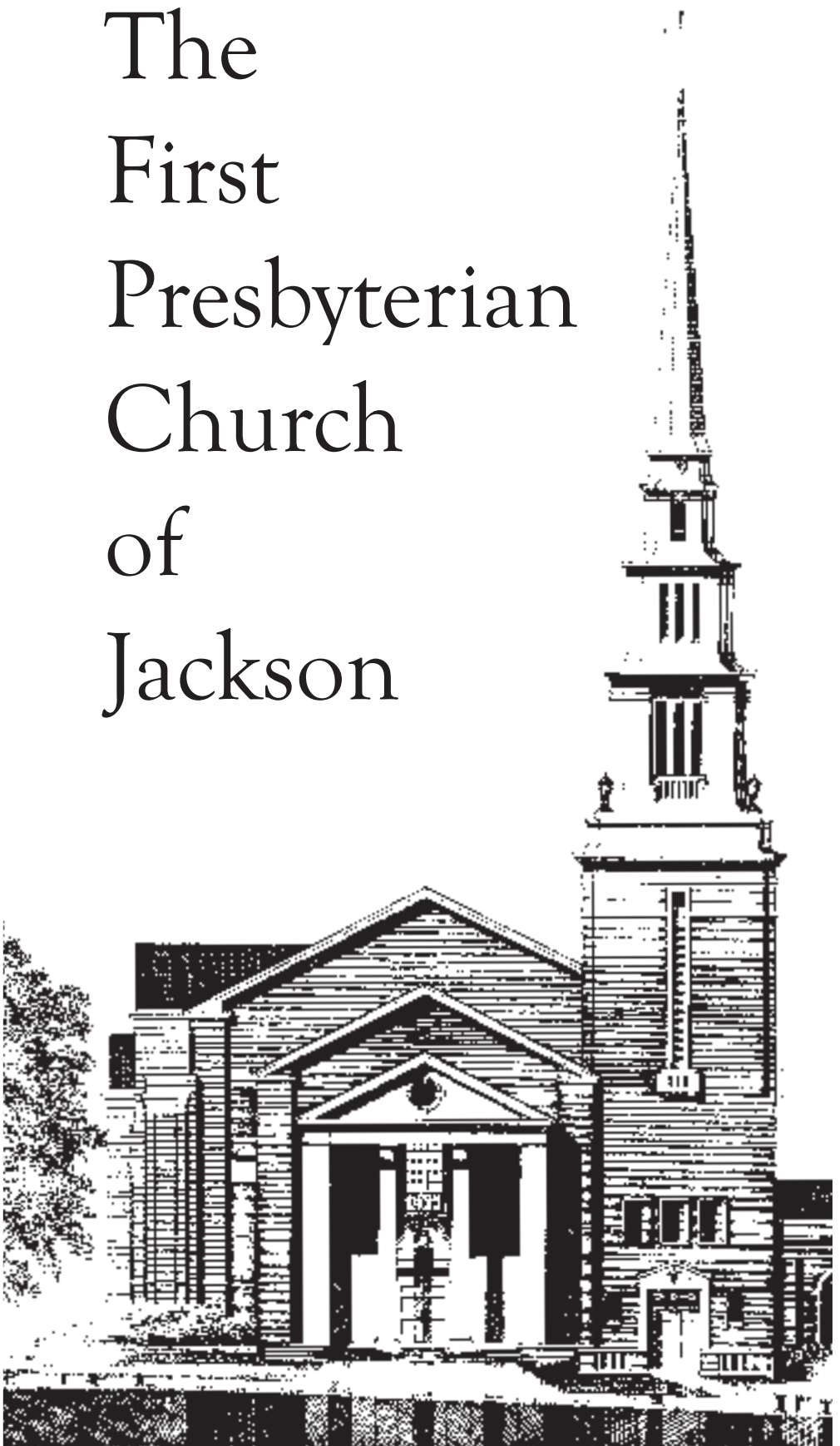


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourteenth Day of September, 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** — "Prelude in G" ..... Charles Callahan  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — "Behold, Now, Praise the Lord" ..... Everitt Titcomb

**The Call to Worship**

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

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

‡\* **The Doxology**

"O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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how great thou art, how great thou art!"

**The Scripture Reading** — Nehemiah 5:14-6:9 (Pew Bible pages 401-402)

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Psalm No. 89** — "God Is Our Strength and Refuge"

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

**The Offertory** — "By the Waters of Babylon" (Psalm 137) ..... Phillip James  
"By the waters of Babylon, we sat down and wept  
when we remembered thee, O Zion.

As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein.  
For they that led us away captive required of us a song.  
Sing us one of the songs of Zion. Jerusalem!  
How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem: Let my right hand forget her cunning. Jerusalem!"

