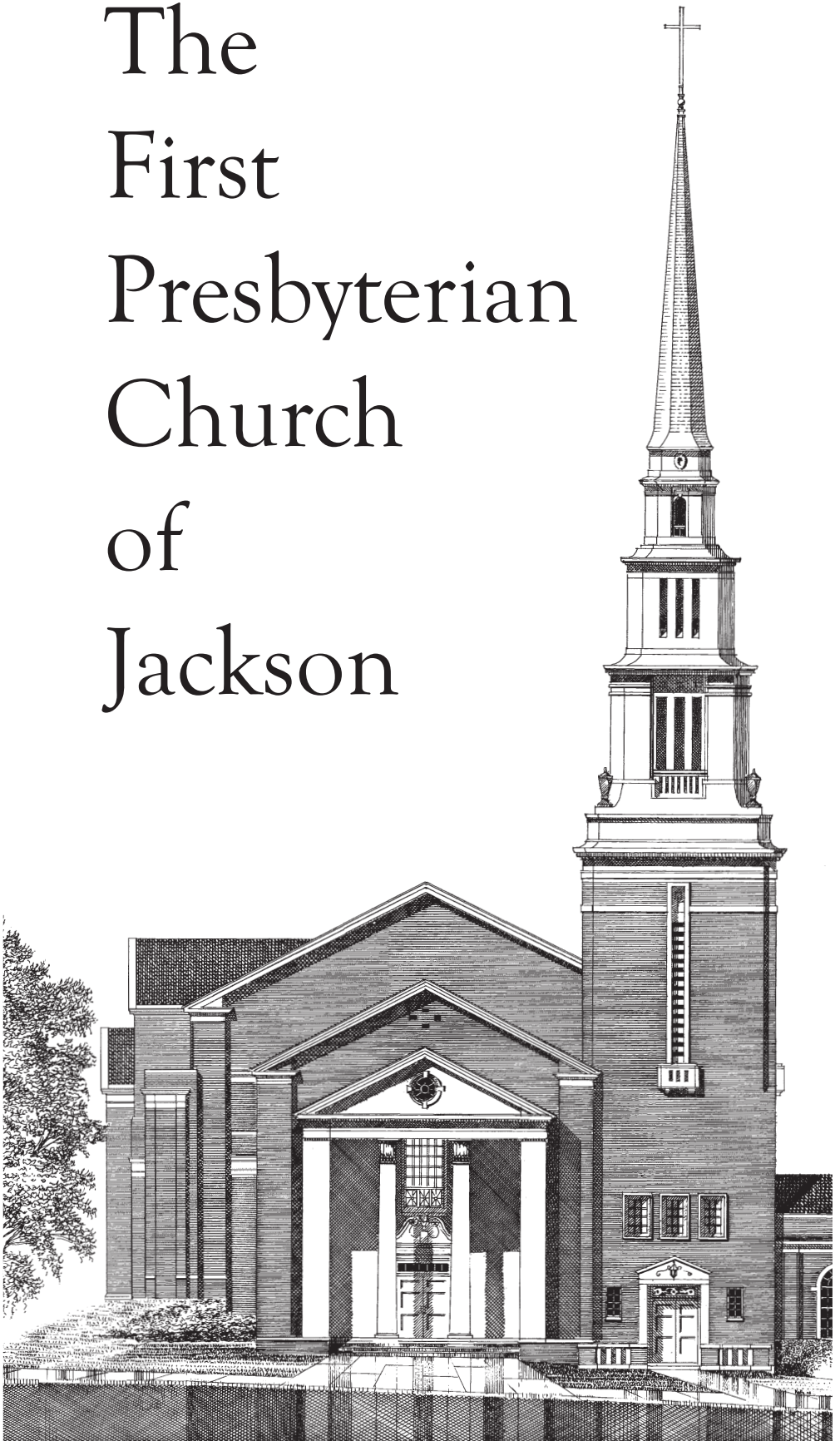


The
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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth Day of September, 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 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 — “Children of the Heavenly Father”arr. by Diane Bish
Connie Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — “He Is Lord” David Clydesdale

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 100** — “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Scripture Reading — Jeremiah 44:1-45:5 (Pew Bible pages 670-672)

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 — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”Ralph Manuel
With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

“O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee:

I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine

ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray,

that in Thy sunshine's glow its day my brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise

is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from Thee;

I lay in dust life's glory dead,

And from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 12:12-17 (Pew Bible page 1009)

The Sermon — *Better* “Preparation for God's Presence”Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 700** — “Come, We That Love the Lord”

‡ **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 — “When I Can Read My Title Clear” ...arr. by Herbert Colvin

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

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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 — “It Is Well With My Soul”Herbert Colvin
Connie Wadsworth, Organist

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 286** — “Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

‡ **The Invocation**

* **The Evening Hymn** — “See, What A Morning” (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bill Payne

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Whispering Hope”Septimus Winner
Allen Burrows, Sarah Little, and Marian Joseph

The Young Children’s Devotional

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

The Song No. 189 — “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”(Stanzas 1 and 2)

The Children’s Catechism No. 131

Q. “Does Christ care for little children?”

A. “Yes, because He says, *Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*”

The Scripture — Matthew 18:6; Mark 9:35-37, 10:13-16;

Luke 8:40-56, 18:15-17; John 6:1-14; James 4:6

The Meditation..... Jason Wegener, Mission Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 297** — “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” (Stanzas 1-5)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 28:1-20 (Pew Bible page 835)

The Sermon — *Glory In His Face* “Risen Lord” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response** — “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”
(Stanza 6)

“O that with yonder sacred throng
we at His feet may fall, we at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
and crown Him Lord of all!”

