley
The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings
The Offertory — "For The Beauty Of The Earth" Martin Antoon, Guitar
#The Hymn No. 518 — "Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"
The Prayer of Illumination
The Reading of Holy Scripture — Colossians 1:28-29 (Pew Bible page 983)
The Sermon — "Him We Proclaim" Dr. Duncan
The Order of Installation The Proceedings of the Presbytery The Propounding of the Constitutional Questions to the Minister-Elect
†The Psalm of Response No. 87 — (Psalm 23) "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
*The Benediction and 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 Postlude — "Andante" (Water Music)

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

√Children dismissed to their classes during this hymn

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.

A Guide to the Evening Service

A Service of Installation

As part of our corporate worship this Lord's Day evening, it is our privilege to host the Commission of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery for the purpose of installing our new Minister of Teaching and Mission, Mr. David Strain. David was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to faith in Christ during his high school years. He studied fine art at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art in Dundee, Scotland, where he graduated with honors and met his wife, Sheena. While in art school, David was involved in student ministry, becoming President of the Christian Union, and there began to discern a call to the ministry. After graduation, he worked for two years with the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF, the British version of InterVarsity) at first in Dundee and then in Glasgow. He subsequently came under care of the Glasgow Presbytery of the Church of Scotland and studied theology at Trinity College (Glasgow University), where he won the gold medal in Systematic Theology and again graduated with honors.

Because of his biblical convictions, he was prevented from ministering in the Church of Scotland and so attended the Free Church of Scotland College in Edinburgh, graduating with distinction. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in the Free Church in September 2003, and took pastoral charge of Cole Abbey Presbyterian Church, (now London City Presbyterian Church), the Free Church of Scotland congregation in the City of London, England. In 2008, David and his family moved to the United States where he became the Senior Pastor of Main Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Mississippi. David is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree at Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson.

David and Sheena have been married for 14 years and have two boys Euan, 10, and Joel, 8.

The Questions of Installation

Tonight, David Strain will answer the following questions:

Questions for Installation

- 1. Are you now willing to serve this congregation as their Minister of Teaching and Mission, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
- 2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
- 3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of an assistant pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

Questions to the Session for Installation

- 1. Do you, the members of the session, continue to profess your readiness to receive David Strain?
- 2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
- 3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
- 4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

PRESBYTERY COMMISSION

A Commission of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery at the service tonight will install The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain as he begins his work here as Minister of Teaching and Mission.

RE Crane D. Kipp
TE J. Ligon Duncan III RE M. Barham McCay
TE Ralph S. Kelley RE Thomas I. Rice
TE Guy L. Richardson RE Alan H. Walters
TE Guy P. Waters RE Mark J.Windham

Honorary Members: The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Sacrament of Baptism

We have the privilege of worshipping in word and in sacrament today. Baptism is a sign of a covenant promise of God to His people, directly instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, in which Jesus has directed that water is to be applied, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to represent to us and assure us of the glorious realities of union with Christ, forgiveness of sins by His blood, regeneration by His Holy Spirit, our adoption, and our hope of resurrection to everlasting life. By baptism, the recipients are solemnly, publicly admitted into the visible church and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.

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 NT water baptism replaces OT 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 19, 2013

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 the M133

College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the College House **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 **Reception for David Strain and Family** — 7:00 p.m. in LH

No Senior High Insight

Monday Scout Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

Tuesday Day School's Last Day of Class

Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH204

Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. at the MS

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Employee Handbook Subcommittee — 12:00 noon in WH204

Wednesday Strategic Planning Committee Meeting — 7:15 a.m. in WH202

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in SR

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.

WIC/Day School Lunch — 11:30 in PH Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH

Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m.

on the playground

Peru Summer Mission Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH202

Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

on the playground/gym

The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS

Children's Classes — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. first floor SC

Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations **Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m.

in LH

Thursday | **The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PROS — 11:30 a.m. in MH

MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

Friday No Scheduled Activities

Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH

CH - College House MH - Miller Hall
LH - Lowe Hall MS - Music Suite
M - Main Floor PH - Patterson Hall
MCR - Ministers' YH - Youth House WH - Westminster Hall
HC - Hutton Chapel
LRC - Learning Resource
Center

Ministers' YH - Youth House Center
Conference Room SC - Study Center SR - Session Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us...." **Wes & Jami Baker** - serving with Christian Missionary Society in Peru. Mailing: Los Azahares 296, Palmeras del Golf, Trujillo, Peru; email: wesbaker@perumission.org.

Sarah Grafton - serves alongside our Internationals Class in Jackson. Mailing: 827 Belhaven St., Jackson, MS 39202; email: shgrafton@bellsouth.net.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Reformed Theological Seminary in honor of the 2013 Graduating Class.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

This Evening, May 19, 2013

Please plan to join us this evening, at 6:00 p.m. We will have a special service installing David Strain as Minister of Teaching and Mission. It will be a time to praise God for the call He has placed in David's life. There will be a reception in Lowe Hall immediately following the service.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, June 2, 2013. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in today. Any forms received after today 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.

THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Recent college graduate? New to Jackson? Young Adults - please join us Thursday, May 30th at 6:30 p.m. for Thursday Night Fellowship. If you are a Young Adult - single, married - come join us as we fellowship, eat barbeque, sing, and hear from God's Word. Thursday Night Fellowship is our mid-week large group Bible study, with an RUF large group feel to it. This summer we will be going through a series entitled, *Gospel Community: the One-Anothering Nature of the Church*. Join us at Danny and Holly Story's home (2416 Culleywood Road). Contact David Felker (601-850-8650) for more details, bring some friends, and come on out. Here's our summer schedule: May 30th—David Felker; June 13th—Les Newsom; June 27th—Billy Dempsey; July 11th—Brian Sorgenfrei; and July 25th—Cory Brock.

PROS FOR MAY

Please come join us for PROS (Presbyterian Retired Organization) on Thursday, May 23, 2013, at 11:30 am in Miller Hall. Our own Marilyn Tinnin will be our featured speaker. She is the publisher and editor of *Metro Christian Living Magazine* and has so many interesting experiences to share. We will enjoy an indoor picnic lunch of homemade pimento cheese sandwiches, yummy fried chicken tenders, fresh fruit kabobs, delicious broccoli salad, and to top it off, brownies and lemon squares. This PROS meeting will be the last until September. So, check your calendar, gather your friends, and make your reservations by Monday, May 20th at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENTION RISING COLLEGE FRESHMAN!

Join us for College Sunday School this summer in the College House (beside the Belhaven Street parking lot on N. State Street). Our topic this summer is *Gospel Relationships*. Teachers will include our new college staff members Kelly Jackson and Stefan Sanchez, as well as David Felker, Jeff Jordan (RUF MC), etc. Move up date for incoming freshman is June 2nd. We hope to see you there!

SUMMER RUF

Attention all college students (including rising freshmen)! We will kick off our summer Bible Study (Summer RUF) on Tuesday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Holly and Danny Story (2416 Culleywood Rd). Ben Shaw (Southern Miss RUF) will be speaking. The theme for the summer is "Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate." Bring friends!

GUESTS OF VBS

We love our guests at VBS! Please invite a friend or a neighbor to come to VBS with you. Visitors must be five-years-old by September 1 of this year to attend. Children of parents and grandparents who are church members are able to come to VBS at age three and don't forget to register your children!

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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