

THE LORD'S DAY

The First Day of February, Two Thousand Nine

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Mr. Richard D. Phillips

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III

Senior Minister

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 — "Meditation on Everlasting Love"James Mountain
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"Martin Luther

The Call to Worship

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

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 25 (Pew Bible Page 586)

‡ **The Doxology No. 733**

* **The Welcome**

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 108** — "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Anthem — "Glorious Is Thy Name" (*12th Mass*)Wolfgang A. Mozart
"Glorious is Thy name, Almighty Lord.

All the angels stand, round about Thy throne. Let all nations bow before Thee.
And declare Thy wondrous works.

We praise Thee. We give thanks to Thee. We adore Thee, we glorify Thee.

Lord, we adore Thee. We bless Thee. Lord, we thank Thee for Thy great glory.

Heaven is Thy throne, and earth is Thy footstool. Thou are the King over all the world.

Glorious is Thy name, is Thy name, O Lord. Blessing and honor be to God,
forever and evermore."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — John 3:22-30 (Pew Bible Page 888)

The Sermon — "How to Be a Useful Christian"Mr. Phillips

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 585** — "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Blessing, Glory and Honor Be Thine"Mozart

The Postlude — "Sonata in C"A. Scarlatti

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Nathan D. Shurden
Minister of Discipleship

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

The Prelude — "Elevation in B Flat"Marcel Dupre
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 84** — "Under the Care of My God, the Almighty"
(Psalm 91)

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn — "In Christ Alone" (See Evening Guide)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Steve Edwards

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Create in Me"Michael Burkhardt
The Student Ensemble

The Young Children's Devotional

The Song No. 234 - "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" (Stanza 1)

The Children's Catechism No. 60

Q. "When did Christ die?"

A. "Almost two thousand years ago."

The Scripture — Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1; Luke 2; John 1:14; Philippians 2:9-11

The MeditationMr. Peter Anderson, Outreach Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 576** — "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve" (Stanzas 1-4)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Nehemiah 11:1-12:26 (Pew Bible Page 406-408)

The Sermon — "Census Lists"Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 576** — "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"
(Stanza 5)

"Blest Savior, introduced by you,
have I my race begun;
and, crowned with vict'ry, at Your feet
I'll lay my honors down,
I'll lay my honors down.

The Postlude — "Upon this Rock"Jeanne Demessieux

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Welcome
Visitors

We are delighted to have you in our worship. May we heartily worship and praise God together! If you would like information about joining this church, we cordially invite you to an informal meeting in the Session Room following the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

"In Christ Alone"

Getty and Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease! My com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the
me; for I am His and he is mine, bought with the
hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

A Guide to the Morning Service

Sermon

We welcome to our pulpit today the Reverend Richard D. Phillips (Westminster Theological Seminary, M.Div.). Rick is senior minister of the historic Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC. He is the author of numerous books, including *Jesus the Evangelist* and the recently released *The Incarnation in the Gospels*. He is chairman of the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology, series co-editor of the Reformed Expository Commentary, and serves on the councils of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals and the Gospel Coalition. He and his wife, Sharon, have five children: Hannah, Matthew, Jonathan, Ellie, and Lydia, and live in the upcountry of South Carolina.

Old Testament

Isaiah 25 discusses death being swallowed up by God. The defeat of death, our final enemy, is much like turning points in wars. For instance, although D-Day was considered to be the turning point for World War II, the war continued to rage on for years. The same is true of the defeat of death. Death was defeated by Jesus Christ's victory on the cross and in the grave. But still His people continue to die every day. The battle is won. Victory for the people of God is certain, yet through patience will they taste the fullness of what has been accomplished in Jesus Christ, when death is no more and God wipes away every tear.

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Henry Lyte, author of "Abide with Me" (generally considered to be one of the ten best hymns in the English language), gave us this hymn. 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.

The Doxology

Today, we sing the classic text of the Doxology (written by Thomas Ken), with an "Alleluia" added, and to the glorious and majestic tune of "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" (to which we sing "All Creatures of Our God and King").

