

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of January, Two Thousand Nine  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III  
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Nathan D. Shurden  
Minister of Discipleship

*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** — "In Christ Alone" .....Getty and Townend  
Nancy Bateman, Cellist  
Jackie Bateman, Violinist

**The Introit** — "Worthy Is the Lamb" (Messiah) .....G.F. Handel

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 1** — "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (Psalm 100)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Old Testament Reading** — Isaiah 22 (Pew Bible Pages 583-584)

‡ **The Gloria Patri No. 734**

\* **The Welcome**

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

**The Anthem** — "Surely, He Hath Borne Our Grievs" (Messiah) .....G.F. Handel

"Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.  
He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities,  
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him."  
Isaiah 53:4, 5

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Luke 1:57-66 (Pew Bible Page 856)

**The Sermon** — "His Name Is John" .....Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Preparation No. 252** — "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**The Lord's Supper**

The Words of Institution  
The Invitation  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Apostles' Creed  
The Ten Commandments  
The Communion With Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

‡ **The Hymn** — "The Power of the Cross" (See Guide)

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — "Darwall's Amen" .....John Darwall

**The Postlude** — "These are the Holy Ten Commands" .....J.S. Bach

\*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. Jeremy H. Smith

Executive Minister

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

**The Prelude** — "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" .....J.S. Bach  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 498** — "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Words of Institution

The Introduction of the Covenant Child and her Family

The Biblical Promise

The Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder George Fair

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

**The Offertory** — "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" .....arr. McKechnie  
Caroline Pillsbury, Pianist

**The Young Children's Devotional**

The Hymn No. 521 — "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (Stanza 1)

The Children's Catechism No. 57

Q. "What happens when you believe in Christ?"

A. "You trust Christ alone to save you."

The Scripture — Ecclesiastes 3:14; Matthew 7:13-14; John 10:9, 14:6;  
James 2:19

The Meditation.....Mr. Josh Rieger, Christian Education Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 493** — "We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought" (Stanzas 1-4)

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Nehemiah 9:1-38 (Pew Bible Page 392)

**The Sermon** — "Confession Is Good for the Soul" .....Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 493** — "We Have Not Known Thee As We  
Ought (Stanza 5)

"When shall we know Thee as we ought,  
and fear and love and serve aright!  
When shall we, out of trial brought,  
be perfect in the land of light!  
Lord, may we day by day prepare  
to see Thy face, and serve Thee there."

**The Postlude** — "The Blessed Christ is Ris'n Today" .....J.S. Bach

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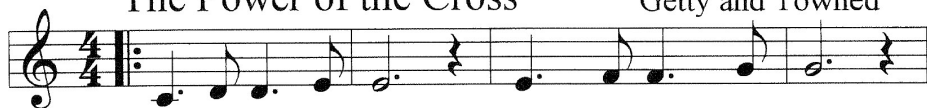
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Welcome  
Visitors

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.

# The Power of the Cross

Getty and Towned



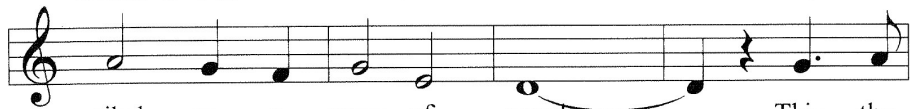
1. O to see the dawn of the dark - est day;  
 2. O to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,  
 3. Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath  
 4. O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.  
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.  
 quakes as its Ma - ker bows His head.  
 for through Your suff - ring I am free.



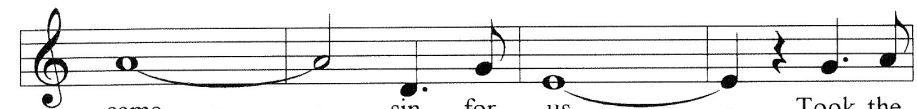
Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then,  
 Ev - ry bit - ter thought, ev - ry e - vil deed  
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life  
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



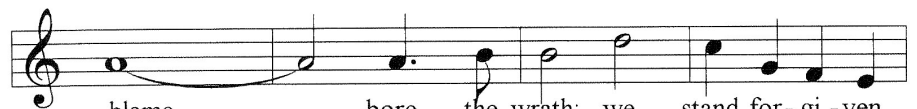
nailed to a cross of wood. - This the  
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.  
 "fin - ished!" the vic - tory cry.  
 won through Your self - less love.



