

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-fifth 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. 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** — "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" .....J.S. Bach  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — "Praise Ye the Lord " .....Felix Mendelssohn

## The Call to Worship

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 12** — "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim" (Psalm 135)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Old Testament Reading** — Isaiah 24 (Pew Bible Page 585)

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 318** — "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

\* **The Welcome**

## The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 605** — "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

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

**The Anthem** — "Pilgrims' Hymn" .....Stephen Paulus  
"Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.  
Both now and forever and unto ages and ages, Amen."

## The Prayer of Illumination

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Luke 2:1-7 (Pew Bible Page 857)

**The Sermon** — "The Messiah Is Born" .....Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 193** — "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee" .....Charles Dubois

**The Postlude** — "Choral Song" .....Samuel Wesley

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

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

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Brister H. Ware

Minister of Pastoral Care

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

**The Prelude** — "Meditation" .....Paul Benoit  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 467** — "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

‡ **The Invocation**

**The Evening Hymn No. 305** — "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Richard Ridgway

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

**The Offertory** — "Who Will Be a Witness?" .....Arr. Roger Emerson  
The Student Ensemble

**The Young Children's Devotional**

The Song No. 332 — "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" (Stanzas 1 and 4)

The Children's Catechism No. 59

Q. "How can you get the Holy Spirit's help?"

A. "God has told us to pray to Him for the Holy Spirit."

The Scripture — Isaiah 65:24; Luke 11:13; John 3:27; James 1:17

The Meditation .....Mr. Brian Sorgenfrei, College Coordinator

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 92** — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Stanzas 1-3)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Psalm 46

**The Sermon** — Hymns of the Faith 7. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ..Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 92** — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Stanza 4)

"That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;

the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:

God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever."

**The Postlude** — "On Earth Has Dawned this Day of Days" .....J.S. Bach

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‡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

## Sermon

Our Minister of Teaching, Derek Thomas, is away teaching a course in New York, so we return to our "Hymns of the Faith" series. As Reformed Christians, worship is a crucial issue. We believe that all of our worship must be according to Scripture, purposeful, edifying, and reverential. These convictions, among others, have resulted in the consideration of the hymns that we sing to God and to each other. The theological content of the hymns we sing capture something of the life of faith and the truth of Christianity, and we must, therefore, be careful not to let the language and heart-warming truths be lost on us because of repetition and familiarity.

## Children's Catechism

As the time came for Jesus to face the cross and then go to be with the Father, His disciples did not want Him to leave. But Jesus said that it was best for Him to go that the Comforter might come. Tonight's catechism question asks: "How can you get the Holy Spirit's help?" "God has told us to pray to Him for the Holy Spirit." In times of trouble and trial, do we ask for the Holy Spirit's help?

## The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Wonderful Grace of Jesus

The words are by Haldor Lillenas who immigrated to America as a child; his family settled first in South Dakota, then moved to Oregon in 1889. He attended Deets Pacific Bible College in Los Angeles, California (later renamed Pasadena College); studied music at the Siegel-Myers School of Music in Chicago, Illinois; and received an honorary Doctor of Music degree from Olivet Nazarene College. His first pastorate was in Lompoc, California, in 1910; he later pastored in Redlands, California, and Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1924, he founded the Lillenas Music Company (bought by the Nazarene Publishing Company in 1930) and worked as an editor there until his retirement in 1950.

The words are simple statements of wonder and praise for the goodness of God to us in Christ, for grace that is deeper than the sea and all sufficient for a sinner such as me.

### Arise, My Soul, Arise

This hymn celebrates Christ's priestly work and heavenly intercession, and especially the assurance that flows from it to the believer. The first stanza bids the believer to "shake off your guilty fears" because "before the throne my Surety stands" and "my name is written on His hands." This language powerfully reminds the Christian of the basis of our acceptance before God and the certainty of our pardon—it is the Lord Christ who is our Surety, our guarantor!

