

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty Sixth Day of July, Two Thousand Nine  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Presiding 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** — "God That Madest Earth and Heaven" .....H.A. Matthews  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

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

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 650** — "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Old Testament Reading** — Isaiah 45 (Pew Bible pages 605-607)

**The Duet** — "His Name So Sweet" .....Spiritual  
Gena Everitt and Kim Porter

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 332** — "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

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

**The Anthem** — "He, Watching Over Israel" (Elijah) .....Felix Mendelssohn  
"He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps:  
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,  
He will quicken thee."

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Romans 8:26-27 (Pew Bible page 944)

**The Sermon** — *The Best Chapter in the Bible: "Spirit Power"* .....Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 339** — "For Your Gift of God the Spirit"  
[Tune: Beecher No. 529]

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — "Amen in C" .....Wymond

**The Postlude** — "O Worship the King" .....H.A. Matthews

‡ Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. Les Newsom

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

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

**The Prelude** — "Little Chorale on 'Be Thou My Vision'" .....A.P. Van Iderstine  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 400** — "O Bless Our God with One Accord" (Psalm 134)

‡ **The Prayer of Invocation**

**Campus Ministry Reports** —

Mr. Samuel Husband, University of Memphis

Mr. Brian Sorgenfrei, Mississippi State University

**The Hymn No. 554** — "From Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee"  
[RUF Tune] (Psalm 130)

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer**

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

**The Offertory** — "My Jesus, I Love Thee" .....Deborah Criser  
Willard Harrell, Soloist

‡ **The Hymn No. 707** — "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" (Stanzas 1-4) [RUF Tune]

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Revelation 19:1-9 (Pew Bible pages 1039 - 1040)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Sermon** — "Revelry in Eternity" .....Mr. Newsom

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 707** — "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"  
(Stanza 5)

"Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
heav'n's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise."

**The Postlude** — "Laudation" .....Gilbert Martin

\*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

## **Grant Carroll**

Grant is the Campus minister at Holmes Community College. He is married to Camille Joseph Carroll and they have two sons, Joseph (3) and Nathan (5 1/2 months). Grant and Camille live in Kosciusko where Grant serves as the assistant minister at First Presbyterian Church in addition to being the campus minister at Holmes.

## **Andrew Flatgard**

Andrew is the campus minister at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN. He and his wife, Shelley, are expecting their first child, a girl on August 1. Andrew and Shelley's ministry at Rhodes has achieved many goals this past year. RUF at Rhodes has seen their weekly large group meeting grow to 50 students. There were 3 small groups launched this past fall, and they attended their first Summer Conference.

## **Samuel Husband**

Samuel is the campus minister at the University of Memphis. He is married to the former Sara Tyson McDaniel, who will graduate from nursing school in August. Samuel has been leading a seven-week study this summer through the parables of Jesus. The fall semester will gear up with the topics of dating, marriage, and sexuality.

## **Josh Martin**

Josh is the campus minister at Louisiana State University. He and his wife, Sara Parks, just finished their first year in the ministry of RUF at LSU. Josh and Sara Parks have two children, Ben (8) and Meg (7). The RUF at LSU students enjoyed summer conference this year in Laguna Beach, Florida. They are also gearing up to celebrate RUF at LSU's ten year anniversary this fall!

## **Elbert McGowan**

Elbert McGowan is the campus minister at Jackson State University. He and his wife, Karen, just celebrated their 5 year wedding anniversary in May. They have a daughter, Karis (3 tomorrow!) and their newborn son, Elbert McGowan III, "Trip", born Monday, July 20. The RUF group at JSU has experienced two major milestones this summer: The first missions trip for JSU RUF to the St. Roch community of New Orleans with the RUF group from Belhaven, and the RUF Summer Conference in Laguna Beach that was attended by 18 students from JSU RUF!

## **Les Newsom**

Les is the campus minister at Ole Miss. He and his wife, Ginger, have three children: Anna Grace (10), Caroline (8), and Luke (5). Les began his fifteenth year with RUF this past fall and is looking forward to the next fifteen years in the ministry! The large group Bible study continues to maintain large numbers and students remain active in RUF conferences and service projects.

## **Chad Scott**

Chad is the campus minister at Hinds Community College. He and his wife, Kelly, just finished their first year at Hinds. They have 2 children, Wyatt (3) and Raney (2). The RUF group at Hinds continues to meet Thursday nights with the students who are in the Jackson-Metro area this summer.

