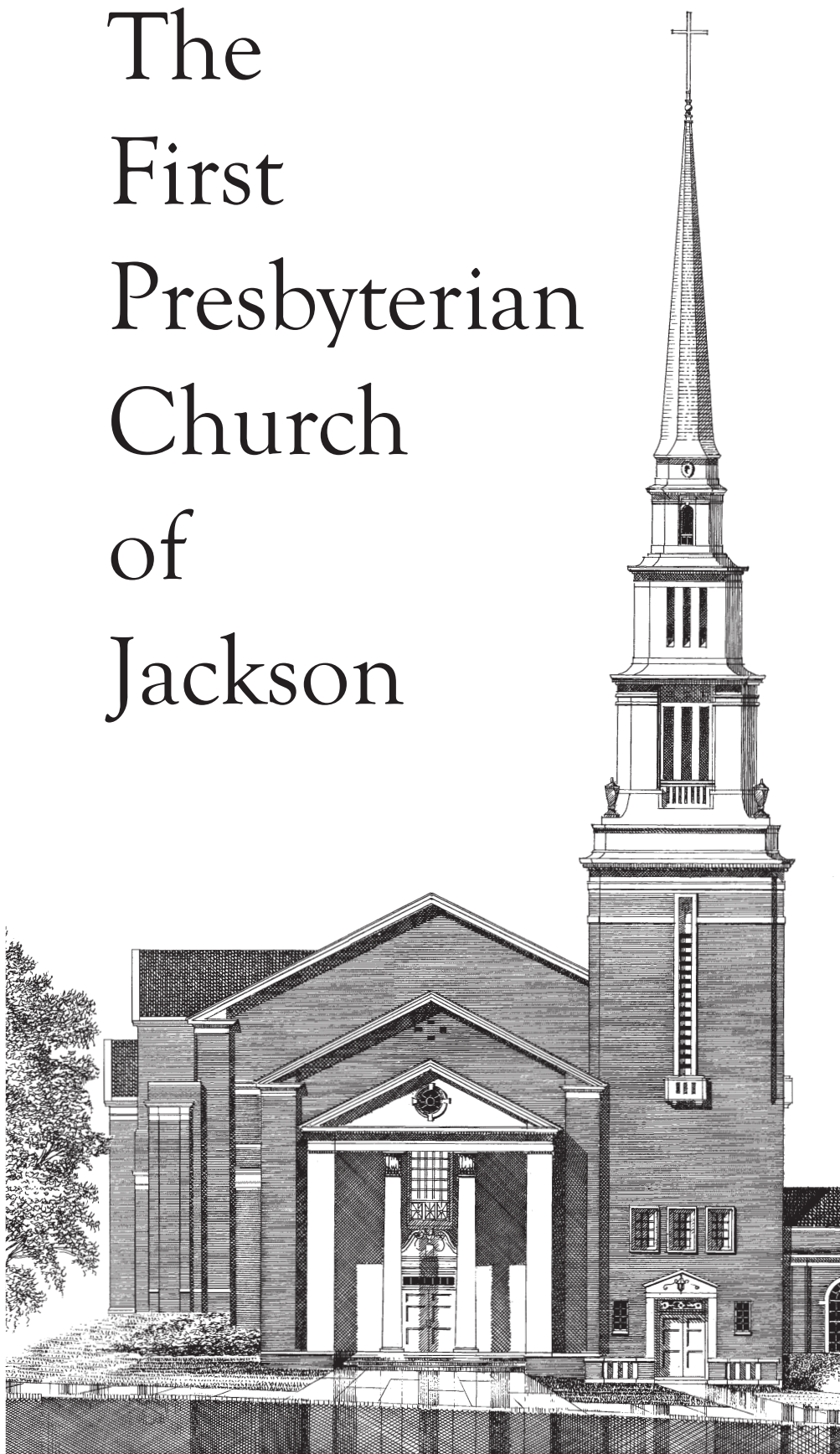


The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson



"To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever"