The second stanza prompts us to reflect upon the fact that He is interceding for us now at the right hand of the Almighty and that He has finally atoned for people from every tribe and tongue and nation. No longer are the nations excluded from the covenant promises; but in Christ, those who were far off have been brought near. Indeed, the third stanza picks up with this thought and declares to us that the wounds He received on the cross make Christ's intercession effectual, powerful, efficacious, even binding! He says: "Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary; they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me. 'Forgive him, O forgive,' they cry, 'nor let that ransomed sinner die.'" What a tremendous testimony to the basis of Christian assurance.

The last stanza of the hymn joyously meditates on the reality that God, in Christ, has been reconciled to us, and thus "He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear." It is this reality (our adoption) and our realization of it (the recognition that "I am His child") that grounds our confidence to boldly approach the throne of grace.

### A Mighty Fortress Is our God

This great hymn of Luther's exalts God as our Ruler, Protector, Savior and help in the time of trouble, and reminds us of the graciousness and compassion of the law-giver.

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## Sermon

Paul says, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor 8:9). Today with the birth of Jesus Christ, we encounter a humiliating reality that would characterize the rest of His life. Such amazing condescension, as we find the infinite, eternal Son of God, creator of the universe, lying helplessly in a feeding trough, flanked by animals, a teenage mother, and a poor father. And Jesus' life and ministry was only a few hours old! That is why the Apostle Paul, in Philippians 2, can have us turn our attention to Jesus as an example of humble service to emulate.

## Old Testament Reading

Sin entered into this world because Adam and Eve doubted the goodness of God. The Serpent convinced Eve, with little effort, that God was withholding from them something that was good and delightful, the forbidden fruit. But when they ate in rebellion against God, rather than the Serpent-promised good, they received cursing and death. Sin is deceptive in that way, isn't it? It is as if we believe that life is somehow more fulfilling when we take part in sinful behavior. In this passage, despite attempts made by man to find joy and fulfillment outside of God and outside of His plan, all merry-making is hushed before His judgment. Sin easily deceives and entices our sinful nature, but true and abiding joy is found in Jesus Christ alone. "Solid joys and lasting treasures, none but Zion's children know."

## The Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

### Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

We begin our morning worship singing this lively setting of a text of part of Psalm 135 to a tune from Haydn's Creation ("The Heavens are Telling"). This psalm and tune are both now familiar to our congregation (we also sing it to Addison's wonderful hymn text "The Spacious Firmament on High"). The psalm exhorts us to praise God because of His name, His goodness, His covenant blessings, His sovereignty, and His providence.

### Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Jesus is returning, and His second Advent includes both blessing and cursing. 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.

### All the Way, My Savior Leads Me

A favorite hymn by someone (Fanny Crosby) who knew what it meant to trust in God through a lifetime of hardship and handicap. It is a call for renewed faith in the overruling providence of God in our lives. "I will trust Him no matter what..."

### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

You may not have grown up singing this carol at Christmas, but we have gotten into the habit over the last few years of including it in our December worship services, and its popularity is on the rise. This ancient song comes from the Liturgy of St. James and dates from the 5th century. The beautiful (indeed, haunting) melody to which we sing this carol is French in origin and probably was composed in the seventeenth century. No doubt most of us have heard this song sung frequently at Christmastime, but in the Scottish Psalter and Church Hymnary it is also recommended as a communion hymn. The first stanza bids us stand in awe and silent reverence as we contemplate the incomprehensible mystery of the Incarnation, and calls on us to give our full homage to Christ. The second stanza reflects on the paradox of Christ's eternity and birth, and the reality and necessity of His true humanity. The third stanza pictures a myriad of heavenly beings preparing the way for His descent from heaven's halls to earth, and reminds us that He came in the flesh to vanquish the forces of hell. The final stanza asks us to remember that Isaiah has told us that the seraphim continually cry holiness and praise to Him. Should we not join them in wonder and bafflement in exclaiming "Alleluia" to our Incarnate Lord?

