

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Day of April, Two Thousand Nine  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Jeremy H. Smith

Executive 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** — "Fairest Lord Jesus" .....Gayden Sikes  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — "With a Voice of Singing" .....Martin Shaw

## **The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 235** — "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Old Testament Reading** — Isaiah 33 (Pew Bible pages 593-594)

‡ **The Doxology No. 731**

**The Solo** — "The Palms" .....Jean-Baptiste Faure  
Clifford MacGowan, Soloist

## **The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 689** — "Be Still, My Soul"

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

**The Anthem** — "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" .....Gefforey O'Hara  
With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

"I walked today where Jesus walked in days of long ago;  
I wandered down each path He knew, with reverent steps and slow.  
Those little lanes, they have not changed. A sweet peace fills the air.  
I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt His presence there.  
My pathway led through Bethlehem, Ah! Memories ever sweet;  
The little hills of Galilee, that knew those childish feet;  
The Mount of Olives, hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before;  
I saw the mighty Jordan roll as in the days of yore.  
I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone He prayed;  
The Garden of Gethsemane. My heart felt unafraid!  
I picked my heavy burden up, and with Him by my side,  
I climbed the Hill of Calvary, where on the cross He died!  
I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt Him close to me."

## **The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Psalm 40 (Pew Bible pages 468-469)

**The Sermon** — "Preaching the Gospel to Ourselves Every Day" .....Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 465** — "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — "The Dresden Amen"

**The Postlude** — "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" .....Michael Burkhardt

‡ Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior 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** — "Prelude in D" .....Michael Burkhardt  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 401** — "All Praise to Thee My God"

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Words of Institution  
The Biblical Promise  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Baptism  
The Baptismal Benediction

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Joel Payne

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

**The Offertory** — The Student Ensemble  
Hannah Thomas, Accompanist

**The Young Children's Devotional**

The Song No. 295 — "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (Stanza 1)

The Children's Catechism No. 68

Q. "How is Christ a king?"

A. "By ruling over the world and defending His people."

The Scripture — Joshua 23:2-3, 9-10; 24:14-15; Psalm 19:7; Isaiah 9:6-7,  
33:22; Luke 1:32-33; Romans 8:7-8; Philippians 2:9-11;  
II Timothy 4:8; Hebrews 11:6

The Meditation .....Mr. Brad Mills, Discipleship Intern

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 44** — "How Great Thou Art" (Stanzas 1-3)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — 1 Samuel 4:1b-22 (Pew Bible page 228)

**The Sermon** — "Boxed-up Theology" .....Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 44** — "How Great Thou Art" (Stanza 4)

**"The Postlude** — "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" .....Gayden Sikes

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

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.

# A Guide to the Evening Service

## The Sacrament of Baptism

We have the privilege of worshipping God in both Word and sacrament during the evening worship service. Baptism is a covenant sign. That is, it points to and confirms a gracious promise of God to His people. To elaborate: Our Larger Catechism tells us that "Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, in which Christ has commanded the application of water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to be a sign and seal of union with himself, of forgiveness of sins by his blood, regeneration by his Spirit, adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby those who are baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's." (1) It is commanded by Christ in Matthew 28 ("Go...make disciples...baptizing. and...teaching them"). (2) It is to be applied to believers as we see in Acts 8 ("Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning to see from Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?' And Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him"). (3) It is to be administered to believers and their children, as can be seen from Genesis 17 ("I will establish my covenant between me, and you, and your descendents") - which shows that the normal order of discipleship in the church is baptism followed by teaching; Colossians 2 (In Christ "you were also circumcised....having been buried with Him in baptism") - which shows that NT water baptism replaces OT circumcision as the sign of membership in the church; 1 Corinthians 7 ("your children are...now...holy") - which confirms the place of children in the new covenant community, the church; and Acts 16 ("Lydia...was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And...she and her household [were] baptized") - which shows us the pattern of the earliest church in covenant baptism.

We, of course, also baptize adult believers (who have never before been baptized). In this way they are recognized as disciples of Jesus Christ through the means of baptism and confession of faith (see Acts 2:38, 8:35-37, Romans 10:9), and so it is our great joy and privilege from time to time, to hear new Christians profess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel, and to see them receive the mark of membership in the covenant community.

Furthermore, it is incumbent upon those who have already received this Gospel sign/seal or sacrament or ordinance to meditate on its blessings frequently and especially every time we see it administered. The Larger Catechism says: "The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body."

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## Ligon Duncan Away

Dr. Ligon Duncan is away taking part in some exciting events in Australia. The Australian Presbyterian Church has been celebrating its 150th anniversary this week with a series of special events and conferences (including a reception hosted by the Prime Minister), and Dr. Duncan was asked to participate. He is scheduled to return to Jackson Monday evening. It is our privilege to have our Minister of Teaching, Derek Thomas, preaching this morning.

