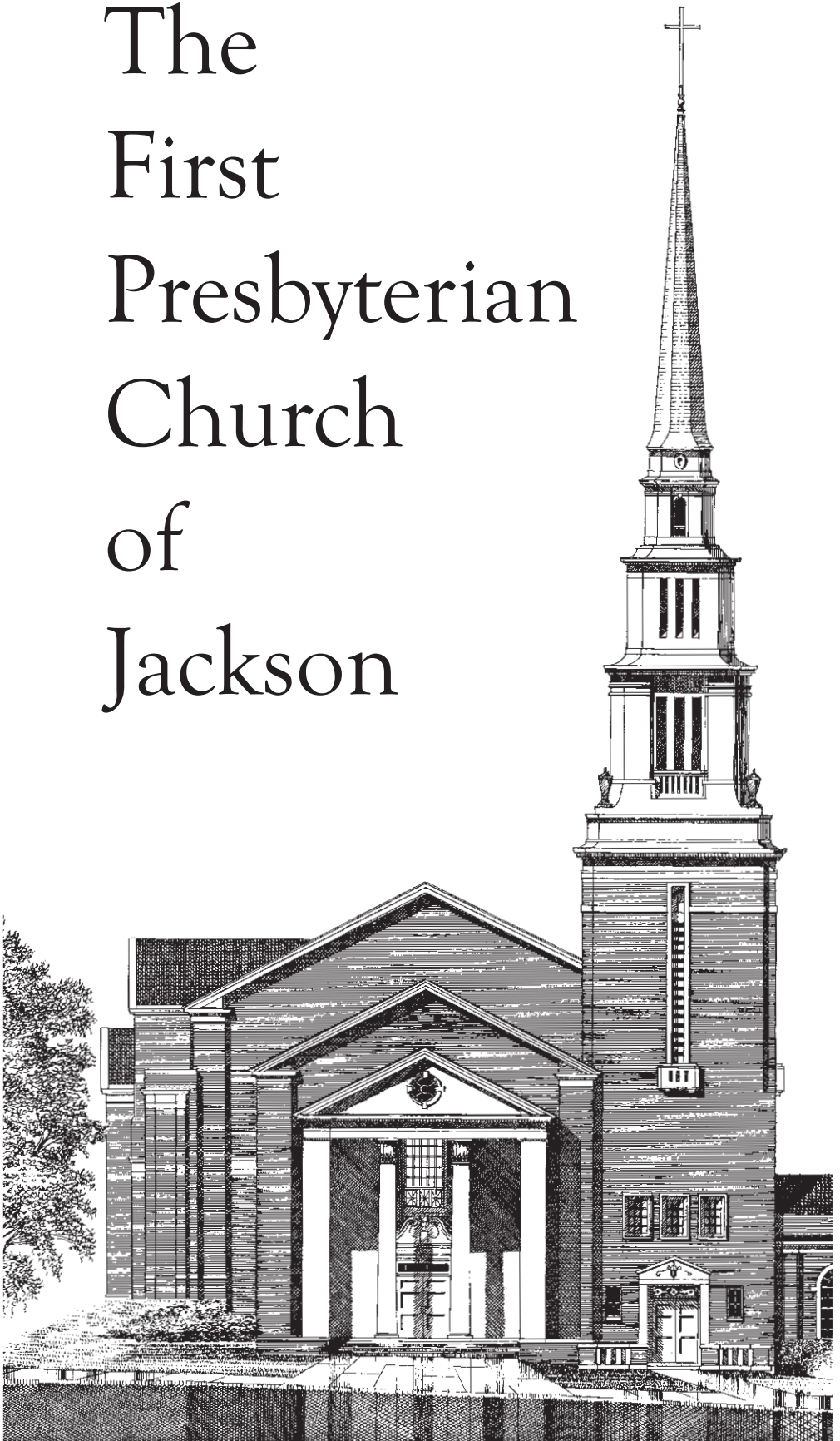


The
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventeenth Day of November, 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. 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 (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

The Prelude — "Simple Air"Eric Thiman
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "Rise Up! Arise!"Felix Mendelssohn

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 465** — "Marvelous Grace of Our Living Lord"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Scripture Reading — Romans 5:1-11 (Pew Bible page 942)

* **The Hymn No. 473** — "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

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 — "Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer"
(Stanzas 1 and 3)

"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 — "God So Loved The World"John Stainer

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.
God so loved the world...."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 3:16 (Pew Bible page 888)

The Sermon — "What is the Gospel?"Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 460** — "Amazing Grace!"