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708), son of a Lutheran minister and faculty member of the University of Jena, wrote this hymn to cheer his friend Gastorius, who had become seriously ill. This song is a classic expression of the believer's trust in the ultimate rule and kindness of God. All things are in His hands and He does what He pleases, but all that He does is right, and works good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). This is a hymn to memorize! Each stanza of the hymn opens with a declaration of trust in the goodness of God's sovereignty: "Whate'er my God ordains is right." In the first stanza, we declare our trust in the Lord no matter what He does. In the second stanza we remind ourselves that the Lord never deceives us and that He always leads us on the proper road in life. Furthermore, we recount that He will not leave us and that He is strong enough to deflect our grief. In stanza three, we join in the experience of our Lord who Himself had to say in dark Gethsemane "nevertheless, not My will but Thy will be done." How can we sing such words? It is the believer's trust in the covenant faithfulness of God which enables him to endure his sorrows, in hope awaiting the day that they will all depart. The final stanza concludes with a strengthening declaration of trust in the face of the severest calamity: "My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall: and so to Him I leave it all."

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • February 1, 2009

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Hymns of the Faith Radio Program — 9:00 a.m. on WJNT 1180 AM
Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133
Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. in various locations
Communicants Class — 9:45 a.m. in PH
Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
New Members Received — 4:30 p.m. in HC
Student Ensemble — 4:45 p.m. in MS
Young Adults Prayer Time — 5:00 p.m. in YH
WIC Prayer Group — 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor
Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary
First - Third Grade Catechism Class — 6:30 p.m. (dismissed from Sanctuary to M133)
Four- and Five-Year-Olds Scripture Memory Class — 6:30 p.m. (dismissed from Sanctuary to M135)
Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. in the home of Miriam Taylor (2239 East Manor Drive)

Monday

WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in PH
Deacons' Executive Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Troop 18 Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room 321

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Crafts for Missions — 9:00 a.m. in SC213
Management Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in SC215
Cub Scouts Den Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in SC210
Perspectives on the World Christian Movement — 6:00 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS — 9:00 a.m. in PH
Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
Junior High Small Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH
Children's Activities — 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Gym
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Children's Choirs — 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Various Rooms as Posted
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH/PH
Senior High Girls Small Groups — 7:45 p.m. in the Home of Walt and Laura Wofford (1827 Linden Place)
Senior High Guys Small Groups — 7:45 p.m. in the YH

Thursday

War of Words Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in SC
Romans Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
Men of the Covenant Luncheon — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Friday

Sew and Sow Mentoring Group — 9:00 a.m. in SC213A
Ladies' Spring Retreat — Twin Lakes

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH
Ladies' Spring Retreat — Twin Lakes

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us...." — Our FPC missionaries for today to lift up in prayer: Jack and Nell Chinchen, Malawi, ABC, P.O. Box 103, Clinton, MS 39060. Email address: abcmalawi@malawi.net

FPC MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Men, want to grow in your knowledge of the Bible's content and better understand how each book of the Old Testament contributes to the unfolding of God's plan of redemption? Nate Shurden, Minister of Discipleship, will lead a weekly morning Bible study through the Old Testament. The study will include teaching, guided discussion, and prayer and begins at 6:30 a.m. in Miller Hall. A light breakfast will be served. To learn more, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9234 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS

Ladies, we need you! We are planning to make Christmas ornaments on Tuesday mornings to send to our FPC missionaries. The dates are: February 3, 10, 17, and 24, and March 3 and 10, 2009. Time: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. A nursery is available upon request. For more information, to reserve a nursery spot, or to join us, please call Sharon Teh at 601-824-0433.

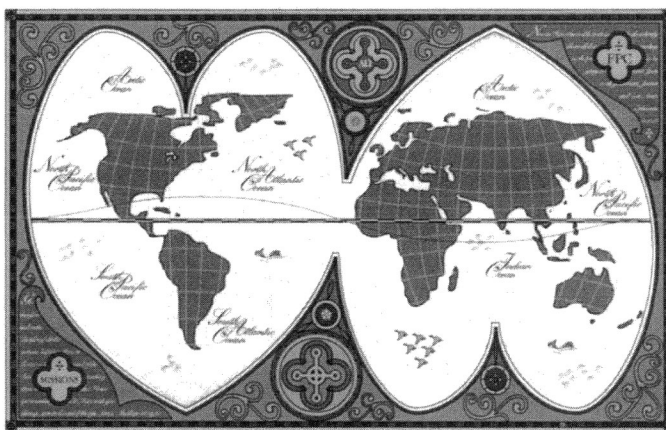
SCOUT RECOGNITION IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MEN OF THE COVENANT - FEBRUARY 5

Dr. Tom Elkin will be the guest speaker. Tom has recently joined the staff of First Presbyterian Church since retiring as a clinical psychologist and Adjunct Staff Minister at Independent Presbyterian in Memphis, TN. He earned a B.A. from Belhaven College in 1962 and B.D. from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA in 1965. He earned his Ph.D. from Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in Pasadena, CA in 1972.