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • January 25, 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  
**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 Sarah Linfield Clarke (622 Broadway Ave.)

## Monday

**MNA Committee** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**Wolf Club Den Meeting** — 6:00 p.m. in WH202/204  
**Troop 18 Scouts** — 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room 321

## Tuesday

**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in HC  
**Circle Bible Teachers Meeting** — 11:30 a.m. in WH204  
**Twin Lakes Board Meeting** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**Worship Committee** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**WIC College Ministry Team Meeting** — 1:00 p.m. in YH Den  
**Perspectives on the World Christian Movement** — 6:00 p.m. in PH

## Wednesday

**MOMS** — 9:00 a.m. in PH  
**Pastor's Advisory Subcommittee** — 11:30 a.m. in WH202  
**MTJ Committee** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**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

**PCA Pastors Breakfast** — 8:30 a.m. in MH  
**War of Words Bible Study** — 9:30 a.m. in SC210  
**Romans Bible Study** — 9:45 a.m. in MH  
**Flower Committee Luncheon** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**Internationals** — 6:45 p.m. in PH

## Friday

**Sew and Sow Mentoring Group** — 9:00 a.m. in SC213A  
**Mid-South Men's Rally** — 5:15 p.m. in MH  
**Ladies Night Out** — 5:30 p.m. in PH

## Saturday

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** — 7:30 a.m. in MH  
**Young Adult Ladies Breakfast with Sharon Phillips** — 9:30 a.m. in the home of Ashley Hall

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: Ed Dunnington, Church Plant, Christ The King Presbyterian Church, 3959 Electric Road, Suite 190, Roanoke, VA 24018. Email address: edunnington@ctkroanoke.org

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of Rachel Elizabeth Kipp by her family.

## BAPTISM

Last Sunday, the sacrament of covenant baptism was administered to the following children: Ella Katherine Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Clark Byrd; Anna Claire Kayden Grabulis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason James Grabulis; James Cullen Hardy II, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Tyler Hardy; Audrey Catherine Lipsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jayson Lipsey; and Leigh Wilson Polk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Taylor Polk.

## NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED FEBRUARY 1, 2009

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please stop by the Session Room (in the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning service to pick up a new member form. For more information, contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9423 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.

## MID-SOUTH MEN'S RALLY SCHEDULE

5:15 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner served in Miller Hall Bookstore open
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Session I "A Few Good Men"
7:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Break, refreshments in Miller Hall Bookstore open
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Session II "Faithful to the Call"

## 2009 MISSIONS CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 18-22

Plan to attend our annual Missions Conference to be held February 18-22. Our keynote speaker is The Reverend Michael A. Campbell, Senior Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA), Jackson.

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"Hymns of the Faith" WJNT 1180AM Talk Radio 9:00 A.M. Sunday  
WWSL FM102.3 11:00 A.M. Sunday  
WLBT TV3 10:00 A.M. Sunday  
WTWB TV14 Memphis

## THE SESSION

The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III, Senior Minister

John A. Crawford, Clerk	Owen C. Elder, Jr.	Wiley P. Lowry, Jr.	Mark A. Sorgenfrei
James S. Armstrong	James D. Elkin	A. William May	Paul H. Stephenson III
J. Mark Baird	T. David Elkin	George W. May, Jr.	Marvin E. Stockett
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Donald G. Breazeale	William K. Harper	J. Lee Owen, Jr.	Jim B. Tohill
John P. Buchanan	Samuel D. Hensley	Joel G. Payne, Jr.	Noel K. Toler, Jr.
Don B. Cannada	Homer Lee Howie, Sr.	William D. Payne, Sr.	Ward B. Toler
Al Page Chestnut	W. Wayne Husband	William M. Penn	R. Barry Vickery
Victor B. Clark	H. Richard Johnson, Jr.	Thomas I. Rice III	Alan H. Walters
C. David Cleland	J. Edmund Johnston, Jr.	Richard L. Ridgway	T. Calvin Wells
William S. Cook	W. Harper Keeler	Stephen W. Rosenblatt	A. Terrel Williams
Robert A. Cunningham	Crane D. Kipp	Richard W. Russ	Mark J. Windham
T. Doug Dale, Sr.	Ralph H. Lord	A. Jerry Sheldon	
Stephen M. Edwards	Robert Y. Love, Jr.	Jerrald L. Shivers	