## **Ben Shaw**

Ben is the campus minister at the University of Southern Mississippi. He and his wife, Marianna Breazeale Shaw, just finished their first year with RUF at Southern. They are encouraged by how quickly they were accepted by the returning RUF students and feel blessed with such a consistent group of students. RUF at Southern participated in Summer Conference in Florida and have continued to have weekly Bible studies this summer.

## **Chad Smith**

Chad is the campus minister at Belhaven College. He and his wife, Jennifer, have 2 children, Amelia (5) and Benjamin (3). Belhaven RUF recently traveled to New Orleans with the RUF group from Jackson State to help St. Roch Community Church clean up homes and lots in the neighborhood, while ministering to the community and encouraging them to visit St. Roch Church.

## **Brian Sorgenfrei**

Brian Sorgenfrei is the brand new campus minister at Mississippi State University. He and his wife, Liza, have been getting settled in Starkville this summer with their 9 1/2 month old daughter, Shelby and gearing up for their first year at RUF MSU!

## **Seth Still**

Seth has been the campus minister at Delta State for a little over a year. He and his wife, Julie, have been married for 5 years and have two boys, John Everette (2) and James (4 months). Seth has been staying busy this summer with his family, filling pulpits for local pastors during their vacations, and attending General Assembly in Orlando and Staff Training in Atlanta.

## **Joey Wright**

Joey is the campus minister at Mississippi College. He and his wife, Summer, have 3 sons: Grady (8), Owen (6), and Murray (born May 20, 2009). RUF at MC was blessed this past winter with a spiritually challenging Winter Conference in Crested Butte, CO. This was their first time attending the Winter Conference. The Wrights are staying busy this summer with family in town visiting and with summer RUF.

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Sermon

What to pray? How to pray? Jesus promised His disciples that, although He was returning to the Father, He would leave them with an Advocate who would equip them for the Christian life. This Advocate, or Counselor, is present even to help us as we pray. For the Spirit of God knows the mind and will of God, and is able to intercede for us *in light of the mind and will of God*.

When we come to pray, we are limited by our limited knowledge and wisdom. We do not have all of the facts, and even when we comprehend a situation, we often do not know what is best for that situation. But God has given us His Spirit to groan on our behalf, the Spirit of God who does all things well.

## The Old Testament Reading

This chapter in particular has caused certain readers of Scripture to doubt the possibility that the historic prophet Isaiah is the author. Why? Because Isaiah specifically names a future king of the Persian Empire, an empire which was not even in existence (at least not in the manner Isaiah considers it) at the time of his prophecy and a man who was not yet born. Isaiah is prophesying about the decree of Cyrus that came in 538, releasing the exiled Jews and permitting their return home (see Ezra 1).

Of course, for believers in a sovereign and all knowing God, who holds the hearts of the princes in His hand and who has planned everything from beginning to end, this causes us no consternation. Though the future may be unknown to us, it is not so for God. What is harder - to name the future Persian king or to cause all things to work for the good of Christians? What is harder - to name the future Persian king or to reconcile a fallen world through the sending of His only Son? Sovereignty is like pregnancy - either one is sovereign or one is not. You cannot be "sort of" sovereign. Either God is in complete control, foreordaining whatsoever comes to pass, or He is not. And if He is sovereign, then the fact that he uses Isaiah to name the future king of Persia is but one more display of His sovereignty, and not an occasion to question the veracity of Scripture.

## The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Written by Philip P. Bliss in 1876. This is perhaps the last hymn Bliss wrote before he died in a train wreck. He survived the initial crash, but was killed trying (unsuccessfully) to rescue his wife. The lyrics were found in his belongings after the accident.

### Jesus Shall Reign

Another of Isaac Watts' famous paraphrases. This hymn is a bold declaration that one day "every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord." Two stories are often told in connection with this hymn.

G. J. Stevenson tells us in his notes on the *Methodist Hymn Book* that this song was sung in the far off South Sea Islands, as thousands of natives from Tonga, Fiji, and Samoa, gathered on a Sunday in 1862, assembled for Divine worship. On that day they were celebrating their conversion to Christ and their nations' establishment under a Christian constitution and a Christian king.

