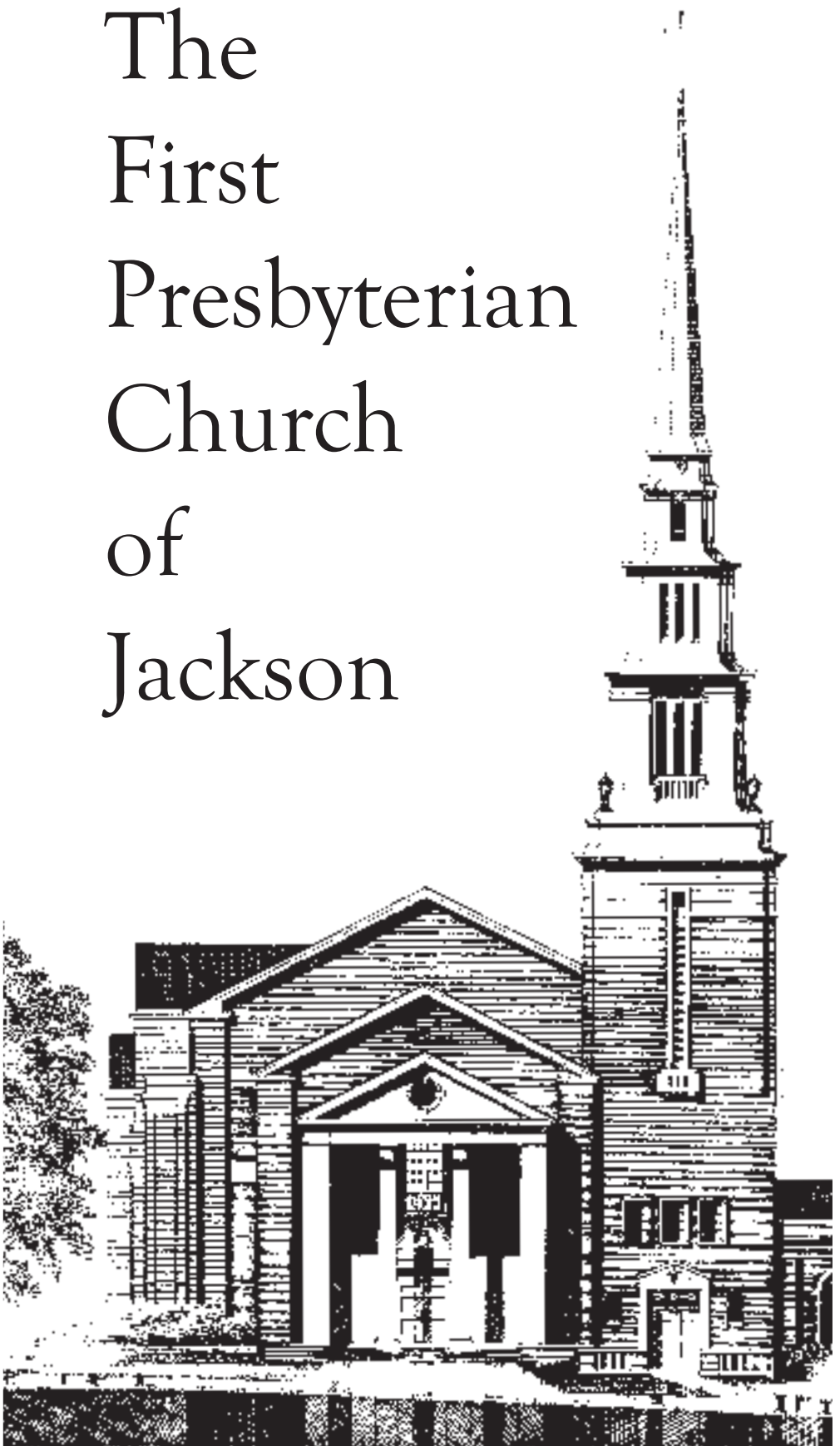


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth Day of November, Two Thousand Fourteen  
MORNING WORSHIP  
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock  
Senior Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain  
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** (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

**The Prelude** — “Invocation” ..... Cesar Franck  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ..... Ludwig van Beethoven

**The Call to Worship**

‡\* **The Psalm of Praise No. 76** — “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”  
(Psalm 103)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡\* **The Doxology** “Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. “  
[Refrain:] Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.  
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!” [Refrain]

**The Scripture Reading** — Nehemiah 9:1-8 (Pew Bible page 404)

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 196** — “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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

**The Offertory** — “O Come, Everyone That Thirsteth” (Elijah).....F. Mendelssohn  
“O come everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come to Him.  
Hear and your souls shall live forever.  
O come everyone that thirsteth, O come to Him!”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Exodus 6:1-9 (Pew Bible pages 48-49)