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Exodus 1:1-22 (Pew Bible page 46)

**The Sermon** — *God Remembers:* ..... Mr. Strain  
"The Impotence of Evil and the Power of Promise"

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 128** — "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — "Five-Fold Amen" ..... William Wymond

**The Congregational Meeting**

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing



# Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Bill Moore



1 Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken, All to leave and fol -  
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me, They have left my Sav -  
 \*3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'Twill but drive me to  
 4 Go then earth - ly fame and trea - sure, Come di - sas - ter, scorn  
 5 Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry, Armed by faith and winged



low life. Des - ti - tute, des - pised, for - sa - ken,  
 for too Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me.  
 Thy breast. Life with tri - als hard may press me.  
 and pain In thy ser - vice pain is plea - sure.  
 by prayer. Heav'n's a - ter - nal day's be - fore thee.



Thou from hence my all shall be. Pe - ish ev - ery fond  
 Thou art not like them un - true Oh white! how doest smile  
 \*Heaven will bring me sweet - er rest Oh 'tis not a grief  
 with Thy fa - vor loss is gain I have called Thee A -  
 God's own hand shall guide thee there Soon shall close thy earth -



am - bi - tion All I've sought or hoped or known  
 u - pon me, God of wis - dom love and might  
 \*to harm me, While Thy love is left to me  
 - bda Fa - ther, I have stayed my heart on Thee.  
 - ly mission. Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days.



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and heaven are still  
 Foes may hate and friends dis - own me, Show Thy face and all  
 \*Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy un - mixed  
 Storms may howl and clouds may ga - ther, All must work for good  
 Hope shall charge to glad fru - i - tion, Faith to sight, and prayer



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# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Psalms, Hymns, 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! Knowing the doctrine of the Trinity is the centerpiece of Christian theology. Dutch theologian, Herman Bavinck writes, "It is only when we contemplate the Trinity that we know who and what God is." Although the attribution is "anonymous" in our Trinity Hymnal book, others credit this hymn to Charles Wesley, and it appeared in George Whitefield's *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship* in 1757. 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); and 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 (many successive thirds) draw attention to the Trinity!

### **The Doxology**

In response to our Prayer of Adoration and Confession, we sing these familiar stanzas as our Doxology (a Greek-rooted word which simply means "word of praise," in reference to a brief ascription of adoration to God) this morning. You will recognize these moving words as the first and third stanzas of the much-beloved hymn, "How Great Thou Art!" When George Beverly Shea and the Billy Graham Gospel Choir began to sing the song at virtually every crusade event, "How Great Thou Art" soon became one of the most recognized songs around the world. A poll conducted by the Christian Herald magazine in 1974 named "How Great Thou Art" as the most popular hymn in America. This hymn beautifully coincides with our new sermon series on Exodus, in which we see God's sovereign works and His "pow'r throughout the universe displayed." A fitting response of praise as we continue to worship this Lord's Day Morning!

### **God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

William Cowper (pronounced "Cooper") was a man riddled with personal afflictions of the mind and soul. His hymns have become some of the best known: "Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet," "O for a Closer Walk with God," "What Various Hindrances We Meet," "Sometimes a Light Surprises," and "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood." This one, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," is the best hymn on the theme of God's providence known to us. The stanzas strike deep at the manifestations of unbelief that plague even the most devout Christian—"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take"; "Judge not the Lord by feeble sense"—and point us to the wise, good designs of our heavenly Father—"Behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face." Purportedly the last hymn that he wrote, it unfolds the certainty of God's hand in every aspect of our lives, including those dark and troubled aspects that we cannot fully explain or understand. It is particularly suitable as a response to our study of God's Word from Exodus 1 this morning.

#### HEARING ASSISTANCE

Several members of our congregation have benefitted from the hearing devices that are available during our worship services. These devices transmit the sound from the pulpit directly into a small and unobtrusive ear piece. You may obtain your own hearing device to bring to church each week by contacting Earl Davis in the church office: 601-353-8316.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We are so glad you came to First Presbyterian Church this evening. Having heard about Jesus tonight, it may be that you have questions that remain unanswered or objections that you'd like to express. Perhaps you'd like to explore the claims of Christ in more detail with someone individually or as part of a group discussion. It may even be that you have found Jesus so compelling that you'd like to meet Him for yourself.

In the form below, you will find a way to let us know how we can help you think through who Jesus is, why He came, and what it means to follow Him. Completing the form does not indicate any commitment on your part, and we assure you that your information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

If you'd like to let us know how we can serve you, simply fill out the form, tear down the perforated edge, and leave it in the boxes marked for that purpose in the greeting courtyard and front foyer of the church.

I'd like to explore Christianity further.

