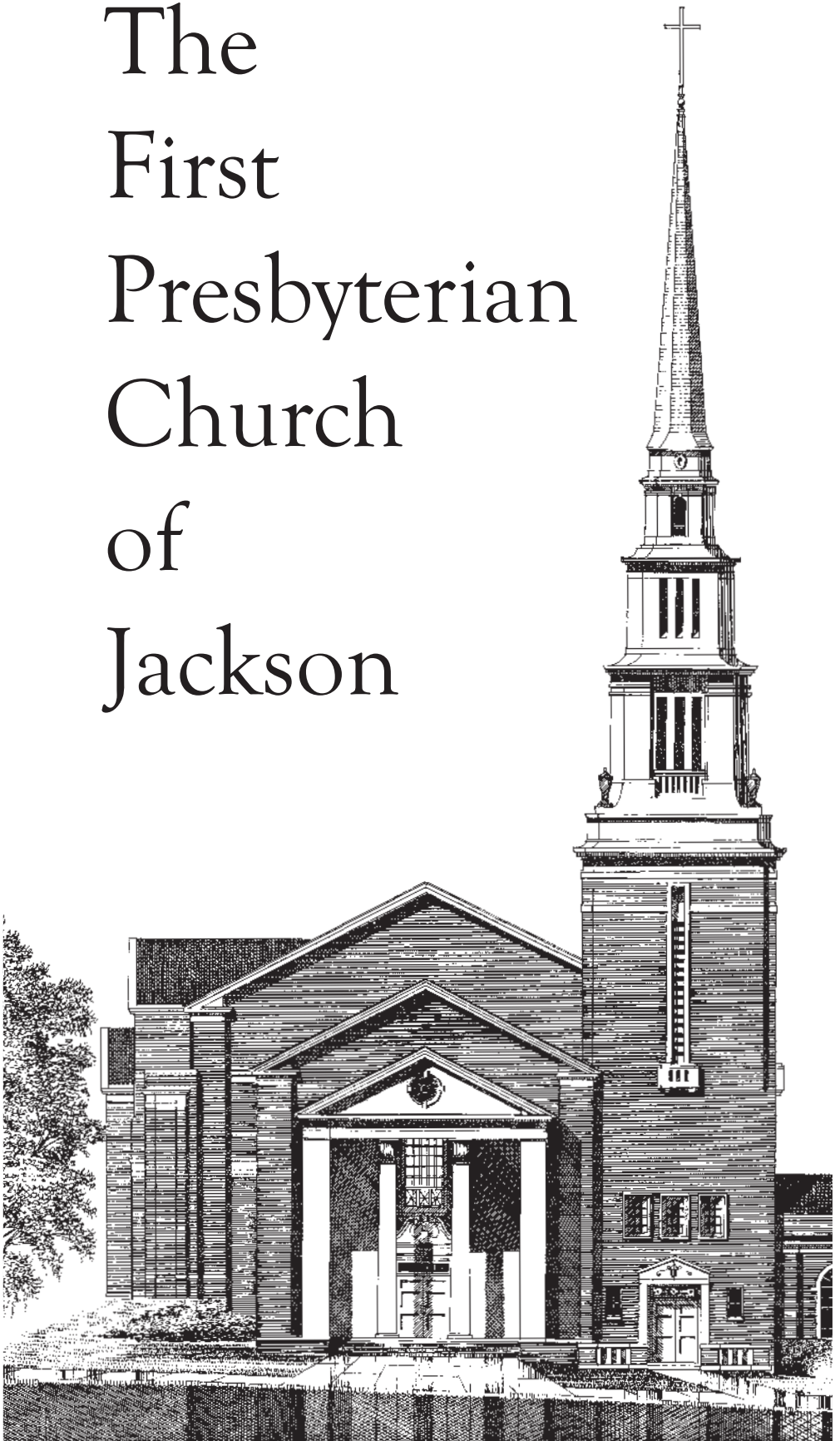


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-fourth Day of May, Two Thousand Fifteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Mr. Brian D. Sorgenfrei

Reformed University Fellowship Campus Minister, Mississippi State University

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 (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord” Daniel Towner
Nathan Oakley, Trombone; Dr. David Snyder, Piano

The Introit — “Let All The World in Every Corner Sing”R. Vaughan Williams

The Call to Worship

‡* **The Psalm of Praise No. 66** — “God Is Known among His People”
(from Psalm 76)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡* **The Doxology**

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

The Scripture Reading — Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 (Pew Bible pages 553-554)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 500** — “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “How Shall I Sing That Majesty” J. R. Daniels

“How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?

Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing ye heavenly choir.

Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God most high;

Ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears; Whilst I Thy footsteps trace,

A sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold Thy face.

They sing because Thou art their sun; Lord send a beam on me;

for where heaven is but once begun, there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, In flame it with love's fire;

Then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir;

I shall, I fear be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;

Yet, when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is Thine, which doth all beings keep!

Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.

Thou are a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;

Thy time is now and evermore, Thy place is everywhere.”

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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 15:1-32 (Pew Bible pages 874-875)

The Sermon — “Jesus' Posture Towards Us”Mr. Sorgenfrei

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 495** — “No, Not Despairingly Come I to Thee”

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** — “God Be with You 'til We Meet Again” William Tomer

The Postlude — “Finale”Louis Vierne

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps

Director of Media

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker

Minister of Young Adults and College

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

The Prelude — “Prelude in C# Minor” Robert D. Vadall
Caitlin Vickery, Piano

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn No. 587** — “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn — “Before the Throne” (See Evening Guide)

The Commissioning of the Uganda Mission Team

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Jimmy Armstrong

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “My Tribute” André Crouch
Kent Dear, Soloist

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 469 (Stz. 1, 3, and 4) — “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

The Children’s Catechism No. 58

Q. “Can you repent and believe in Christ on your own?”

A. “No. I must have the Holy Spirit’s help.”

The Scripture — John 3:19, 6:65; Acts 16:11-15; I Corinthians 12:3;
II Corinthians 5:17-18

The Meditation John Prabhakar, Senior Minister’s Intern

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 101** — “Come, Thou Almighty King”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Zephaniah 3:9-20 (Pew Bible page 790)

The Sermon — “A Portrait of the King” Mr. Phipps

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Response** “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!”

The Postlude — “Psalm 20” Benedetto Marcello
William Wymond, Organist

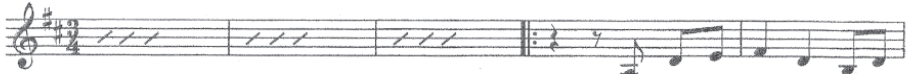
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To All Our
Visitors

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.

Before the Throne



1. Be - fore the Throne of God a -
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des -
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen



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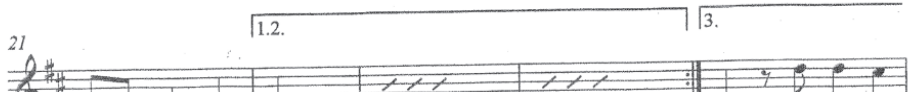
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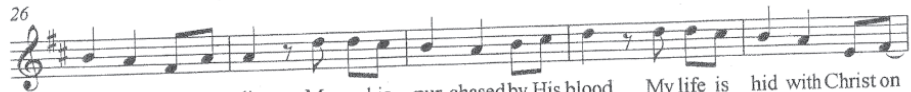
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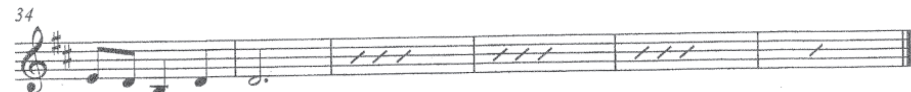
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Sav - ior and my God.

A GUIDE TO THE MORNING SERVICE

Guest Minister

Brian Sorgenfrei was born and raised in Jackson, MS, and graduated from Ole Miss. After graduation, Brian worked for two years with RUF as an intern at Auburn University. He then married and moved to Jackson to attend Reformed Theological Seminary. While in seminary, he worked with college students at First Presbyterian Church and Millsaps College. Upon completing seminary, Brian was ordained, and he and Liza moved to Starkville, MS to work with RUF at Mississippi State University. They have three children Shelby, Annie and Clark.