**The Sermon** — *God Remembers:* .....Mr. Strain  
“Set Free, Bought Back, Adopted Heirs”

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 523** — “My Hope Is in the Lord”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “Seven-Fold Amen” .....Peter Lutkin

**The Postlude** — “Let All Together Praise Our God” ..... Paul Manz

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock  
Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey  
Minister of Discipleship  
Assisting — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps  
Director of Media

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

**The Prelude** — “Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul” ..... S. Karg-Elert  
William Wymond, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 172** — “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Evening Hymn** — “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (See Evening Guide)

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder John Crawford

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

**The Offertory** — “My Latest Sun Is Sinking Fast”

Allen Burrows and Friends

“My latest sun is sinking fast, my race is nearly run.  
My strongest trials now are past, my triumph has begun.

Oh, come, Angel Band, come and around me stand.

Oh, bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home.

Oh, bear my longing heart to Him who bled and died for me,

Whose blood now cleanses from all sin and gives me victory.

Oh, come Angel Band, come and around me stand.

Oh, bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home.”

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 334 (Stanzas 1 and 4)** — “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**The Children’s Catechism No. 40**

Q. “Who can change a sinner’s heart?”

A. “Only the Holy Spirit.”

**The Scripture** — Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Hebrews 13:5;  
1 John 4:13

**The Meditation**..... Wiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 219 (stz. 1-3)** — “All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Isaiah 40:1-8 (Pew Bible page 599)

**The Sermon** — “The Topography of the Heart” .....Mr. Dempsey

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord”

“Thou comest in the darksome night

To make us children of the light,

To make us, in the realms divine,

Like Thine own angels round Thee shine.

All this for us Thy love hath done;

By this to Thee our love is won:

For this we tune our cheerful lays,

And shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.”

**The Postlude** — “Final Jubilate” ..... Healey Willan

\*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.

## "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how  
 I de - soid the Man up on a cross, my  
 I I will not boast in an - y - thing, no

veer be - yond all meas - ure, that  
 sin up - on His shoul - ders, a -  
 gifts no pow'r, no wis - dom, but

He should give His on - ly Son to  
 shared, I hear my mock - ing voice - call  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ His

make a wretch His treas - ure How  
 out a - mong the scoff - ers If  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss, the  
 was my sin that held Him there on  
 should I part from His re - ward?

Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as  
 till it was ac - com - plished, His  
 can - not give an an - - swer But

wounds which the Tho - sen One bring  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life - I  
 this I know with all my heart His

man - y sons to glo - ry  
 knew that it is fir - mly  
 wounds have paid my sin - - sons

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

### **Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven**

Our opening hymn this Lord's Day Morning comes to us from the pen of Henry Lyte, author of "Abide with Me" (generally considered to be one of the ten best hymns in the English language). It is a rather free, New Covenant paraphrase of Psalm 103 and one of the most jubilant hymns he ever wrote. Each stanza emphasizes an aspect of God's character as it is manifested in our own experiences. We acknowledge His faithfulness in delivering "our fathers in distress." We revel in His mercy, for He treats us tenderly for "our feeble frame He knows." We take comfort in His eternity, that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, whereas we are "frail as summer's flower." He is the king of heaven and of earth, and so in the final stanza we implore the angels who "behold Him face to face," and even the created heavenly bodies (sun and moon) to "praise Him, praise Him, praise Him." It was published in a hymnal for his own congregation called Spirit of the Psalms (1834). This song is well known and loved by our congregation and is another of those hymns which we sing to different tunes. We will sing it to the aptly titled tune, "Lauda Anima" (which is Latin for "praise, my soul"), this morning. A majestic hymn by which to begin our congregation singing this morning!

### **Doxology**

Following the Prayer of Adoration and Confession, we sing our Doxology, taken from the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (stanzas 1 and 3).

This hymn focuses on the adoration of the Triune God, praising Him for who He is and what He does. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" is a well-known and loved twentieth-century hymn. Thomas Chisholm wrote it, not in a time of extraordinary circumstances or trial, but simply in response to his own Christian experience of the biblical truth of God's faithfulness. It is the official "school hymn" of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. William Runyan wrote the tune specifically for these lyrics. Let us sing and believe these wonderful words and the glorious, assuring truths they convey!

### **My Hope Is in the Lord**

Following the proclamation of God's Word and our study of it, we sing this rousing hymn of affirming faith by way of response. A simple and beautiful way of encapsulating the truth of God's saving grace, let us conclude our public worship this Lord's Day Morning by praising God and reminding one another of that "everlasting light and life He freely gives!"