THE LORD'S DAY

The First 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 T. A. Strain

Minister of Teaching and Mission

At the time of the Greetings and Announcement 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 — “Elevation”Marcel Dupre
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — “Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”Paul Sjölund

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 115** — “All Creatures of Our God and King”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Scripture Reading — Jeremiah 42:1-22 (Pew Bible pages 669-670)

*‡ **The Psalm of Response No. 558** — “That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God”
(Psalm 1)

The Morning Prayer

*‡ **The Hymn No. 98** — “Now Thank We All Our God”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”Gilbert Martin

“Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine:

Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;

Kindle every high desire; purge me with Your holy fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine, fortify this will of mine;

By Your will I strongly thrive, bravely bear, nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, right divine, make my conscience wholly Thine;

Be my guide, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free. Amen.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 12:1-11 (Pew Bible pages 1008-1009)

The Sermon — *Better* “The Good of Discipline”Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 575** — “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “Glory To The Trinity”Charles Callahan

The Postlude — “What God Does Is Well Done”J.G. Walther

*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 — Mr. Kevin C. Phipps

Senior Minister's Intern

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

The Prelude — "Near the Cross" arr. by Herbert Colvin
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 172** — "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" (Stanzas 1-4)

‡ **The Invocation**

* **The Evening Hymn** — "My Heart is Filled" (see Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Harper Keeler

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "In Evil Long I Took Delight"Newton/Wisdom
Greg Meyer, Soloist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 413 — "Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer"(Stanzas 1 and 3)

The Children's Catechism No. 129

Q. "Who should be baptized?"

A. "Believers and their children."

The Scripture — Genesis 17; Acts 2:38-39, 11:12-18, 16:25-34

The Meditation..... Stefan Sanchez, College Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 424** — "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 4:1-17 (Pew Bible page 809)

The Sermon — *Glory In His Face* "Obedient Servant" Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 172** — "Let us Love and Sing and Wonder"
(Stanza 5)

"Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted Him before us,
now their praises fill the sky:
'You have washed us with your blood;
You are worthy, Lamb of God!'"

The Postlude — "Jesus Shall Reign" arr. by Herbert Colvin

*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 Heart Is Filled (Gettys)



1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To



Him who bore my pain; Who plumbed the depths of
Him who walks be - side; Who floods my weak - ness -
Him who reigns a - bove; Whose wis - dom is my



my dis - grace And gave me life a - gain; Who
es with strength And caus - es fears to fly; Whose
per-fect peace, Whose ev - 'ry thought is love. For —



crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness, And clothed me with His
ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough For ev - 'ry step I
ev - 'ry day I have on earth Is giv - en by the



light, And — wrote His law of right - eous - ness With
take. Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love And
King. So — I will give my life, my all, To



pow'r up - on my heart.
crown - ing me with grace.
love and fol - low Him.

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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 MC), etc. Contact Kelly at kellyj@fpcjackson.org or Stefan at stefans@fpcjackson.org with questions. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar and plan to come to Twin Lakes for a church wide family picnic supper followed by evening worship to be held at the Pavilion on **Sunday, September 29**. More details soon to come.

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Scripture Reading

Jeremiah's Counsel: A Fatal Mistake

Jeremiah 42:1-22 A fatal mistake

After witnessing the tragic fall of Jerusalem and the terrible murder of governor Gedaliah, the small surviving remnant of Judah is tempted to leave the Promised Land altogether and go back to Egypt, in the hope of finding protection there from the Babylonians. In fact, the group is already making its way to Egypt when their emerging leaders stop and ask Jeremiah for his opinion: Should they stay in Judah or go to Egypt? The decision is critical and the prophet's answer is unequivocal: It is God's will for the remnant of his people to remain in Judah. If they stay, they will have God's full blessing; if they go, they will fall under his deadly curse (42:9–22). In the end, the leaders of the remnant reject Jeremiah's counsel and decide to go back to the land of Egypt, the house of bondage. They go their own way instead of God's way, wrongly concluding that what Jeremiah says to them is only the word of man, not the Word of God. This flight narrative is a case study in not listening to God's Word, not trusting God's plan, and not making a wise spiritual decision—problems that plague God's people throughout this book. The story ends with another object lesson, as Jeremiah digs up part of the pavement in front of one of Pharaoh's palaces and predicts that the king of Babylon will set up his throne on the very spot (43:10). The people who have gone down to Egypt will not escape the Babylonians after all. Nor will they escape the judgment of God. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

The Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Songs

All Creatures of Our God and King

This hymn is a call for “everything that hath life and breath to praise the Lord.” The text derives from Francis of Assisi, circa 1225. He wrote it shortly before his death, but it was not published for some four hundred years! The majestic tune is itself venerable, dating from the early 1600s. Each stanza calls on the various parts of creation to lift up their “voices” in praise to their Creator. All creatures, the stars and moon, rivers, clouds, and men of tender heart, are all mentioned in this roll call of praise. It reminds us of Jesus' words to the Pharisees, who wanted Jesus to stop His disciples from praising Him: “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!” (Luke 19:40). When God made the world around us, and everything in it, He called it good. Even now, though tainted with sin and misery, His creation echoes back praises to “our God and King!”, a stirring anthem to begin our Lord's Day Morning Worship together!

That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God (Psalm 1)

Along with “All People That On Earth Do Dwell” and “The Lord's My Shepherd,” this is one of the best known of the metrical psalms still regularly sung in worship. It signals everything that we need to know about what a believer's life is like. It is a statement of faith: this God's Word and those who acknowledge it in faith will ultimately know blessing—the greatest blessing imaginable! But it is not only a statement of faith, it is a commitment to a lifestyle in which a love for God's Word (law) is central.

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

We respond to the morning's sermon with this fine hymn by Charles Wesley. We sing this hymn to the familiar tune *Diademata* (from the Greek word for “crown”) to which we also sing “Crown Him with Many Crowns.” It reminds us that the Christian life is a life of conflict: conflict with internal sin, with the world, and even with Satan. But as daunting as all this fighting may seem, we have the encouragement that we are “strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son.” That is, our strength for battle does not come from within us, but from God Who provides it for us. Yet, that does not make us passive. We are reminded to “stand then in His great might,” and to “wrestle and fight and pray.”

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 1, 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 The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only) Inquirers' Class — 9:40 a.m. in Main 133 Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations Today Is Promotion Sunday for Children College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the College House 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</p>
Monday	Church Offices Closed
Tuesday	<p>Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Diaconate Executive Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH Christian Education Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH Management Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS Sign Up — 8:00 a.m. in the Nursery MOMS New Member Coffee — 9:00 a.m. in PH MOMS Leader Training — 9:30 a.m. in MH Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m. Interns' Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in the YH Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in the YH Sixth Grade Fellowship — 5:30 p.m. in the Scout Room/Gym Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion/Gym The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS 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 Young Adult Basketball — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym</p>
Thursday	<p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Men of the Covenant Luncheon — 11:45 a.m. in MH Internationals American Style Picnic — 6:00 p.m. in MH</p>
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...." **Dr. Judith J.** – serving with Mission to the World in Asia. For contact information please contact the Mission Department.

Jason and Susie Sterling – serving with RUF as Campus Minister at the University of Mississippi. Mailing Address: 207 Olde Castle Loop, Oxford, MS 38655.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 5

Men, join us this Thursday, September 5, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring The Reverend Mr. Ralph Kelley, Executive Minister. 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.

LADIES, HEADS UP!

Ladies' Bible studies begin the second week in September. Make sure you're signed up and invite your friends.

Check your yearbook or call the Christian Education Office at 601-973-9115 for more information.

Monday, September 9	WIC Circles
Tuesday, September 10	WIC Circles
Wednesday, September 11	MOMS Bible Study
Thursday, September 12	"Wisdom of God"
Thursday, September 12	Genesis Bible Study

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

September 15, 2013

On Sunday, September 15, 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.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2013. Space is available for both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship service. To make your reservation, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or email her at shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

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 September 26th, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., 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*. 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.

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 starting in mid September through early May. You may choose the day that is best for you, although this year we are particularly in need of additional tutors on Tuesday.

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