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

God Is Known Among His People

Our opening psalm of praise is a majestic setting of Psalm 76 from The Psalter of 1912, which is well known to our congregation. It highlights God's sovereign control over all things. Stanza 3 proclaims that He is both the Great Judge and the executioner of His judgments. It also draws a distinction between God's people (to whom He is known, and with whom He has established His abode), and His enemies, who receive His just displeasure. It is set to the tune of "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" ("Lauda Anima").

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

This hymn serves as a fitting preparation for the Word read and proclaimed. It is one of the great hymns of the faith, and well loved by this congregation. Each stanza is so rich in gospel truth, explaining the sinner's plight, the Savior's cure, and the means that Christians receive that cure. The hymn paints a stark picture of the sinner: he is doubly enslaved to sin (to both its curse and its power) and incapable of doing anything in his own strength to become free from his bondage (whether by his own labors or by his own sorrow). But the Savior is the Rock of Ages, Whose shed blood provides the "double cure" for the slavery of sin, Who is there to provide spotless garments for the naked, and Who will one day greet His children "in worlds unknown." And how can this be? What must His children do to appropriate this salvation? "Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross I cling!"

No, Not Despairingly Come I to Thee

As we respond to God's Word to us this morning we are reminded of our great need of a Savior. This hymn adequately expresses our sorrow over the ongoing sin in our lives, sin that the hymn's author, Horatius Bonar, calls "infinite, infinite, sin upon sin." Though the mood of the hymn is somber, there is much hope for the sinner. The closing line of the opening stanza is our comfort: "sin hath gone over me, yet is this still my plea, Jesus hath died." And because we know God to be a faithful God, we come, "not despairingly" to confess our sins, confident that "faithful and just . . . loving and kind art Thou." We serve a God who delights in forgiving our sins. We mourn our sins, we confess our sins, we turn from our sins, and we look to God to remove our sins.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • MAY 24, 2015

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:25 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
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
 (Library only)
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:55 p.m. in the Sanctuary
No Senior High Insight

Monday

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday

Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MS
The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting — 11:30 a.m. in MH
Young Adults/College Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

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
ABC Uganda Short-term Mission Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in MH
Peru Short-term Mission Team Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in MH
Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/
 Playground M123/122
Children's "Missions in May" Program — 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
 in SC 122/123
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Churchwide Night of Prayer — 6:30 p.m. in MH
Brass Ensemble Practice — 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Thursday

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

Friday

No scheduled activities

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in 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..." **Larry & Debby Thompson** – Serving as Vice President of International Ministries for Athletes in Action (A Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International). Mailing address: 603 Doe Run Court, Loveland OH 45140 Email: Larry.Thompson@athletesinaction.org **Joseph & Katie Pensak** – serving as church planters with Reformed University Fellowship at Redeemer Burlington in Burlington, VT. Mailing address: 37 Hadley Rd, S. Burlington, VT 05403 Email: joseph@redeemburlington.org

UGANDA MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

The Uganda mission team will be commissioned tonight for their trip to African Bible Colleges on May 29-June 6, 2015. One of our most privileged responsibilities as a "sending body" is to pray for our summer short-term mission teams as they go out from our midst to be of gospel service to others. Team Leader: Matt Glover. Team Members: Randy Abraham, Robert Blackmon (non-FPC member), Doris Graham, Hugh Trussell.

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. this 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, June 7. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Wednesday, May 27. Any forms received after May 27 will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Walters at lisaw@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9102.

JUNIOR HIGH RYM

RYM is a youth conference that brings together students from across the country. At RYM the gospel is taught, friendships are deepened, and Mega Rec abounds. We've added 8 spots for Junior High RYM which will be held at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City, FL, June 22-26, 2015. The cost is \$535. Scholarships are available for any who need them. To sign up please visit www.fpcjackson.org/discipleship/upcoming-trips.

"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.
Register at: www.eventbrite.com/e/ministry-safe-training-registration
Deadline to sign up is May 31.

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