

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Eighth Day of June, 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 — "Passacaglia"G.F. Handel
Bonnie Brown, Violin; Shellie Brown, Violin
Jackie Bateman; Viola; Nancy Bateman, Cello

The Introit — "O Most High, Almighty God"Paul Sjolund

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 92** — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 42 (Pew Bible pages 602-603)

The Gideon Report

The Morning Prayer

*‡ **The Hymn No. 576** — "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Anthem — "Sing Praise to Him"Douglas L. Ipson

"Sing praise to Him who reigns above, the Lord of all creation:
the source of power, the fount of love, the rock of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills and every faithless murmur stills.
To Him all praise and glory!
What His almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth
by morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye never sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of His might, Lo! all is just and all is right.
To Him all praise and glory!
The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His Own, His chosen band.
To Him all praise and glory!
Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,
that men may hear the grateful song, my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part .
To Him all praise and glory!"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Romans 8:12-13 (Pew Bible page 944)

The Sermon — "Killing Fields"Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 529** — "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Festive Amens"Pinehurst

The Postlude — The String Quartet

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. Jeremy H. Smith
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas
Minister of Teaching

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

The Prelude — "Prelude in B Flat"Gordon Young
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 297** — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 540 — "A Few More Years Shall Roll"

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Harper Keeler

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "This Is My Father's World"arr. Neilson
Caroline Pillsbury, Pianist

The Young Children's Devotional

The Song No. 649 - "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (Stanza 1)

The Children's Catechism No. 79

Q. "Is God pleased with those who do not love and obey Him?"

A. "No. *God is angry with the wicked every day.*"

The Scripture — Psalm 7:11; Matthew 5:48; John 3:19-20; I Corinthians 6:20;
Ephesians 2:8-9; James 2:10; I John 4:19

The MeditationSteve Smith, Career Intern

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 559** — "Father, I Know That All My Life" (Stanzas 1-3)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Mark 10:35-45 (Pew Bible pages 846-847)

The Sermon — *Encounters with Jesus*: "Two Proud Men"Mr. Smith

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 559** — "Father, I Know That All My Life"
(Stanza 4)

"In service which Thy will appoints there are no bonds for me;
My secret heart is taught the truth that makes Thy children free;
A life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty."

The Postlude — "Postlude in C"Gordon Young

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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.

A Guide to the Evening Service

The Greetings and Announcements

We try to make the most of our important verbal announcements to the congregation about ten minutes before the service begins in order not to distract from the flow and focus of worship. The presiding minister also makes preparatory remarks to help the congregation as it makes ready for corporate worship. Sometimes special missions reports or addresses pertaining to matters of congregational life are given at this time

The Call to Worship

All our worship services begin with a scriptural "call to worship" (that is, the content of the "call" comes from God's own word quoted and pronounced by the minister, often from the Psalms). In this "call" we are reminded that God always takes the initiative. He always comes toward His people first, in grace. Our worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call. This is how it is in the Bible. Biblical worship is always our response to God's revelation.

The Sermon

How painful the memory of this encounter must have been for James and John. While James would not live that much longer (he was the first Disciple martyred early in the book of Acts), John would live for many more decades with the memory of this encounter. In it, he and his brother ask for a seat of honor in heaven. It is a request we can understand (and if honest, surely something like it resides in all our hearts - the desire for special recognition and honor), though probably few of us would have the audacity to say these words out loud. But the underlying sin of pride lurks deep within us. It is about the sin of vice that C.S. Lewis wrote, "There is one vice of which no man in the world is free; which everyone in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else; and of which hardly any people, except Christians, ever imagine that they are guilty themselves."

Lewis goes on to offer a helpful diagnosis: "if you want to find out how proud you are the easiest way is to ask yourself, 'How much do I dislike it when other people snub me, or refuse to take notice of me, or shove their oar in, or patronize me, or show off?'" This is a helpful series of questions to ask ourselves in this area.

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

This is a much-loved hymn of our congregation as indeed it is in all of English-speaking Christendom. The first stanza appeared anonymously in *The Gospel Magazine*, November 1779. In April 1780, the same magazine published eight verses titled, "On the Resurrection, the Lord is King." It resurfaced half a dozen years later, again anonymously, accompanied by an acrostic poem whose letters spelled out the author's name: "Edward Perronet." We open our sung praise with it this evening, singing to the exuberant tune "Diadem."