### **GETTY CONCERT**

Keith and Kristen Getty will return to First Presbyterian Church to sing their Irish Christmas Concert on Monday evening, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. The sanctuary doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The concert is free. Invite your family, friends and neighbors for this joyous evening of Christmas music.

# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 30, 2014**

## **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  
**College Sunday School** — 9:50 a.m. in the CH  
**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  
**No Senior High Insight**

## **Monday**

**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring**—3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**W.I. C. Leadership Council** — 9:30 a.m. in SC210  
**Diaconate Executive Committee** — 11:45 a.m. in MH  
**Discipleship Committee Meeting** — 5:30 p.m. in WH 204  
**Scouts** — 7:00 p.m. in SR/PH

## **Tuesday**

**“Truth At Dawn” Men’s Bible Study** — 6:30 a.m. in WH202  
**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in the MS  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Missions Conference Committee** — 12:00 noon in WH204  
**Neighborhood Christian Center Tutoring** — 3:00 p.m. in SC210  
**Management Committee** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215  
**Internationals Class** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## **Wednesday**

**MOMS Christmas Special** — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Interns Meeting** — 4:00 p.m. in basement Classroom  
**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 Gym  
**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Children’s Choirs** — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Sixth Grade Fellowship** — 6:30 p.m. in SC321/Gym  
**Discipleship Groups** — 6:30 p.m. in various locations  
**Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in PH

## **Thursday**

**Men of the Covenant** — 11:45 a.m. in MH  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## **Friday**

**Sew and Sow** — 9:00 a.m. in SC 211 A/B

## **Saturday**

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast** — 7:30 a.m.

**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..." — **Johnny & Becky Long**- Serving with Serge (formerly World Harvest Mission) in Europe and Africa. Mailing address: 265 Sky Lake Dr. Hendersonville, NC 28739. Email: johnwadelong@gmail.com **Mark & Raylene Casson**-serving as director of Metanoia Prison Ministries, a part of Mission to North America. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 11092, Chattanooga, TN 37401; Email: mcasson@pcanet.org

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. James (Miriam) Newman III — November 23, 2014



As we prepare for the 2015 budget year, it is important that each member of the congregation supports the work and worship of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not turned in your stewardship commitment card for 2015, 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 386 commitment cards for a total of \$3,672,925 and 29 debt retirement cards for a total of \$56,960.

## MEN OF THE COVENANT

Men, join us on Thursday, December 4, at 11:45 a.m. in Miller Hall for our Men of the Covenant luncheon. David Strain will be our speaker. Reservations are not required, and the cost of the lunch is \$6. Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers and come on out!

## COMMUNICANTS' CLASS

A new communicants' class will be offered at the church beginning Sunday, January 11, 2015. This class is open to young people who are currently in 6th grade and up. Held during the Sunday school hour, the class begins January 11 and is conducted for four weeks. All those in 6th grade Sunday school have been sent an enrollment form; anyone else who would like to take the class may call or stop the Christian Education office at the church to request a form.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

Through December 14, the children's offering in Sunday School will be given to Palmer Home. Palmer Home serves nearly 100 children from birth through college age. Please encourage your children to earn money at home and bring an offering each week. Also, our new children's bulletin is meant as a practical tool to teach children to worship God. Please take a few minutes and go over it with your child. After the service, we encourage you to take it home and discuss the observations and questions your child had about the service. You may pick these up at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

## SUPPORT GROUP

If you are 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. For more information, please call or text 601-260-1636. Also, every month a group of those who have family members (spouses, children, siblings, parents) who struggle with addiction meets. This is a time of mutual encouragement and Christ-centered counsel. Anonymity is required. For more information concerning the place and time of these meetings, call or text 601-260-0388.

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# 2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

## **Wednesday, December 3**

Last Discipleship Group meeting until January 7, 2015

## **Thursday, December 4**

Men of the Covenant - Speaker Rev. David Strain  
(11:45 a.m.)

## **Sunday, December 7**

New members received at 5:00 p.m. in Patterson Hall

## **Sunday, December 7**

Ordain/Install Deacons and Elders (Evening Service)

## **Monday, December 8**

Getty Concert 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

## **Sunday, December 14**

Children's Christmas Music (6:00 p.m.)

## **Tuesday, December 16**

WIC Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in MH

## **Saturday, December 20**

Bookstore Open House (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

## **Sunday, December 21**

Music of Christmas (5:00 p.m.)

## **Wednesday, December 24**

No supper (Church Offices Closed)

## **Wednesday, December 24**

Family Carols Service (4:00 p.m.)

## **Thursday, December 25**

Church Offices Closed

## **Wednesday, December 31**

No supper or service

## **Thursday, January 1**

Church Offices Closed