The French secularist philosopher Voltaire once predicted that Christianity would cease to exist 100 years from his time. There is a story of a minister who upon hearing of this statement and being shown by a museum warden the chair from whence Voltaire boasted this claim, leapt the protective roping, sat in the chair, and quoted this hymn!

### Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Another of Isaac Watts' many hymns, this one is on the Holy Spirit. It has been part of Presbyterian tradition to sing a hymn on the theme of the Holy Spirit just before the preaching of the Word as a reminder of the need of the Spirit's work of illumination and conviction as the seed of the Word is sown in the hearts of men and women.

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • July 26, 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  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**WIC Prayer Group** — 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. in the home of  
Madeline Holiman (4216 Brussels Drive)  
**College Open Gym Night** — 8:30 p.m. in Gym

## Monday

**Advanced Sewing Camp** — 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in PH

## Tuesday

**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in HC  
**Advanced Sewing Camp** — 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in PH  
**Twin Lakes Board Meeting** — 12:00 p.m. in MH

## Wednesday

**Advanced Sewing Camp** — 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in PH  
**Women's Ministry Bible Teacher Training** — 9:00 a.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 - 6:30 p.m. on the Playground/  
Gym  
**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in  
LH  
**Children's Classes** — 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in various rooms as  
posted (first floor of SC)  
**Senior High Small Groups** — 7:45 p.m. in YH

## Thursday

**Advanced Sewing Camp** — 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in PH  
**Romans Bible Study Prayer Time** — 9:45 a.m. in WH202  
**RUF Bible Study for College Students** — 6:30 p.m. in the  
home of the Cannada (4110 Sand Ridge Drive)  
**College Game Night** — 8:30 p.m. (Call David Felker if interested)

## Friday

**Advanced Sewing Camp** — 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in PH

## 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: Dale and Kathy Hollenbeck, Uganda Bible Institute (UBI), Veritas College, and Africa Inland Mission (AIN / MTW); Box 1396, Mbarara, Uganda. Email Address: dkhollenbeck@aimint.net

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Cooper Campbell by Sue and Richard Russ.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Edward L. Emling — July 18, 2009

## SPECIAL SERVICE TONIGHT RECOGNIZING RUF MINISTERS

RUM (Reformed University Ministries) is the name of the campus ministry of the PCA, and has approximately 120 individual campus ministries around the nation. The local campus ministries are called RUF (Reformed University Fellowship). RUF began right here in Mississippi at USM in Hattiesburg. Mark Lowrey, son-in-law of our former pastor Dr. John Reed Miller, began what became RUF in 1971. Hence, FPC has been very involved in supporting RUF from its earliest days. Currently, FPC is the largest financial supporter of RUF's ministries in this area, which includes all of Mississippi, west Tennessee, Arkansas, and LSU. We also support a number of the other RUF works, such as the University of Louisville (KY), where our former intern, Way Rutherford, is campus minister.

## RUF SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This Thursday night, July 30, all college students are invited to join us for our final Bible study at 7:00 at the Cannada home (4110 Sand Ridge Drive). Nate Shurden, our Minister of Discipleship, will speak on "Glorification."

## DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

For the past five years, First Presbyterian Church has invested in the lives of its members by offering and encouraging participation in discipleship groups. These small groups meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 following the fellowship dinner and emphasize personal growth, relationship building, accountability, and prayer. If you are not currently involved in our Wednesday evening discipleship groups, we would like to encourage you to consider joining for the fall. A number of book study options will be available, and childcare is provided. The small groups will begin on Wednesday, August 26, and will meet weekly through the fall. If you would like to sign-up, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

## LADIES FALL BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS – HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

- 1 Peter** — Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (small groups and large group lecture); Teacher: Tricia Walters  
Registration: Contact Ann Bowling at 601-856-7749 or acb132@bellsouth.net  
First day of study: September 3
- Elijah/Elisha** — Thursdays from 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. (large group lecture only);  
Teacher: Laura Husband  
Registration: Contact Marty May at 601-856-6649 or margaretannmay@comcast.net  
First day of study: September 10
- MOMS - 1 Corinthians** — Wednesdays from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (small groups and large group lecture);  
Teacher: Jane Wiggins  
Registration: Call Beginning August 1: Laura Barbour at 601-366-3073  
First day of study: September 9
- Monthly Circles - Beatitudes** — 2nd Week of the Month on either Monday or Tuesday  
For more information: Contact Ashley Hall at 601-973-9118  
First study: The week of September 14

