

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of March, 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. William F. Joseph III

Minister of Congregational Care

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 — "Prelude on Middlebury"Dale Wood
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "Awake, My Heart"Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 2** — "O Worship the King" (Psalm 104)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 29 (Pew Bible pages 589-590)

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 103** — "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (Stanza 1)

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 261** — "What Wondrous Love Is This"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Anthem — "Who at My Door"K. Lee Scott
With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

"Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,
Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?
Sweetly the tones are falling: 'Now open the door for Me!
If thou wilt heed My calling, I will abide with thee.'
Within the rooms are darken'd, all filled with dust and sin;
How shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.
Yet, the tones are falling: 'Now open the door for Me!
If thou wilt heed My calling, I will abide with thee.'
Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.
Though He rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.
Sweetly the tones are falling: 'Now open the door for Me!
Lord God, I hear Thee calling, come now, abide with me.
Dear Lord, abide with me!"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 2:40-52 (Pew Bible page 857)

The Sermon — "In My Father's House"Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 642** — "Be Thou My Vision"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Festive Amens"Wymond

The Postlude — "Postlude on Pisgah"Dale Wood

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior 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 — "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"arr. McMichael
The FPDS and Veritas Strings; Nancy Bateman, Director; Connie Wadsworth, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 100** — "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 122 — "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Gene McRoberts

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "As the Deer"arr. John Wilson

The Young Children's Devotional

The Song No. 189 - "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" (Stanzas 1-4)

The Children's Catechism No. 64

Q. "What are the basic works of Christ?"

A. "There are three basic works."

The Scripture - Proverbs 6:6-8; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Isaiah 9:6-7

The MeditationDr. Derek Thomas, Minister of Teaching

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn** — "When Trials Come" (See Evening Guide) [Stanzas 1-4]

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Samuel 1:1-28 (Pew Bible page 225)

The Sermon — "Lord: Give to Me So That I Can Give Back to You"Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Benediction and Response** — "When Trials Come"

"One day all things will be made new;
I'll see the hope You called me to,
And in Your kingdom paved with gold,
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old;
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old."

The Postlude — "Highland Celebration"Alan Lee Silva

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‡Congregation standing

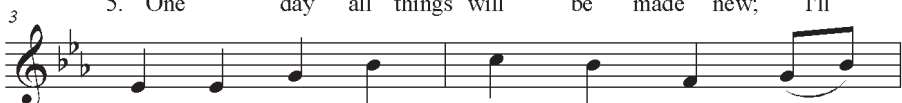
Welcome
Visitors

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.

When Trials Come



1. When tri - als come, no long - er fear, For
 2. With - in the night I know Your peace; The
 3. I turn to wis - dom not my own For
 4. When I am wea - ry with the cost, I
 5. One day all things will be made new; I'll



in the pain our God draws near To
 breath of God brings strength to me, And
 ev - 'ry bat - tle You have known. My
 see the tri - umph of the cross; So
 see the hope You called me to, And



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Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty

A Guide to the Morning Service

Sermon

This morning's text is about Jesus in the temple as a young lad, twelve years old. John Piper said of this passage, "The main point of the whole passage probably lies in the contrast between 'your father' and 'My Father.' Mary says, 'Your father and I have been searching for you.' Jesus answers, 'You should have known I would be at the house of *My Father*.' In other words, Jesus has chosen this crucial stage in His life, on the brink of manhood, to tell His parents in an unforgettable way that He now knows who His real Father is and what it will mean for His mission. It will mean, as Simeon said in Luke 2:35, 'a sword will pierce through your own soul also, Mary.' The time will come when Jesus will be killed at Jerusalem, and after three days rise from the dead, and that will be a great pain to Mary.

So it seems to me that the main teaching of the passage is that Jesus recognizes his unique sonship to God, and that His mission will require of Him a devotion to God's purposes so great that it takes precedence over the closest family ties. He must follow His calling, even if it brings pain and misunderstanding. In this way Luke sets the stage for the adult ministry of the Son of God."