A Few More Years Shall Roll

Horatius Bonar, one of the justly famous ministers of the Free Church of Scotland wrote these words while superintendent of the Sunday school at the Church of St. James, Leith. It was one of the first hymns he wrote, and the only one he composed specifically for his Sunday school students. It was sung for the first time on New Year's Day, 1843. Bonar published it in his *Songs for the Wilderness* the following year. It puts our present time in the perspective of eternity. Notice how the day of the Lord is variously styled: that "great," "calm," "sweet," "glad" day. Is that how you think of it?

Father, I Know That All My Life

The issue that plagued the disciples in Mark 10 is an all too familiar one. Who is the greatest? Or perhaps we are expressing the related issue, where do I fall in the pecking order? This hymn, by Anna Waring, encourages us by reminding us that God has foreordained the details of our lives. Knowing that God orders our lives can help us sing "I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro, seeking for some great thing to do or secret thing to know." It is enough that we be faithful servants of God and to learn "a life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty."

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Gideon Report

Each year we have a "Gideons Sunday" at First Presbyterian Church. We love the ministry of The Gideons and support it faithfully. The Gideons International was founded in 1899 and is the oldest Christian business and professional men's association in the United States of America. The primary function of The Gideons is placing and distributing Bibles and New Testaments in the human traffic lanes and streams of national life. The Gideons, as laymen, stand shoulder to shoulder as "missionaries" of local churches and their pastors in going to the four corners of the world to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ. Annually, The Gideons International is placing and distributing more than 59,000,000 Scriptures worldwide. To God be the glory! This averages one million copies of the Word of God placed every seven days, or 112 per minute! A non-profit organization, The Gideons International is generously supported by pastors and churches who realize that presenting people with the Holy Scripture is an indispensable element in winning people to Christ. Every dollar contributed by members of this church will be used to make it possible for others to have their very own copy of God's Word.

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

We open our public praise today with Martin Luther's rousing rendition of the great 46th Psalm. How does one adequately characterize this battle cry and theme song of the Reformation? Luther wrote both the text and tune (a rarity in the history of hymnody). By the way, the popular assertion that the melody was borrowed from a common tavern song of the day is a myth. The words of this psalm-paraphrase exalt God as our Ruler, Protector, Savior, and help in the time of trouble. The confidence of this hymn is inspiring—it manifests the security of conscience that flows from a realization of God's gracious justification of us through Christ. If we could sing and really mean the final sentence of the last stanza (beginning with "Let goods and kindred go. . .") it would change our lives.

Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

This much-loved hymn stresses the importance of the believer's activity in growth in grace and holiness, as well as our motivation to it. Both are important themes often lost today. This hymn goes well with the message, too.

Philip Doddridge was the 20th child his mother bore, 18 of whom had died in infancy. After laboring for 36 hours, Philip was thought to be still-born, though moments later, his heart began to beat and the author of this hymn lived. He was an orphan by the age of thirteen, and his journal from that time records his thoughts: "God is an immortal Father, my soul rejoices in Him; He has hitherto helped me and provided for me; may it be my study to approve myself a more affectionate, grateful, and dutiful child." During his brief life (he was always in poor health and died at the age of 49), he authored more than 400 hymns.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

This great Wesley hymn is not only beloved, but a beautiful and substantive expression of praise to God and petition to God to aid us in our growth in grace. We use it today as our response to the preaching of God's word. May it be that we would be able to sing the words of the second stanza with conviction: "Take away the love of sinning."

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • June 28, 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
Couples Sunday School Class Luncheon — 12:00 p.m. in
WH204
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
Emmett Manning (5 Little Creek Road)
College Open Gym Night — 7:30 p.m. in Gym

Monday

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday

Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in HC
Presbytery's MTW Committee — 12:00 p.m. in MH

Wednesday

Women's Ministry Bible Teacher Training — 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. 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

Romans Bible Study Prayer Time — 9:45 a.m. in WH202
RUF Bible Study for College Students — 7:00 p.m. at the
home of Ward and Anne Toler (3960 Nassau Street)
College Game Night — 8:30 p.m. in YH

Friday

Church Offices Closed

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 mission teams for today to lift up in prayer: Liberia - June 18 - June 29; Cajamarca, Peru - June 27- July 5; Ukraine - July 10 - August 31.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Frank S. York, Jr. — June 22, 2009

THE GIDEONS OFFERING

An offering for The Gideons International will be received by the ushers as you exit the sanctuary. All contributions will be used to make it possible for others to have their very own copy of God's Word. Please note that all checks need to be made payable to First Presbyterian Church in order to receive contribution credit from the church.