## The Sermon

The message of the Gospel is so simple to comprehend that parents can speak of it with their young children, and those who have never heard it can come to understand it through one encounter. Yet its simplicity belies its depth and breadth. With respect to its depth, eternity will not seem too long to ponder what God has done for us in Christ, nor long enough to fully understand. As to its breadth, there is not one single moment when we need not its truth. We may understand the Gospel in an instant, yet constantly need to be reminded of its content.

## The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Our opening hymn of praise is rich with allusions to the triumphal entry of our Lord, which marked the beginning of the week that culminated in His death and resurrection. The hymn takes the account of "Palm Sunday" and considers the "glory, laud, and honor" that was bestowed upon Jesus by the crowds as He entered Jerusalem. In the hymn, we are called to remember the praises they offered, and add our own to the "King of Israel, David's royal Son, and Redeemer."

The author, Theodulph, was born into the Italian nobility, but decided on a life of religious service. His first position was as abbot of a monastery in Firenze (Florence), Italy. In 781, Charlemagne appointed him Bishop of Orleans, France. However, this flourishing career came to an abrupt end with Charlemagne's death. Louis the Pious suspected Theodulph of secret loyalty to political leaders in Italy, the country of his birth. These suspicions led to Theodulph's imprisonment in Angiers in 818. His predicament is reminiscent of Paul's incarceration in Rome (something we have been mentioning in our morning services as we study 2 Timothy). Like Paul, Theodulph's faith sustained him inside cold stone walls. It was there he wrote "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," and there that he died.

### The Doxology

Our response to today's Old Testament reading of Holy Scripture is known as "the Doxology." It is a call for everyone in heaven and earth to praise the Triune God who is the giver of all blessings and is merely the last stanza of each of three hymns composed by the fine evangelical Bishop Thomas Ken in 1674. "Doxology" just means "word of praise," in reference to a brief ascription of adoration to God.

### Be Still My Soul

This magnificent hymn by Katharina von Schlegel is the epitome of a proper response to trials and difficulties in life. It offers comfort and hope to the believer based on a litany of biblical truth. Be still, my soul, for all things work together for good for those that love God (stanza 1). Be still, my soul, for God is sovereign (stanza 2). Be still, my soul, for trials bring us closer to God (stanza 3). Be still, my soul, for one day soon we shall enter a rest where grief and pain are no more (stanza 4). Be still, my soul, for even though we may not understand, we have faith in our heavenly Father, and we place our trust in His perfect plan.

### Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord

Julia Harriet Johnston (1849-1919), the author of this hymn, lived in Peoria, Illinois, from age six. Her father was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Peoria, and Julia directed the First Presbyterian Church Sunday School for over 40 years.

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • April 5, 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  
**Inquirers Class** — 9:40 a.m. in M133  
**Sunday School** — 9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. in various locations  
**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 Dr. and Mrs. Zeb Henson (183 Woodlands Green Drive)

## Monday

**WIC Council Meeting** — 9:30 a.m. in PH  
**Diaconate Executive Committee** — 11:45 a.m. in MH  
**Jr. High Moms Prayer Group** — 1:00 p.m. in YH  
**Troop 18 Scouts** — 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room 321/PH

## Tuesday

**Men's Bible Study** — 6:30 p.m. in MH  
**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in HC  
**Stewardship Committee** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**Children's Choirs Spring Musical Rehearsal** — 2:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Management Committee** — 5:30 p.m. in SC215  
**Cub Scouts** — 6:00 p.m. in MH  
**Perspectives on the World Christian Movement** — 6:00 p.m. in PH

## Wednesday

**MOMS** — 9:00 a.m. in PH  
**Cub Scouts God and Family Program** — 1:30 p.m. in YH  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**Junior High Small Groups** — 5:00 p.m. in YH  
**Children's Activities** — 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Gym  
**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Children's Choirs** — 6:00 p.m. in various choir rooms  
**Children's Choirs Spring Musical** — 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

## Thursday

**War of Words Bible Study** — 9:30 a.m. in SC210  
**Romans Bible Study** — 9:45 a.m. in WH202  
**Internationals** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## Friday

**Church Offices Closed** — Good Friday

## 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 missionaries for today to lift up in prayer: Bill and Marion Baldwin, GEM, Chr. Adamopoulou 8, Pikermi 190 09, Greece. Email Address: marionbaldwin@compuserve.com

## IN MEMORIAM

Robert Stockett — March 28, 2009

Charlice Gillespie — April 1, 2009

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlice Gillespie by her family and friends.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SPRING MUSICAL

The Children's Choirs will present "Outrigger Island" on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All children need to wear brightly colored t-shirts with blue jeans and be in their choir rooms by 6:00 p.m. We will rehearse on Tuesday, April 7, from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary (Please be on time). We will continue to meet through April 29. Please contact Emily Whitaker at 601-352-6543 with any questions.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Student Ministry is in need of food helpers for spring and summer Insight. If you would like to help, please contact Heather Shaw in Student Ministry at 601-973-9117 or [heathers@fpcjackson.org](mailto:heathers@fpcjackson.org).