‡ **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 — "An Exhortation to Praise"Lani Smith

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III

Assisting — Mr. Sean G. Morris

Senior Minister's Intern

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

The Prelude — "My Tribute"Andrae Crouch
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Missionary Report — Kurt and Jill P. – Mission to the World, Europe

The Call to Worship

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

‡ **The Invocation**

* **The Evening Hymn No. 402** — "Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide"

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Richard Russ

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" Smith
Melanie Squires, Soloist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 310 — "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (Stanzas 4 and 5)

The Children's Catechism No. 139

Q. "Will He come again?"

A. "Yes. At the end of time Christ will come to judge the world."

The Scripture — Proverbs 15:33; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:31;
I Corinthians 15:25-26; II Peter 3:10-12; Revelation 11:15

The MeditationBilly Joseph, Minister of Congregational Care

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Psalm** — "My Grief Regard" (see Evening Guide) (stanzas 1-3)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 119:153-160 (Pew Bible page 516)

The Sermon — *Not by Bread Alone*Dr. Duncan
"The Sum of Your Word Is Truth"

‡ **The Benediction and Response** — "My Grief Regard" (Stanza 4)

"See how I love Your precepts' way!
Lord, in Your love, give life to me.
The sum of all Your words is truth;
Your judgments stand eternally."

The Postlude — "Choral Song"Samuel Wesley

*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.

My Grief Regard

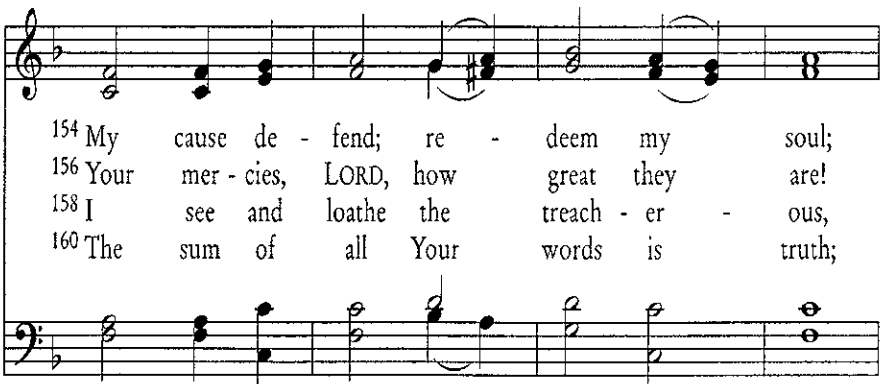
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable.
—2 Timothy 3:16



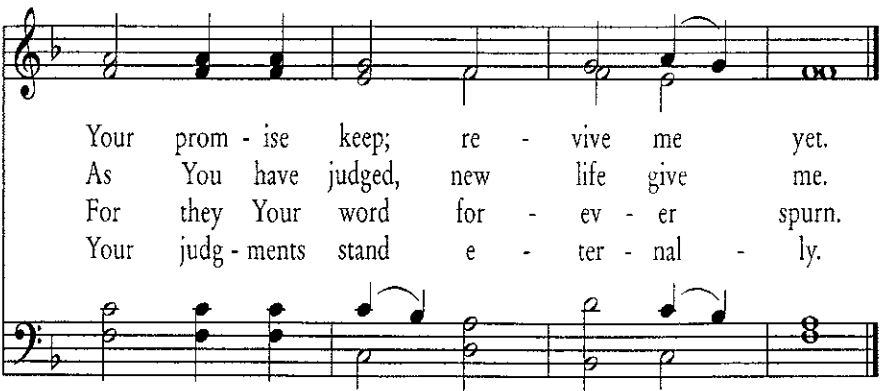
1. ¹⁵³ My grief re - gard, and res - cue me,
2. ¹⁵⁵ Res - cue is far from wick - ed ones,
3. ¹⁵⁷ Ma - ny are my tor - ment - ing foes;
4. ¹⁵⁹ See how I love Your pre - cepts' way!