The Postlude — “Head of the Church Triumphant”Herbert Colvin

*The ushers may seat latecomers

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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.

"See, What a Morning" - Getty & Townend



1. See - what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, with the
2. See - Mary weep - ing, "Where - is He laid?" As in
3. One - with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.
Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



Fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb - filled with light as the
Hears - a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; It's the
Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an - nounced "Christ is ris - - en!"
Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life - a - gain!
King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty.



See God's sal - va - tion - plan, wrought in
The voice that spans the - years, speak - ing
And we are raised with - Him; Death is



love, borne in pain, - paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in
life, stir - ring hope, - bring - ing peace - to us. will sound till
dead, life has won, - Christ has con - - quered. And we shall



Christ the - Man, for He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
He ap - pears, for He lives, Christ is ris - en from the dead.
reign with - Him, for He lives; Christ is ris - en from the dead.

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Scripture Reading

Jeremiah's Last Prophetic Oracle: Jeremiah 44:1-45:5 Queen of the Nile

Chapter 44 contains the words of the last prophetic oracle Jeremiah pronounced before he died. Speaking to the remnant in Egypt, he reminds them of the terrible things that God's people suffered in the fall of Jerusalem. He also reminds them why they suffered these things: because they rejected the message of God's true prophets and worshiped other gods. Now the people are in danger of repeating the same mistake again, this time by practicing goddess worship (see 44:15-19). Led by their wives, Jewish families have been making offerings to the "queen of heaven." Will God's people never learn to turn away from idolatry? Rejecting the one true God will end in deadly disaster, and only a remnant of the remnant will survive. This section ends with a flashback to a short prophecy Jeremiah gave to his secretary Baruch at a time when he was discouraged in his life and ministry (45:1-5). Rather than seeking great things for himself, Baruch needed to do his own small duty in supporting the larger purposes of God—a calling he faithfully fulfilled, as the book of Jeremiah shows. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

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 • SEPTEMBER 15, 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 — 4:40 p.m. in the 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 — at 7:30 p.m. the home of the Moores (4233 North Honeysuckle Lane)</p>
Monday	<p>Twin Lakes Security Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B</p>
Tuesday	<p>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202</p> <p>Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B</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>Dads of Student Ministry Prayer Lunch — 12:00 noon in the YH</p> <p>MTW Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</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>Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in the Scout Room/Gym</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>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>Moms of Student Ministry Prayer Breakfast — 8:00 a.m. in the YH</p> <p>Wisdom of God Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC</p> <p>Genesis Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</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...” **Josh & Elizabeth Johnson** – serving with Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru. Mailing Address: 6576 Heronswood Drive, Memphis, TN 38119 Email: joshjohnson@perumission.org

Joel & Holly Wallace- serving as the associate director of the Mission to North America-Special Needs Ministry. Mailing Address: 3409 Loch Ridge Trail Birmingham AL 35216 Email: jwallace@pcanet.org

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service, there will be a congregational meeting to receive and concur with Dr. Duncan's request to dissolve his pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church and to approve a search process for a new Senior Minister.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 17, in room WH202 from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. Billy Dempsey will lead the study on “Ecclesiastes: Why Everything Matters.” A light breakfast will be served for the cost of \$3. To sign up for this study, please contact Shannon Craft at shannonc@fpcjackson.org or call 601-326-9243.

SEPTEMBER PROS

Please join us on Thursday, September 26, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., in Miller Hall as we start our 2013 - 2014 PROS (Presbyterian Retired Organization) season. We will have a special treat in store as friend and author, Becky Hobbs, comes to share the research and writing of her book, *How Big Is Your GOD?, The Spiritual Legacy of SAM PATTERSON, EVANGELIST* (available in the FPC bookstore). Many of us knew and loved Sam Patterson and were always blessed by his person and ministry. When Becky finishes, she will join us for lunch. We will catch up with each other over Crazy Mixed Up Lasagna, Crisp Green Salad, Garlic Bread and for dessert, Texas Sheet Cake. Check your calendar, invite your friends and make your reservations by 4:30 p.m., Monday, September 23rd, by calling the church office at 601-353-8316.

TWIN LAKES DINNER ON THE GROUNDS AND EVENING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 29, 2013

Mark your calendar and plan to join the First Pres. family for a churchwide dinner on the grounds followed by evening worship at the beautiful Twin Lakes. The gates will open at 4:45 p.m., and we will enjoy a delicious bar-b-que meal and fellowship together. Then at 6:00 p.m., we will gather at the pavilion for evening worship. There is no charge for the meal and dress is casual. Hope to see you there!

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTIAN CENTER

The Neighborhood Christian Center tutoring program at First Pres is in need of additional tutors. You do not have to be a former school teacher to be a good tutor!! The only requirement is a patient and loving attitude. Each year we have approximately 15 students (K-5th graders) from Johnson Elementary enrolled in our program. We meet in Room 210 of the FPC Study Center at 3:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning tomorrow. You may choose the day that is best for you, although this year we are particularly in need of additional tutors on Tuesdays.

COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL

College Students: Join us for College Sunday School this fall semester in the College House (beside the Belhaven Street parking lot on North State Street). Teachers will include our new college staff members, Kelly Jackson and Stefan Sanchez, as well as David Felker, Jeff Jordan (RUF Mississippi College), etc. Contact Kelly at kellyj@fpcjackson.org or Stefan at stefans@fpcjackson.org with questions. We hope to see you there.

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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