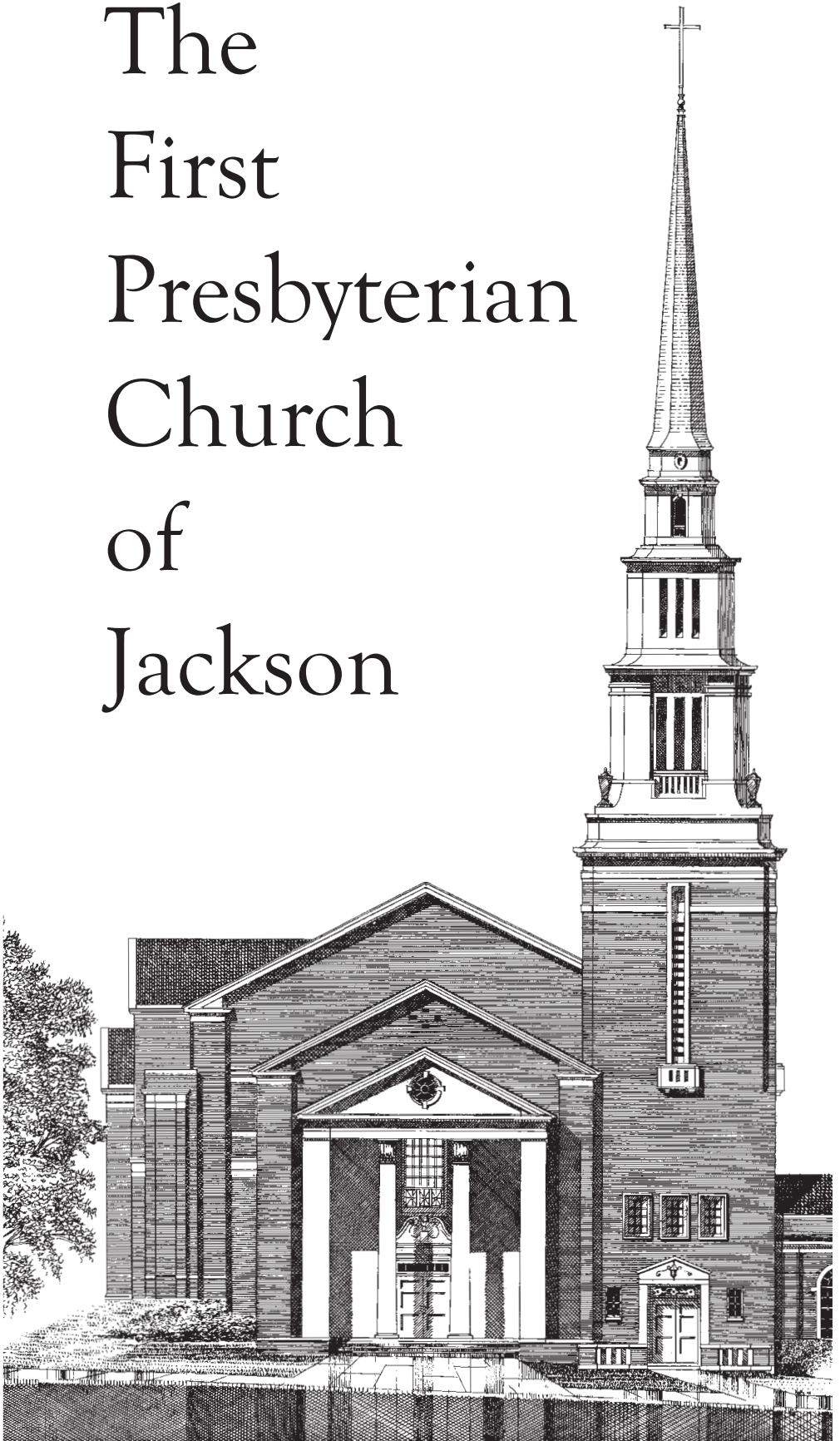


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Second 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 — "Pavane" G. Fauré
Nancy Bateman, Cellist

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

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 101** — "Come, Thou Almighty King"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Scripture Reading — Jeremiah 46:1-47:7 (Pew Bible pages 672-674)

*‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 318** — "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"
(Stanzas 1-3)

The Morning Prayer

*‡ **The Doxology No. 733** (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

The Sunday School Encouragement

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Let The People Praise Thee" (Psalm 67) William Matthias
"Let the people praise Thee, O God; Yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously.

And govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God....

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:

And God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us

The light of His countenance and be merciful unto us.

That Thy way may be known upon earth: Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee....

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 12:18-29 (Pew Bible page 1009)

The Sermon — *Better* "Mt. Zion" Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 358** — "For All the Saints"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Alleluia, Amen" Eugene

The Postlude — "O Worship the King" H. A. Matthews
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

*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. William F. Joseph III
Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — “Aria”Flor Peeters
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 310** — “Rejoice, the Lord is King” (Stanzas 1-4)

‡ **The Invocation**

* **The Evening Psalm No. 73** — “Rejoice, All People, Homage Give”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Paul Stephenson

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Be Thou My Vision” Arr. Wymond
The Student Ensemble, Caroline Pillsbury, Accompanist

The Young Children's Devotional

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

The Song No. 565 — “All for Jesus!” (Stanzas 1 and 4)

The Children's Catechism No. 132

Q. “What does your baptism mean you must do?”

A. “Be a true follower of Christ.”

The Scripture — Matthew 5:13-16; John 12:46; Romans 6:4, 13:12;
Galatians 3:26-27, 5:16-26; I John 2:6

The Meditation.....Billy Dempsey, Minister of Discipleship

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

‡ **The Hymn** — “Speak, O Lord” (See Evening Guide)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible page 909)

The Sermon — *Glory In His Face* “Ascended King” Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 310** — “Rejoice, the Lord is King”
(Stanza 5)

“Rejoice in glorious hope!

Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take His servants up to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!”

The Postlude — “Agincourt Hymn” John Dunstable

*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.

Speak, O Lord

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to re -
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes; in the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

fash - ion us in Your like - ness; That the
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by

acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord and ful -
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your

fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built, And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Scripture Reading

Jeremiah versus the Nations: Egypt and Philistia (Jeremiah 46:1-47:7)

God's judgment on Egypt and the Philistines

The last main section of the book presents Jeremiah's "Oracles against the Nations." These prophecies of judgment address most of the nations around Israel. God is not just the God of Israel but of all nations, and thus Jeremiah is a "prophet to the nations" (see 1:5). Based on the facts at the beginning of this chapter, Jeremiah's prophecy against Egypt was the first of his international oracles. It depicts the famous battle of Carchemish, where King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon defeated Pharaoh Neco of Egypt. Each oracle shows extensive knowledge of each country's geographic features, political alliances, military capabilities, religious worship, and besetting sins. What were these people like? How are they like us? What were the wages of their sins? Since Egypt and the other nations were ancient enemies of the people of God, these prophecies may also be considered a form of protest literature. Israel's enemies will not go unpunished but will get the justice they deserve. Therefore, these grim promises of judgment are good news for the people of God, as we see in the comforting promises of Jeremiah 46:27-28. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

The Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Songs

Come, Thou Almighty King

What a glorious way to begin our morning worship with a hymn adoring God as triune Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! The music, by the gifted violinist Felice de Giardini, was written specially for this hymn and is among the most well-known tunes in our hymnbook. The hymn is a prayer for the presence of Christ to inspire a congregation in the hour of worship. God is addressed under three forms: as Father, the timeless "Ancient of Days" whose function is to rule (stanza 1); as Incarnate Word, the spirit of holiness whose function is to bless and conquer (stanza 2); as Comforter, the indwelling source of joy and power (stanza 3); finally as the mystic combination, the Holy Trinity, in whose presence we shall spend an eternity of love and adoration (stanza 4). Notice how even the intervals (lots of successive thirds) draw attention to the Trinity!

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Given our morning Scripture Reading from Jeremiah 46 and 47, these first three stanzas are a fitting response. Wesley's and Cennick's hymn contemplates the return of our King, the great day of the Lord, the final judgment, the reaction of the lost, and the praise and joy of the redeemed. Let us sing and believe it.

Doxology

In response to our Morning Prayer, we sing the classic text of the Doxology (written by Thomas Ken) with an "Alleluia" added, all to the beautiful tune of "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" (to which we sing "All Creatures of Our God and King").

For All the Saints

This well-known and encouraging hymn is a congregational favorite—and with good reason. It points us to the realities of heaven that are enjoyed by those saints who now rest from their labors here on earth, and reminds those of us who are still soldiers in the church militant (the church on earth) that "soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest." It gives us a glimpse of Emmanuel's land, filled with praises and testimony of those who have gone before us, who have fought the good fight, and have claimed the victor's crown. And it encourages us to remain "faithful, true, and bold" and to "fight as the saints who nobly fought of old." The final two stanzas leave us with a vision of the Day of Resurrection, when believers "rise in bright array" as "the King of Glory passes on His way" and the whole earth responds, "Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!" Set to Ralph Vaughan Williams' majestic tune, *Sine Nomine* (Latin for "without a name"), this hymn is a fitting way to conclude our morning worship service as we consider Christ's kingdom and ours—a kingdom that cannot be shaken!

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 22, 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 — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Lotts (1946 Douglass Drive)</p>
Monday	<p>NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B</p> <p>Choir Supper/Messiah Rehearsal — 5:45 p.m. in PH</p> <p>Cub Scouts Pack Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in MH</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>MVP Nominating Committee Meeting — 11:30 a.m. in MH</p> <p>Twin Lakes Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</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>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 — 5:30 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>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> <p>PROS Luncheon — 11:45 a.m. in MH</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..." **Jay & Maureen Kyle**- serving as International Director of the East Asia Partnership with the International Exchange Organization (assisting Asian church planters). Mailing address: 207 West 106th Street, Apt. 12B, New York, NY 10025. Email address: jay.kyle@redeemer.com

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BAPTISM

Last Sunday, the sacrament of covenant baptism was administered to Josie Anne Cottle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lee Cottle, Jr.; Sarah Ellington Harbarger, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David A. Harbarger; Janet Laughlin Hester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eric Hester; Gregory Stephen Meyer, Jr., son Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Stephen Meyer, Sr.; Gray Montgomery Nicols, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lee Montgomery Nicols; Robert Coit Oates III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coit Oates, Jr.; James Crowder Steiner, son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Andrew Steiner; Arthur Crisler Wadsworth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crisler Wadsworth; Grady Rhine Watson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Ian Watson; and Catherine Ann Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Alexander Wood.

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*. 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., tomorrow, 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!

INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, our next joining date is Sunday, October 6, 2013. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in by Sunday, September 29. Any forms received after September 29 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 LUNCHEON Thursday, October 3

Men, join us this Thursday, October 3, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring Dr. Jimmy Moore. 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

SAVE THE DATES Fall Discipleship Luncheon Series October 22~October 29~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. Watch for sign-up information!

FPDS 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

The School Board of First Presbyterian Day School has established a priority for members of the First Presbyterian Church for such vacancies as now remain for the fall session commencing August 2014. This priority ends at 3:00 p.m. on October 31, and pertains only to new students applying for placement in the Day School. Accordingly, all interested persons of this congregation should immediately contact the school at 601-355-1731.

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