RUF SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This Thursday night, July 2, all college students are invited to join us at 7:00 at the Toler home (3960 Nassau Street). Joey Wright, RUF campus minister at Mississippi College, will speak on "Election."

THE FIRST EPISTLE ELECTRONIC VERSION

The First Epistle is available electronically. You may sign up to be on the email list by going to the First Pres website (www.fpcjackson.org). The electronic version will usually be sent to you on Wednesday of each week, and will include the same information available in the print version.

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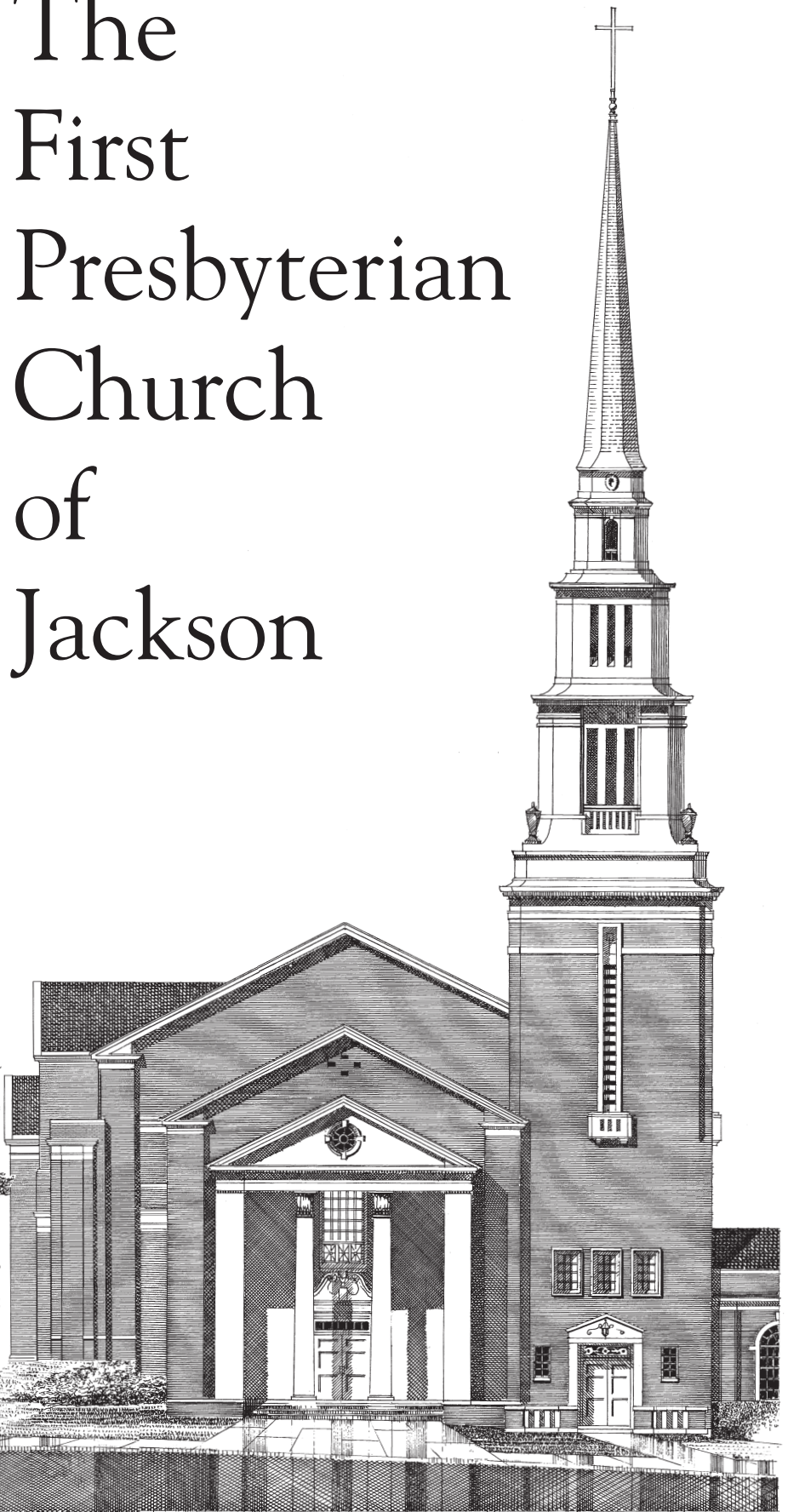
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