Missions Conference

February 18 – 22, 2009



Conference Preacher – The Reverend Michael Campbell
Senior Minister, Redeemer Church

Missions Faculty

Andrew Lamb – MTW - Orlando

Jim Patterson – MTW - Philippines

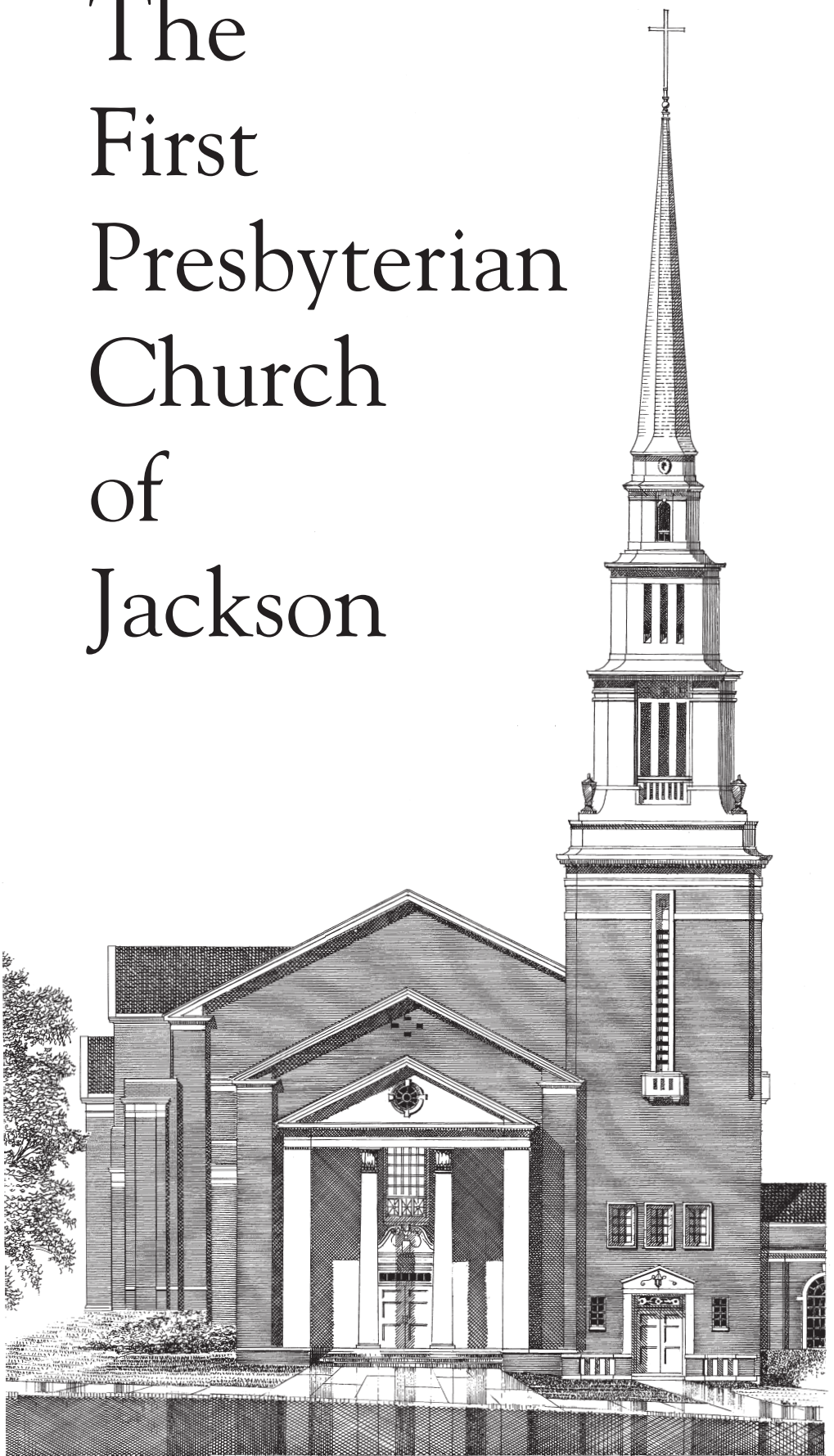
Clay Quarterman – MTW - Ukraine

Jason Little – MNA - Church Planter
in Oregon

Wes Baker - Peru Mission

Elbert McGowan - RUM - Jackson
State University

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