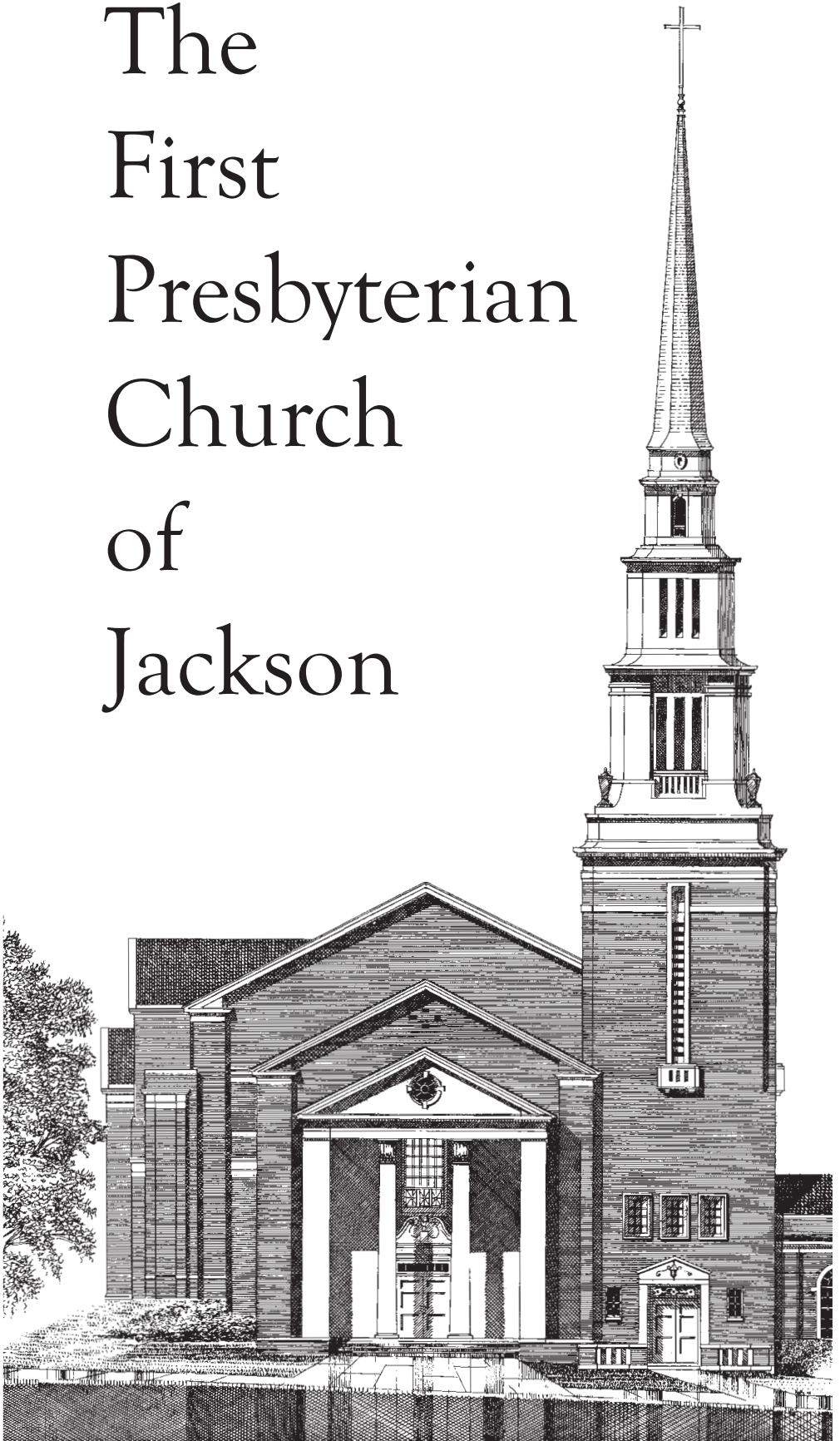


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Third 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. David T. A. Strain
Minister of Teaching and Mission

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 — “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” H.A. Matthews
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — 8:30 a.m. — “Be Thou My Vision”
The Girls Choir

11:00 a.m. — “Almighty God Of Our Fathers” Will James

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 167** — “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Scripture Reading — Jeremiah 51:1-64 (Pew Bible pages 679-683)

*‡ **The Doxology No. 731**

The Morning Prayer

The Offertory — “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” Gilbert Martin

“When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,

My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!