Elders Emeriti: Thomas H. Bowen, Jr.; Robert F. Cooper, Jr.; William H. Cox, Jr.; Allan G. Edgar, Jr.; Frank H. Hagaman; W. Jefferson Hamm, Sr.; Leland Hume, Jr.; Leon E. Lewis, Jr.; Dickson R. Liddell; William A. Long, Jr.; R. Sam McAllister; Palmer L. Quarterman; Sidney A. Robinson, Jr.; Lewis Van Ness Rusling; Arthur C. Stringer; Joel E. Varner; Chess B. Wymond; Frank S. York, Jr.

## THE DIACONATE

Marcus M. Wilson, Chairman	John L. Cox	Paul Hurst	John Lowe Smith
John H. Allgood III	Paul L. Cox	Carey A. Johnston	Victor P. Smith, Jr.
David M. Baird	John A. Crawford, Jr.	Terry R. Levy	William F. Sneed
D. Kyle Ball	J. Holt Crews	Douglas M. McDaniel	Stewart C. Swayze
Kenneth C. Ball	William L. Crim, Jr.	John H. McVey, Sr.	L. Ford Terry
Charles F. Barbour	Edward J. Currie, Jr.	Michael M. Manning	Robert L. Thomas
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P. Sharkey Burke, Jr.	Robert G. Feild	J.T. Noblin	Joseph W. Wadsworth
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V. Reid Cotten	L. Lawrence Houchins, Jr.	S. Craig Robinson	Wirt A. Yerger III
	James R. House III	Cy Rosenblatt	John H. Young III

Deacons Emeriti: T. Oscar Burris, Jr.; Charles R. Gardner; Wentworth T. Gates; Billy C. Greenlee; J.O. Manning, Jr.; Boyd Thompson; Wirt A. Yerger, Jr.; Donn E. Young

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

A. Jerry Sheldon, General Superintendent  
Mrs. Al Chestnut, Special Ed. Coordinator  
Mr. & Mrs. Ward Toler, Jr. High Coordinators  
Mr. & Mrs. Crane Kipp, Churchtime Coordinators  
Mrs. Hall Bailey, Information Desk Coordinator

## THE CHURCH PROGRAM

### THE SUNDAY SERVICES:

\*Sunday School .....9:40 A.M.  
\*Morning Worship .....8:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
\*Evening Worship .....6:00 P.M.  
Senior High Insight .....7:30 P.M.  
Communion .....2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October  
Baptism .....3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November  
New Members Received .....1st Sunday in February, April, June, August, October and December at 5:00 p.m. in HC

\*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING: .....Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.  
Family Night Dinner .....Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.  
Adult Bible Study .....Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.  
Senior High Small Groups .....Wednesday, 7:45 P.M.  
Junior High Small Groups .....Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.  
Children's Activities .....Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.

\*THE CHOIR REHEARSAL .....Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.

### THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:

\*Administrative Council .....First Monday, 9:30 A.M.  
\*Circles .....Second Week

THE MEN OF THE COVENANT .....First Thursday, 11:45 A.M.