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"Hymns of the Faith" WJNT 1180AM Talk Radio 9:00 a.m. Sunday  
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WLBT TV3 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
WTWB TV 14 Memphis Sunday

## CHURCH STAFF

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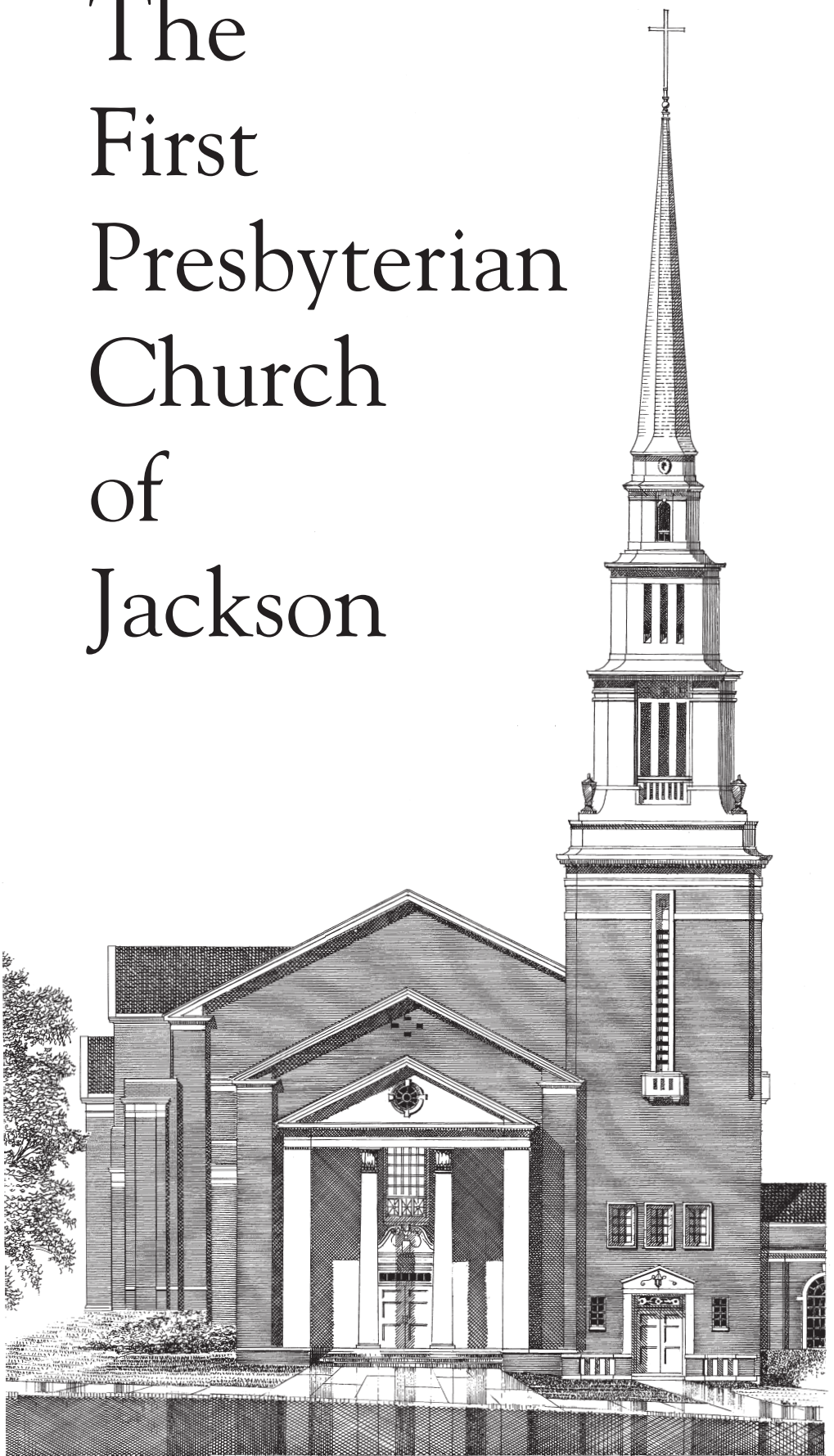
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