All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;

Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

Amen.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Proverbs 3:9 (Pew Bible page 528)

The Sermon — “Firstfruits” Dr. Duncan

The Presentation of God's Tithes, Our Offerings, and Pledges for 2014

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 729** — “All Things Are Thine” (TUNE: GERMANY)

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “Four-Fold Amen” William Wymond

The Postlude — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Lani Smith

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Minister of Teaching and Mission

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III
Minister of Pastoral Care

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

The Prelude — The First and Second Grade Choirs

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 18** — “You Holy Angels Bright” (Psalm 148)

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (TUNE: RUF)
(See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Jerry Sheldon

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Take My Life And Let It Be” Lowell Mason
Bitzi Tate, Soloist; Nancy Bateman, Cellist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 286 — “Worship Christ, the Risen King!” (Stanzas 1 and 2)

The Children's Catechism No. 137

Q. “After being crucified, did Christ stay in the grave?”

A. “No. He rose from the dead on the third day.”

The Scripture — Matthew 27:62-66; 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20;
Romans 6:4; I Corinthians 15:1-28

The Meditation Greg Meyer, Student Ministry Assistant

The Prayer (The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 705** — “I Know Whom I Have Believed” (Stanzas 1 - 4)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Jude 17-25 (Pew Bible page 1027)

The Sermon — “He is Able” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 705** — “I Know Whom I Have Believed”
(Stanza 5)

“I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noontide fair,
nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or 'meet him in the air.'

But 'I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able
to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day.'”

The Postlude — “Processional” G.F. Handel
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

*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.

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Matheson/Minor



1. O love that will not
 2. O light that fol - ows
 3. O joy that seek - est
 4. O cross that lift - est



let me go, I rest my wear - y
 all my way I yield my flick' - ring
 me through pain, I can - not close my
 up my head, I dare not ask to



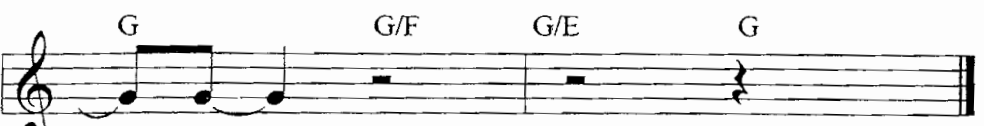
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 torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its
 heart to Thee; I trace the rain - bow
 fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's



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A Guide to the Morning Service

The Scripture Reading

Jeremiah versus the Nations (Jeremiah 51:1-64)

Babylon destroyed

Jeremiah's prophecy continues with more words of judgment. Babylon will be suddenly attacked and utterly destroyed, after which it will become a total and archetypical wasteland. The very length of this oracle is a sign that Babylon's defeat will be complete. At the time, of course, no one could imagine the Babylonian empire ever coming to an end, but the precision of the prophecy serves as an encouragement to faith. In addition to what it says about the sins of Babylon, the prophecy says many things about the character of God—His justice, His power, His faithfulness to answer prayer. The oracle ends with Jeremiah's last object lesson. The prophet sends a copy of his words against Babylon to the city itself, with the instructions that after the scroll of his prophecy is read, it is to be tied with a heavy stone and thrown to the bottom of the Euphrates River. So it will be for Babylon: the city will sink to the depths and never resurface. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

The Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Songs

When Morning Gilds the Skies

This hymn was written by an unknown German author around 1800. It was translated by Edward Caswall in 1853. The text calls us to praise Jesus Christ in every circumstance by repeating the exhortation "May Jesus Christ be praised" in a variety of typical situations in Christian experience. The tune is rousing and helps build the sense of energy that corresponds to the widening of the scope of the lyric's call for praise.

Doxology

Our response to today's reading of Holy Scripture is known as "the Doxology." It is a call for everyone in heaven and earth to praise the Triune God who is the giver of all blessings and is merely the last stanza of each of three hymns composed by the fine evangelical Bishop Thomas Ken in 1674. Today, we sing it to a slight metrical variation of the glorious and well-known tune "Old Hundredth."

The Announcements

SPECIAL FRIENDS' PICNIC

Sunday, November 10, at 12:00 noon

Friends, there will be a picnic for our Special Friends Sunday School class on Sunday, November 10, at noon on the playground. Please call Betsy Chestnut at 601-352-0278 to reserve your spot and let us know what "picnic" food you are bringing.

SUPPORT GROUP

If you or someone you love is struggling with alcohol or other chemical dependence and would like to get together with people who share in the same struggles, we have a small and very safe group that meets regularly for just that purpose. This discreet monthly meeting is one of friendship, encouragement, and biblical reflection. Personal anonymity is very important at this meeting. This is a group of people who recognize our struggles and want to help each other along our journey. For more information, please call or text Jimmy at 601-260-1636.

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that First Presbyterian Church now provides online giving. Just click "Give Online" at the top right-hand corner of the www.fpcjackson.org website. This is a convenient and safe way to make one-time or recurring donations with step-by-step instructions. You can even use the FPC Jackson mobile app to give donations.