## TWIN LAKES SUMMER CAMP

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FPC MEMBERS

Financial assistance is available for members of First Presbyterian Church. We want every family in the church to be able to send their children to Twin Lakes and assistance has been set aside specifically for this. For more information, call 601-845-6858 and ask for Mark Magee.

## UKRAINE MISSION TRIP

An additional summer short term mission trip has been recently approved. Bo Bowen will lead a trip to Ukraine to take part in evangelism and evangelism training. If you are interested in this trip (dates are flexible), please contact Allison in the Outreach office at 601-973-9111

# THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

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WTWB TV 14 Memphis Sunday

## CHURCH STAFF

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#### **MISSION TO JACKSON**

Beginning Again in Christ  
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Child Evangelism Fellowship

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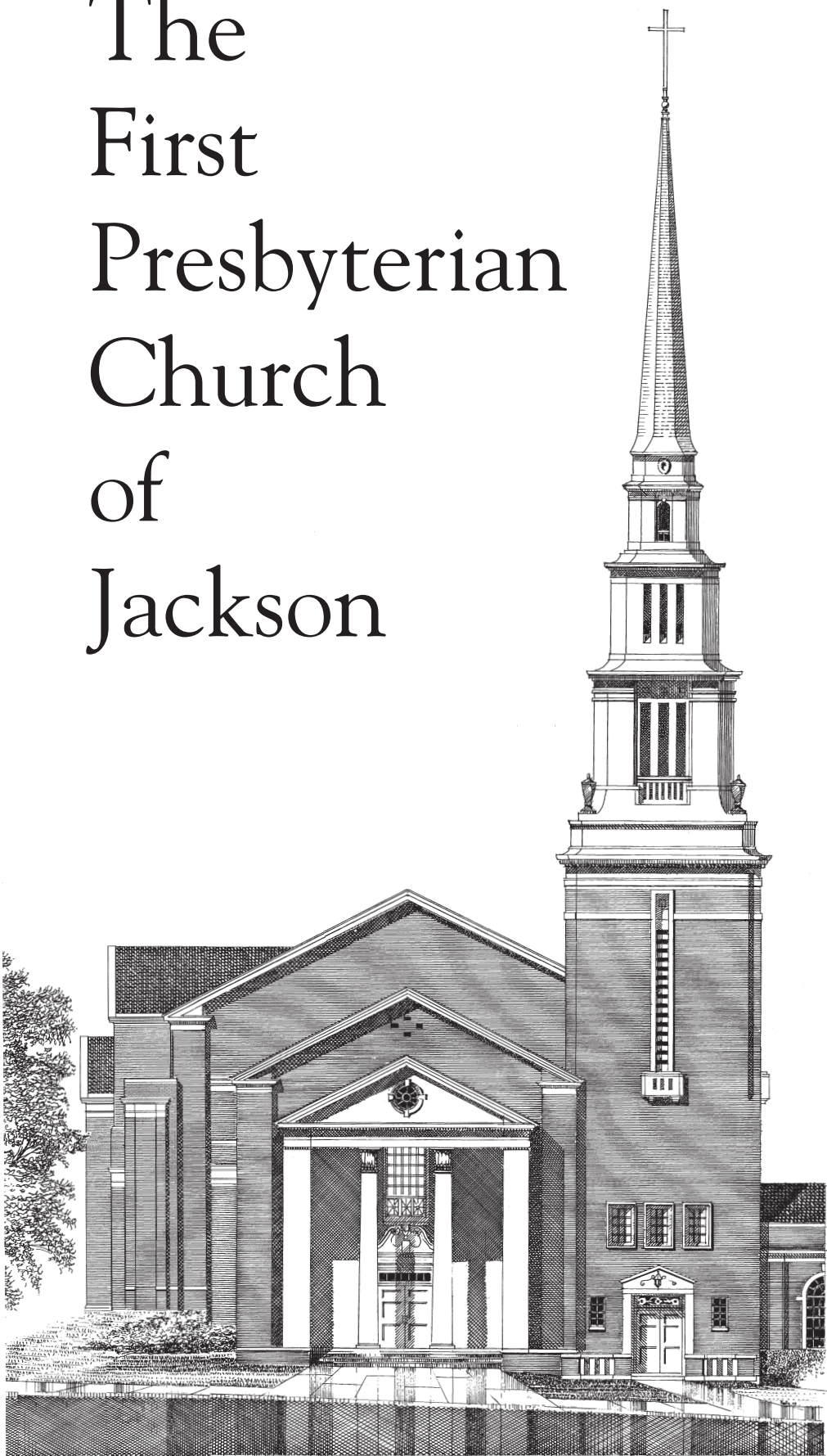
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