Hymns, Psalms and, Spiritual Songs

O Worship the King (based on Psalm 104)

Our opening hymn of praise is based on a psalm of praise. Though most of our congregation will recognize it as one of their favorite "hymns," it is, in fact, a Robert Grant paraphrase of a portion of Psalm 104. Stanzas one and two use stirring metaphors in an attempt to describe God's transcendence, His majesty, His glory, His beauty, His splendor. He is "our Shield and Defender . . . whose robe is the light." Stanzas three and four express awe and wonder over God's creative masterpiece, creation, and His providential ordering of all things. "The earth with its stores, of wonders untold, Almighty your power has founded of old." Stanza five turns its attention to the special place man is given in God's creation and redemption. Though only "frail children of dust," we are yet the objects of His special care. In the final stanza, we recognize that we are the "humbler creation" (when compared to the angels that sing His praises in heaven), and yet will offer "true adoration" to the King!

What Wondrous Love Is This

This is an old hymn, dating from the famous shaped-note songbook, *The Southern Harmony* (1835). If you grew up in the South, you probably had grandparents who sang songs (or at least remembered hearing songs) from that hymnal. The tune is a simple, but haunting, folk tune. The focus of the hymn is the love of God. There are but three stanzas, and they each center on very simple, but profound themes. Basically, the song asks us to think about, or rather, to be lost in the glory of the love of Christ. Then it brings home two practical applications of that love: (1) the desire to exalt the Lord for that love, and (2) the comforting truth that we'll sing this song forever and never tire of it.

Note especially that in the first stanza we ponder: what kind of love would move Christ, the Lord Jesus, to die for me? Indeed it is a wondrous love that moved our Lord to "bear the dreadful curse" for our souls. These words point us to reflect upon the sheer extravagance of God's love and grace. His love is unexpected and overwhelming and incomparable. And the more we ponder it spiritually, the more baffling and comforting it is.

Be Thou My Vision

This ancient Celtic hymn text expresses the desire of a Christian to live a God-centered existence: for the Lord to be what we see, our constant mental preoccupation, our ever-present companion, our wisdom, our true Father, our protector, our delight, our only inheritance, first in our heart. The second stanza sets the right tone by recognizing that true wisdom, true doctrine, true truth comes from God (hence, we ask that He would be our Wisdom), and that true doctrine, rightly appropriated, will always draw the Christian closer to God.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • March 8, 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
Inquirers Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133
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 Luke Thomas (4245 N. Honeysuckle Lane)

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
Troop 18 Scout Committee — 12:00 p.m. in MH
Sr. High Moms Prayer Group — 1:00 p.m. in YH
FPC Literature Group — 7:00 p.m. in SC211
The Session — 7:00 p.m. in MS
Troop 18 Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room 321

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study — 6:30 p.m. in MH
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in HC
Crafts for Missions — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
Twin Lakes Executive Meeting — 12:00 p.m. in MH
Stewardship Committee — 12:00 p.m. in MH
Credentials Committee — 4:00 p.m. in SC210
Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet — 5:00 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 - 6:30 p.m. on the Playground
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 WH202
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 missionaries for today to lift up in prayer: Bill and Allen Bradford, Christian Mission Society, 100 Larco, Trujillo, Peru. Email address: billbradford@perumission.org

WIC CIRCLES

Monday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.

- #2 Heather Vise
2435 Sandridge
- #3 Larry Noblin
350 Glenway
- #4 Helen Mayfield
Church Parlor
- #5 Laura Blaylock and Bess Corbitt
Youth House

Monday, March 9, 12:00 p.m.

- #14 Susan Turner
Miller Hall (Brown Bag)

Tuesday, March 10, 10:00 a.m.

- #9 Glenda Cox and Mildred Brock
Church Parlor
- #10 Betty Welsh
4343 Dalrymple Court
- #11 Jackie Paine
Youth House

Tuesday, March 10, 12:00 p.m. (Lunch)

- #13 Janet Quayle
Miller Hall

Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m. (Dinner)

- #7 Marian Ware
Miller Hall

FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS

As of Sunday, March 1, 247 cards were received for a total of \$687,265.40. If you have not turned in your Faith Promise card, we encourage you to bring it this Sunday and place it in the regular offering plate as an act of worship.