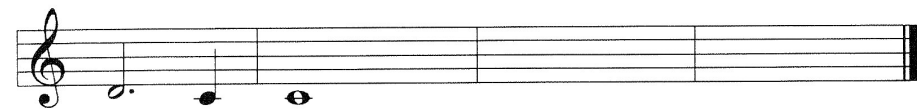
power - of the cross. - Christ be  
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- came - - sin for us. - Took the  
 God - - slain for us. What a



blame, - bore the wrath; we stand for - gi - ven  
 love, - what a cost we



at the cross.

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Lord's Supper

We are worshipping today in both word and sacrament. The biblical teaching on the nature of the sacraments may be epitomized as follows: God's sacraments or covenant signs/seals; they are "visible words" (Augustine). In them we see with our eyes the promise of God. In the public reading and preaching of Scripture, God addresses our mind and conscience through the hearing. In the sacraments, He uniquely addresses our mind and conscience through the other senses. In, through, and to the senses, God's promise is made tangible. A sacrament is a covenant sign and seal, which reminds us and assures us of a promise. Another way of saying it is that a sacrament is an action designed by God to sign (symbolize) and seal (ratify) a covenantal reality, accomplished by the power and grace of God, the significance of which has been communicated by the word of God, and the reality of which is received or entered into only by faith. Hence, the weakness, the frailty of human faith welcomes this gracious act of reassurance. The sacraments are by nature supplemental to and confirmatory of the promises held out in the word, and the grace conveyed by them is the same grace held out via the means of preaching. The sacraments are efficacious for the elect and the elect only, since their benefits are sanctificational (that is, the Lord's Supper doesn't "save" us, it grows us) and are received by faith. In the Lord's Supper, the Christian, by faith, experiences true communion with Christ in all His benefits.

## The Invitation

The Lord's Table is for those who are trusting in Jesus Christ. *So we invite to this table, the Lord's Table, all those who trust in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation as He is offered in the Gospel and who have joined themselves to the body of Christ, His Church.*

Among other things, this means that the children of this congregation who have not yet made a public profession of faith and entered into full communing membership of this church are to refrain from partaking in the sacrament. By restricting the Table in this way, we are by no means disparaging the tremendous blessings and benefits of our covenant children. The children of believers enjoy innumerable privileges unique to their status within God's covenant. They are exposed to the means or ways that God has chosen to convict and convince sinners of their need. They are taught the truths about God, man, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. They enjoy the blessings of the local church, where they fellowship with other believers, are nurtured in the faith, and are taught to pray. They are given a special status by God. Thus we baptize the children of believers because we recognize that they are within the covenant. Yet, neither their birth nor their baptism ensures their final status before God. That is, their salvation is not secured as a birthright. All children (just like adults) must embrace Jesus Christ by faith. And because of the nature of the Lord's Table (that we commune by faith with Christ), and because of the language of Paul who requires "discernment of the body" for admittance to the Table, we ask that our covenant children first express faith, and join as communing members of our congregation before coming to the Table.