I'd like to become a Christian.

I'd like to talk to a pastor.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us..." — **Foster & Laura Gullett** – Serving in campus ministry at the University of Bologna with Campus Crusade for Christ in Bologna, Italy. Mailing address: 352 Price Street, Oxford, MS 38655. Email: fgullett@gmail.com. **Jason & Susie Sterling** – Serving as campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship at Ole Miss. Mailing address: 207 Olde Castle Loop, Oxford, MS 38655. Email: jsterling@ruf.org

## VOTING FOR NEW DEACONS

The election process will begin today with the congregation voting after every morning and evening worship service until twenty men are elected.

## "TRUTH AT DAWN" MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our "Truth at Dawn" men's Bible study resumes Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 a.m. in room WH202. Our study this fall will be on the book of Daniel. Study books are available from the bookstore for \$10. A light breakfast will be available for \$3. Please call the church office at 601-353-8316 to reserve your spot.

## PARENTS' PRAYER

The Student Ministry will host the monthly Parents' Prayer in the Youth House on Wednesday, September 17, at 12:00 p.m. The meeting is a time of prayer for the student ministry, staff, students, and families of FPC. All parents are invited, and lunch is provided. Contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org for more information.

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Come join us Thursday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. for Thursday Night Fellowship. This fall we are going through a series on Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Danny and Holly Story are hosting this week (2416 Culleywood Rd in Jackson). Contact David Felker at 601-850-8650 for more details, bring friends, and come on out.

## COLOSSIANS: THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST

This fall semester at our weekly Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, we will be studying Paul's Epistle to the Colossians. Each week one of our ministers or men on the church staff will be teaching from a passage in Colossians, followed by a time of corporate prayer. C.H. Spurgeon is known to have called the Prayer Meeting the "engine room" of the church and says that the blessing of heaven comes when prayer meetings are vibrant and filled with bold, urgent, kingdom-centered prayer. Please join us weekly in Patterson Hall at 6:30 p.m. as we pray to that end.

## AN EVENING OF GREAT MUSIC OF PRAISE

We hope you will join us Sunday evening, September 21, at 6:00 p.m. for a special service of hymns and anthems presented by the FPC Adult Choir along with members of the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and special guest soloist, Ross Hauch. There will be no children's classes that night; however, a nursery will be available for children through age 5.

## JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT

The Junior High, grades 7 through 9, at First Presbyterian Church will participate in the annual Fall Retreat at Twin Lakes September 19-21. It is a weekend full of playing fun games, building friendships, and studying God's Word. Our speaker will be Seth Starkey, RUF Belhaven. The cost is \$119, and there are still spots available. Contact Jenny Sanders at youthhouse@fpcjackson.org with questions or sign up online at fpcjackson.org/youth/upcoming-trips.

## PROS

Our first fall meeting of PROS (Presbyterian Retired Organization) will be Thursday, September 25, at 11:30 a.m. You won't want to miss Judy Rhodes Davis, who will present a musical program of both secular songs and hymns. Our menu will consist of chicken marsala, twice-baked potatoes, mandarin orange salad, and apple crisp topped with vanilla ice cream! Please call the church office to make your reservation by Tuesday, September 23. The cost will be \$4.00 per person.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, October 5, 2014. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and **turn it in by Wednesday, September 21**. Any forms received after September 21, will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained from Marie Phillips or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Phillips at 601-973-9101 or mariep@fpcjackson.org.

## CONNECT WITH FPC ONLINE

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# FPC THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 14, 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  
**Inquirers' Class** — 9:40 a.m. in Session Room (off Greeting Courtyard)  
**College Sunday School** — 9:50 a.m. in the CH  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Young Adult Leadership Group** — 4:30 p.m. in WH204  
**The Student Choir Rehearsal** — 4:40 p.m. in Music Suite  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Cottens  
 (2202 Culleywood Road)

## Monday

**Special Needs Sub-Committee Meeting** — 12:00 Noon in WH204

## 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.  
**Student Ministry Committee Meeting** — 11:45 a.m. in WH204  
**Internationals Class** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## Wednesday

**MOMS Bible Study** — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC  
**Men's Bible Study** — 10:00 a.m. in SR  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  
**Parents' Prayer Lunch** — 12:00 Noon in YH  
**Session Finance Committee** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**Junior High Discipleship Groups** — 5:00 p.m. in 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

**Son of David Ladies Bible Study** — 9:00 a.m. on 2nd floor SC  
**Genesis Ladies Bible Study** — 9:45 a.m. in MH  
**The Learning Resource Center** — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**MNA Committee Meeting** — 12:00 noon in MH  
**Young Adult Fellowship** — 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Storys  
 (2416 Culleywood Road)

## Friday

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

## 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