WOMEN IN NEED

The "Women in Need" ministry of the WIC will be participating in a training session for new volunteers on Saturday, April 18, 2009, from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility. This outreach is a one-on-one mentoring program between women at First Church and Christian inmates at the prison in Pearl. The deadline to submit completed applications is Monday, March 16. No exceptions are made as each prospective volunteer must be cleared with a Mississippi state background check. For sign-up forms and additional information, contact Madeline Clark at 601-956-2136 or mclark5475@bellsouth.net.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, please note that our next joining date is Sunday, April 5. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in two weeks before the joining date (March 23). The new member forms can be obtained either from Shannon Craft in Pastoral Care or in the Session Room after the morning worship services. Applications for membership received after March 23 will be held until the next joining date of June 7. Interviews will take place March 24 – April 3. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

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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
McNeill Bartling III	George R. Fair	C. Eugene McRoberts, Jr.	William O. Stone, Jr.
Bryant R. Boswell	Kenneth G. Fairly	Robert B. Mims	Daniel B. Story II
John H. Bowen III	W. Craig Flowers	J. Longstreet Minor III	Orrin H. Swayze, Jr.
Max P. Bowman	L. H. Fulcher, Jr.	James L. Moore	Tian C. Teh
Forrest G. Bratley, Jr.	Claude W. Harbarger	Doyle B. Moorhead	Denny A. Terry
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	Michael M. Manning	Stewart C. Swayze
Kenneth C. Ball	William L. Crim, Jr.	Douglas M. McDaniel	L. Ford Terry
Charles F. Barbour	Edward J. Currie, Jr.	John H. McVey, Sr.	Robert L. Thomas
James M. Bateman	Thomas D. Dale, Jr.	Victor H. Meena, Jr.	Timothy M. Threadgill
Lewis W. Bell	Guy H. Davant III	Robert A. Miller	Michael T. Tramel
Victor E. Blaylock	Arthur P. Davis	James L. Moore, Jr.	Joe P. Uithoven
David L. Bowling	Robert G. Dye, Sr.	William M. Moore	Guy T. Vise, Jr.
Walter J. Brand	Larry W. Edwards	J. Walter Newman IV	James Wilbourn Vise
P. Sharkey Burke, Jr.	Robert G. Feild	J.T. Noblin	Joseph W. Wadsworth
William T. Burnham, Jr.	Marcial D. Forester, Jr.	J. Lee Owen III	H. Coles Wilkins, Jr.
C. Glen Bush, Jr.	David H. Fulcher	Leroy H. Paris II	Joseph T. Wilkins III
R. Barry Cannada	Alan F. Futvoye	R. Phillip Parker	Richard B. Wilson, Jr.
Stuart H. Clarke	Gary J. Herring	Benjamin W. Roberson	Neil Witherow
Danny C. Costello	James W. Hood	John Clark Robinson	Thomas M. Wright
V. Reid Cotten	L. Lawrence Houchins, Jr.	S. Craig Robinson	Wirt A. Yerger III
	James R. House III	Cy Hart 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 School9:40 A.M.
*Morning Worship8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
*Evening Worship6:00 P.M.
Senior High Insight7:30 P.M.
Communion2nd Sunday in January, April, July and October
Baptism3rd Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November
New Members Received1st 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 DinnerWednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Adult Bible StudyWednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Senior High Small GroupsWednesday, 7:45 P.M.
Junior High Small GroupsWednesday, 5:00 P.M.
Children's ActivitiesWednesday, 6:30 P.M.

*THE CHOIR REHEARSALWednesday, 5:50 P.M.

THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:
*Administrative CouncilFirst Monday, 9:30 A.M.
*CirclesSecond Week

THE MEN OF THE COVENANTFirst Thursday, 11:45 A.M.