For I do not Your law for - get.
For they Your stat - utes do not seek.
Yet from Your law I will not turn.
LORD, in Your love, give life to me.



¹⁵⁴ My cause de - fend; re - deem my soul;
¹⁵⁶ Your mer - cies, LORD, how great they are!
¹⁵⁸ I see and loathe the treach - er - ous,
¹⁶⁰ The sum of all Your words is truth;



Your prom - ise keep; re - vive me yet.
As You have judged, new life give me.
For they Your word for - ev - er spurn.
Your judg - ments stand e - ter - nal - ly.

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Welcome

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We also hope that this guide will help you understand the various components of our service, and thus make you more comfortable and familiar with it. By the way, we try to present most of our announcements prior to the service in order to avoid interrupting the flow of our worship of God with distractions that take our minds away from our central purpose: giving to the Lord the glory due His name.

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 • NOVEMBER 17, 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)

Inquirers Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133

Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations

College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH

Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Internationals Thanksgiving Dinner — 12:00 noon in MH

Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in the MS

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
 Crawfords (1962 Douglas Drive)

Monday

Officer Election Committee — 12:00 noon in MH

Scout Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B

Cub Scouts Pack Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in MH

Troop 18 — 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Room

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202

Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS

Crafts for Missions Mailing Party — 10:00 a.m. in SC211

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

Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B

Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in SC/PH

Wednesday

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting — 7:30 a.m. in WH202

MOMS — 9:00 a.m. in PH

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in the SR

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

Dads of Student Ministry Prayer Lunch — 12:00 noon
 in the YH

Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH

Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in the YH

Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
 in the Pavilion/Gym

The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS

Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in the Scout Room/Gym

Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations

Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH

Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m.
 in LH

Thursday

Moms of Student Ministry Prayer Breakfast — 8:00 a.m.
 in the YH

Wisdom of God Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC

Genesis Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in MH

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

Messiah Rehearsal — 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary/LH

Friday

Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211

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..." **Greg and Ginger O.** – Serving with Mission to the World in East Asia. For their contact information please contact the Mission Department. **Fred and Stephanie Hubach** – Serving with Mission to North America with the special needs ministry. Mailing address: 278 Stony Lane, Steven, PA 17578. Email Address: shubach@pcanet.org.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the wedding of Emily Penn and Kern Hoff and are given to the glory of God.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Maxine Mobley — November 7, 2013

STEWARDSHIP 2014

Firstfruits

**Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce.
Proverbs 3:9 (ESV)**

As we prepare for the 2014 budget year, it is important that each member of the congregation support the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not turned in your stewardship commitment card for 2014, you may place it in the offering plate during this Sunday's worship services. Cards are available in the sanctuary pews and in the tract racks throughout the church. To date, we have received: 421 commitment cards for a total of \$4,058,030 and 80 debt retirement cards for a total of \$131,722.

INTERNATIONALS SUNDAY

Today

Today, many internationals from our Internationals Class will be joining us for our 11:00 a.m. service and will be sitting in a group near the pulpit. We would love for these special guests to feel at home, so please take a moment to show them some good Southern hospitality by welcoming them to First Presbyterian Church.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, our next joining date is Sunday, December 1, 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.

MEN OF THE COVENANT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE

Thursday, December 5

Dr. Ligon Duncan, Speaker

Miller Hall — 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Men, join us Thursday, December 5, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon where our Senior Minister, Dr. Ligon Duncan, 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.

BOOK DRIVE FOR THE PRISON

The entire month of November, we will be collecting new and used books for the women inmates of the Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. The books are for the prison library including Christian fiction, non-fiction, classics, and ANY book that is of an uplifting and wholesome nature. A collection bin is located at the Visitors' Desk near the Day School office. Please contact Gail Jones at 601-842-2297 or gbjoness5@comcast.net with questions.

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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