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FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 3, 2013

Sunday	<p>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</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Inquirers Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133</p> <p>Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p>College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the College House</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in MH, MS</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Burrows (2236 North Cheryl Drive)</p>
Monday	<p>Women's Leadership Council — 9:30 a.m. in SC210</p> <p>Diaconate Executive Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p>NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B</p> <p>Troop 18 — 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Room</p>
Tuesday	<p>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202</p> <p>Presbytery — 9:00 a.m. at Twin Lakes</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Fall Discipleship Luncheon Series — 11:30 a.m. in MH</p> <p>NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B</p> <p>Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215</p> <p>Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in SC/PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS — 9:00 a.m. in PH</p> <p>Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p>Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in the YH</p> <p>Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p>Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in the YH</p> <p>Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion/Gym</p> <p>The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in the Scout Room/Gym</p> <p>Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH</p> <p>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in LH</p>
Thursday	<p>Wisdom of God Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC</p> <p>Genesis Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in MH</p> <p>RUF Midsouth Committee Meeting — 10:00 a.m. in WH202</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Men of the Covenant Luncheon — 11:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p>Thursday Night Fellowship — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Walters (1514 Riverwood Drive)</p>
Friday	<p>Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 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...." **Don & Fran McNeill**- Serving as educators at Christ's Community Study Center with Mission to the World in Uganda. Mailing address: Box 1779 Mbarara, Uganda, East Africa. Email address: mcneilldf@gmail.com

Sarah Grafton- Working with international students in the Jackson area through First Presbyterian Church and other area churches. Mailing address: 56 Northgate Drive, Laurel, MS 39440. Email address: shgrifton@bellsouth.net

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Katherine Tomb by her nieces, Catherine and Elizabeth Cook.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 7

Men, join us Thursday, November 7, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring Phillip Holmes, co-founder of the Reformed African-American Network. He will be speaking on "A Surprising Grace." 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.

THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults— join us November 7, at 7:00 p.m. for Thursday Night Fellowship. We will be at the home of Alan and Tricia Walters (1514 Riverwood Drive). Thursday Night Fellowship is our mid-week Bible study targeting singles and married couples in their 20s. This semester we are going through a series titled, "*Exodus: The Pattern of Salvation*". Contact David Felker at 601-850-8650 for more details. Come on out and bring your friends.

FALL DISCIPLESHIP LUNCHEON SERIES

Tuesdays: November 5~November 12

"Potholes on the Path: The Seven Major Problem Areas of Marriage"

These lunch time talks with Dr. Tom Elkin, Minister of Marriage and Family Life, are designed to address couples in every stage of life and marriage. Whether you've been married one week or fifty plus years, all couples need biblical instruction on how to face the seven major problem areas of marriage: money, sex, children, in-laws, values, vocations, and communication. The series will be in Miller Hall with lunch being served beginning at 11:30 a.m. for \$6. Each session will last from 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Please call the church office at 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org to sign up. The deadline for each week will be the Thursday before the week you plan to attend. Please indicate in your reservation if you need a nursery and if so, names, and ages of each child.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2013. Space is available for the 8:30 a.m. worship service. To make your reservation, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or email her at shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

HOLIDAY PROS

You are cordially invited to join us for our Thanksgiving/Christmas PROS (Presbyterian Retired Organization) meeting. We will start about 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, in the north side of Miller Hall. Our own Ligon Duncan will be sharing what God has laid on his heart to help turn our thinking toward the real meaning of Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will sing some songs of the seasons and then fellowship together over our traditional meal of roasted turkey, savory cornbread dressing, sweet cranberry sauce, delicious squash and spinach casseroles, buttery rolls and for dessert, our wonderful homemade coconut cake. The cost of the meal is \$4.00. If you and your friends will be able to join us on November 14, please call the church at 601-353-8316 and make your reservations before 4:00 PM on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

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 makes for good reading 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.

STEWARDSHIP 2014

Firstfruits

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

Today, November 3, 2013, is Commitment Sunday

As we submit our stewardship commitment cards today, as an act of worship, let us ask ourselves whether we are giving biblically. Proverbs 3:9, the verse about **first fruits**, must be a part of that question. As Christians, our giving back to God should reflect that God is **first and foremost** in our lives and that there is nothing more important than the advancement of His kingdom.

Everything that we have comes from Him. Therefore, we should honor and glorify Him by giving back to Him the **first fruits** of everything that He has provided to us exhibiting our gratitude to Him and our faith in Him that He will continue to provide for us.

Stewardship Commitment Card:

**When you turn in your pledge card, you are committing
to help your church meet its
Operating and Benevolent Budget for 2014.**

Debt Retirement Card:

When you turn in this pledge card, you are committing to help meet debt associated with large expenditures and facility upgrades. Any funds designated to Debt Retirement will be applied - dollar for dollar - to reduce the outstanding principal on this debt.

*Please give prayerful consideration to God's leading
in these areas of commitment.*