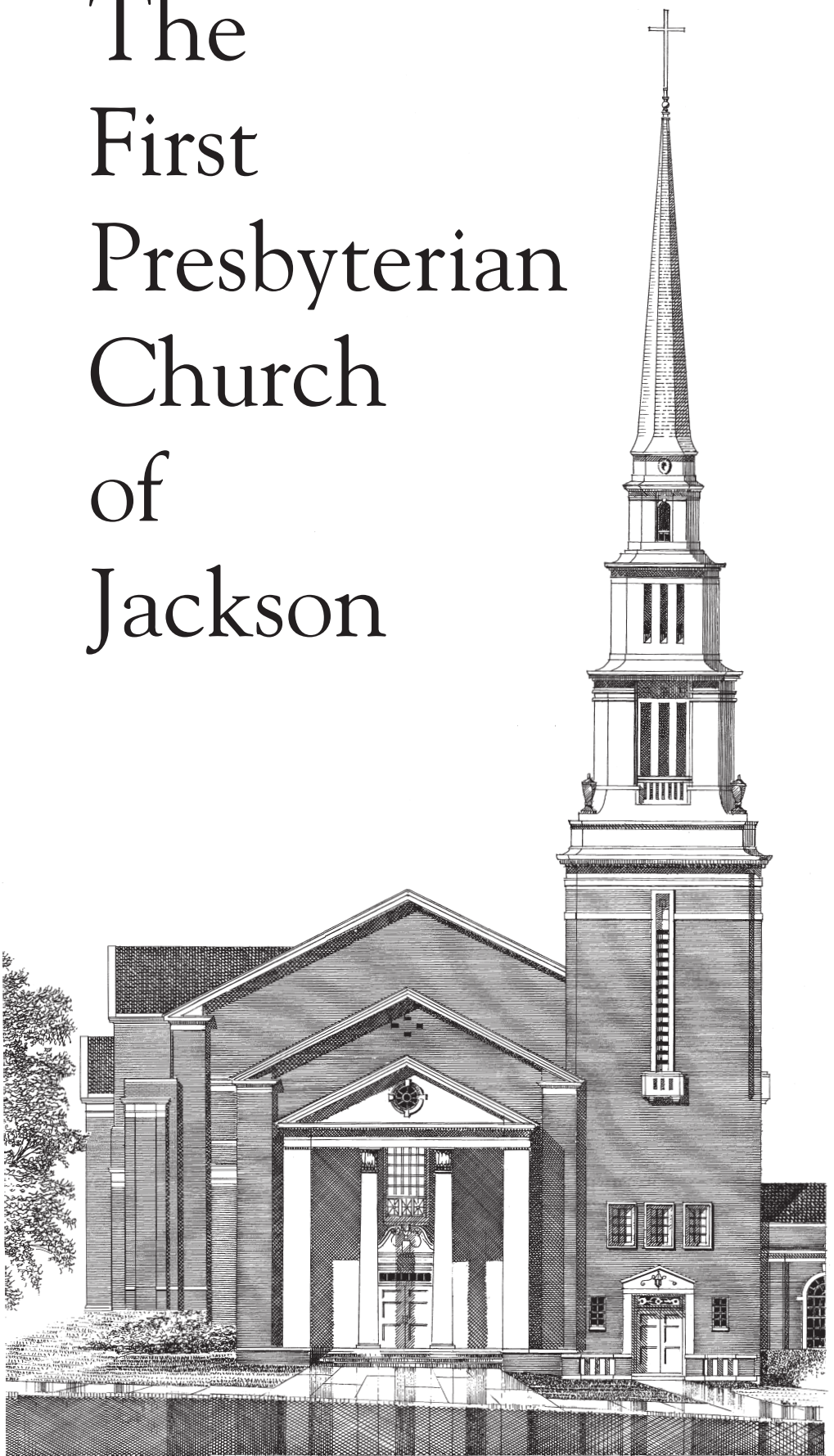
THE SCOUTS: Boy Scouts (Troop 18) (Weekly)Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE SESSION MEETINGSecond Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE DIACONATE MEETINGSecond Monday, 5:30 P.M.

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

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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”