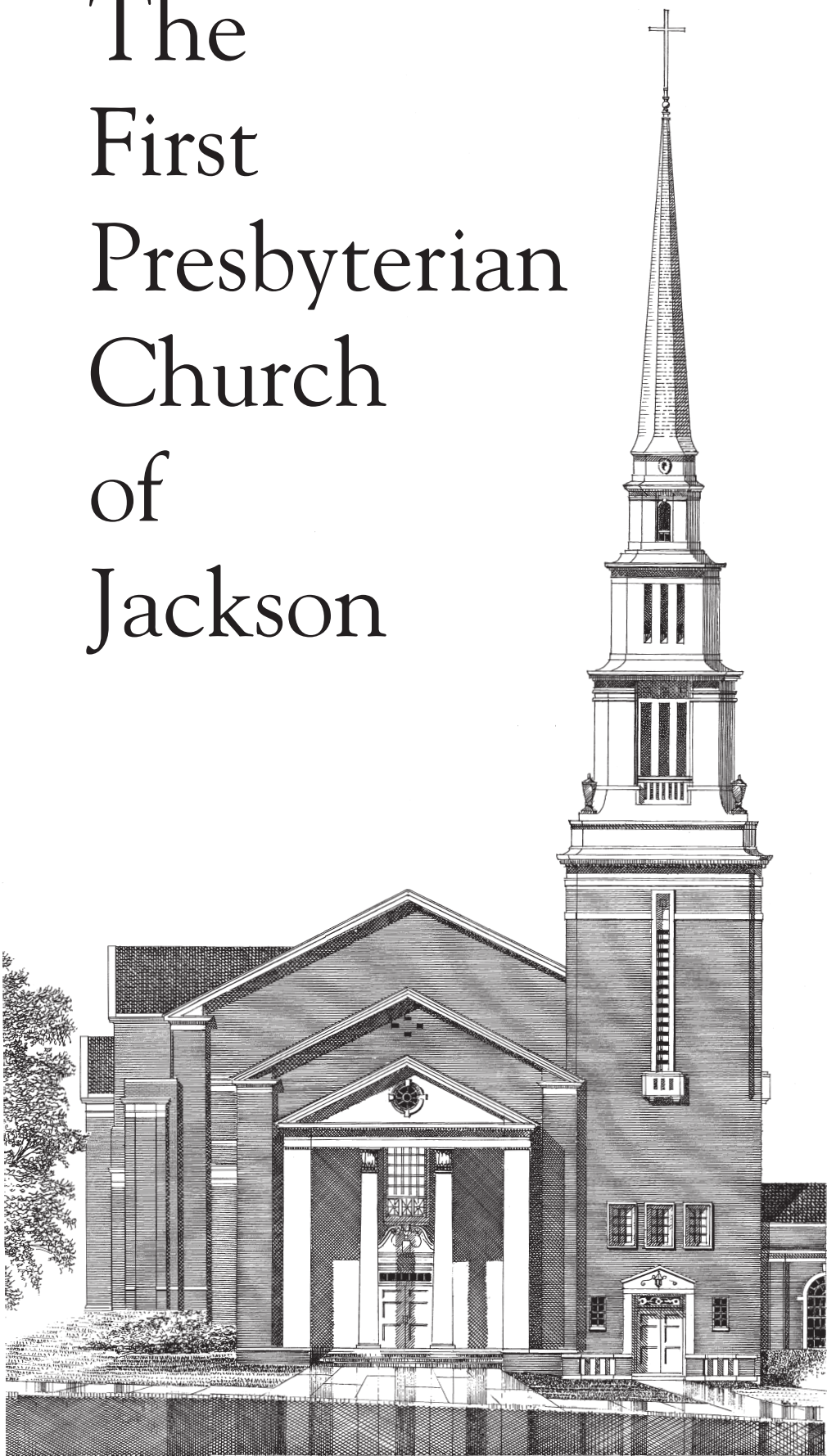
THE SCOUTS: Boy Scouts (Troop 18) (Weekly) .....Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE SESSION MEETING .....Second Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE DIACONATE MEETING .....Second Monday, 5:30 P.M.

\* A nursery for infants and pre-school children is maintained by the Church.

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