If you are not a believer in Christ who has identified yourself with His church, don't come to the Table. Rather, wait, think, pray, repent, and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## A Prayer of Preparation

*Since by Thy fatherly goodness Thou dost invite us today to receive the holy testimonies of our peace and reconciliation with Thee, and since Thy son Jesus, who died for us, calls to Himself all those who labor and are heavy laden, Thou wilt surely not reject Thy servant who begs Thy grace and seeks salvation and life in the death of Jesus Christ. Now therefore lift my heart to Thee: give me Thy Holy Spirit. Grant me grace to approach this table with humble repentance and a thirsty soul that desires thy grace. Strengthen my faith so that, receiving by hand these visible signs, I may receive by faith the body of Jesus Christ and His blood shed for me as nourishment of eternal life.*

John Calvin

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • January 11, 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 Luncheon** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**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 Sanford Moore (4233 N. Honeysuckle Lane)

## Monday

**Circles Meet This Week**  
**Session Finance Committee** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**Troop 18 Scout Committee** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**The Diaconate** — 5:30 p.m. in PH  
**Cub Scouts** — 6:00 p.m. in Scout Room 321  
**The Session** — 7:00 p.m. in MS

## Tuesday

**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in HC  
**FPC Literature Group** — 7:00 p.m. in SC210

## 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  
**Internationals** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## Friday

**Sew and Sow Mentoring Group** — 9:00 a.m. in SC213A

## 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us..." — Our FPC missionary for today to lift up in prayer: Chuck Askew, RUF, Coastal Carolina University, 301 Ayrie Court, Conway, SC 29527. Email address: caskew@ruf.org

## IN MEMORIAM

William M. Weathersby — January 3, 2009

## WIC CIRCLES

### Monday, January 12, 10:00 a.m.

- #2 Vicki Swayze  
1721 Howard Street
- #3 Carolyn Heidelberg  
145 Brae Burn Drive
- #4 Carolyn Jones  
Church Parlor
- #5 Laura Blaylock and Bess Corbitt  
Youth House

### Monday, January 12, 12:00 noon

- #14 Susan Turner  
Miller Hall (brown bag)

### Tuesday, January 13, 10:00 a.m.

- #9 Grace Toler  
Church Parlor
- #10 Emily Dear  
142 Greenglades, Ridgeland
- #11 Peanut Simmons and Ruth Tant  
Youth House

### Tuesday, January 13, 12:00 (Lunch)

- #13 Janet Quayle  
Miller Hall

### Tuesday, January 13, 5:30 p.m. (Dinner)

- #7 Marian Ware  
Miller Hall

## PROS - JANUARY 22 AT 11:00 A.M. IN MILLER HALL

How about an African Safari with no packing, dust, airline contentions or jet lag? Louis Steencamp will do it all for us with his wonderful presentation of Africa and God's creation. Louis is a student at Reformed Seminary and with his father, organizes and takes people on African safaris, as well as shares with folks state-side through pictures and talks. This will be a wonderful visual and spiritual adventure so come start the year with PROS. Please call the church office to make reservations by Tuesday, January 20.

## 2009 MID-SOUTH MEN'S RALLY

January 30, 2009

Our speaker this year is The Reverend Richard D. Phillips (Westminster Theological Seminary, M. Div.), senior minister of the historic Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC.

## LADIES' NIGHT OUT WITH SHARON PHILLIPS

While the men are attending the Mid-South Men's Rally on January 30, ladies, you have an opportunity for a fireside chat with his wife, Sharon, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Patterson Hall. A nursery is provided, but registration is extremely important as we attempt to juggle all the men and women on this busy evening! RSVP - 601-973-9115 or omegas@fpcjackson.org.

## PERSPECTIVES

Belhaven College will again be offering the Perspectives Course this semester. The course aims to equip and mobilize Christians to be salt in the world, focusing on what God has said in the Bible, how He has worked in history and in people, and how every Christian can be involved in God's global purposes. The class can be taken for college credit or audit, and will be held on Tuesdays in Patterson Hall from 6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., beginning January 20 and running through April 28. Brochures are available around the sanctuary, including contact information to register for the course.

## YOUNG ADULT GIRLS: BREAKFAST WITH SHARON PHILLIPS

"How am I to Understand Dating and Marriage, Biblically,  
in a Postmodern World?"

Saturday, January 31, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.

In the home of Ashley Hall - RSVP to ashleyh@fpcjackson.org or 601-973-9118

# 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 (her) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (her) 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 (her) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (her), that you will teach (her) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (her) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

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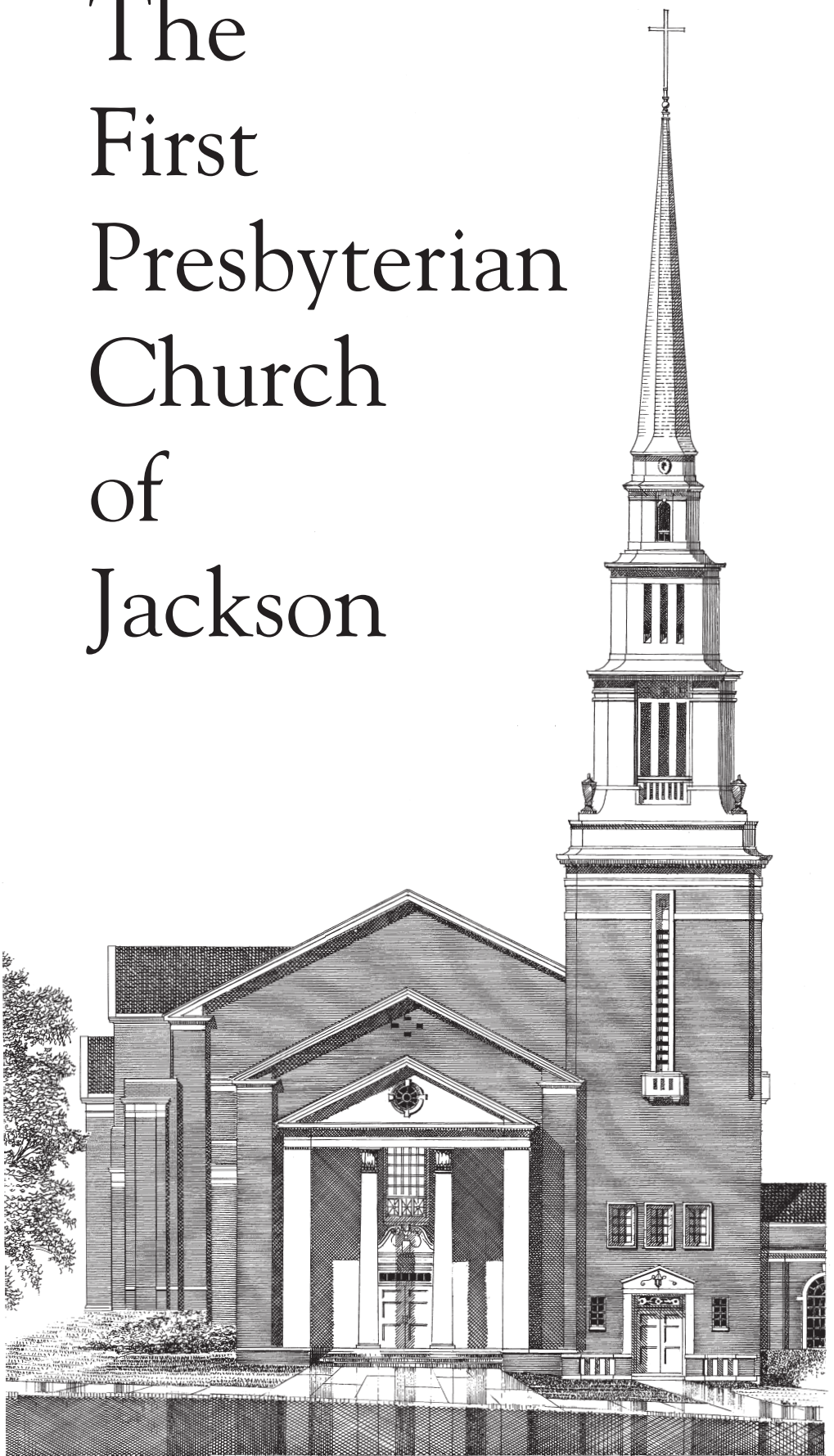
To the congregation:

As a member of this congregation, do you commit this church, The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, to undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their 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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