

THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Day of May, Two Thousand Nine
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior 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 — "This is My Father's World"Arr. Neilson
Caroline Pillsbury, Pianist

The Introit — "Glorious Everlasting"M. Norman Cousins
The Jackson State University Concert Chorale, W. Cortiz Castilla, Director

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 296** — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 35 (Pew Bible pages 595-596)

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 693** — "Blessed Assurance"

The Morning Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Anthem — "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel"William Dawson

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 2 Samuel 11 (Pew Bible page 262)

The Sermon — "Can a Christian Fall Into Serious Sin?"Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 481** — "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "The Seven-fold Amen"Peter Lutkin

The Postlude — "Fanfare"Healey Willan
William Wymond, Organist

‡ Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding 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 — "It Is Well with My Soul"Craig Phillips
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The China Mission Team Report — Terrel Williams

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 535** — "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 554 — "From Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee" (RUF Tune)

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Max Bowman

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Kristi Jordan, Sarah Ryburn Mealer and Allen Burrows

The Young Children's Devotional

The Song No. 310 — "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (Stanzas 1 and 2)

The *Children's Catechism* No. 71

Q. "Why do you need Christ as a King?"

A. "Because I am weak and helpless."

The Scripture — Exodus 14:14; II Corinthians 12:9-10; Philippians 4:19

The MeditationMr. Stephen Smith, Career Intern

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 301** — "Join All the Glorious Names" (Stanzas 1-4)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 4:31-44 (Pew Bible page 860)

The Sermon — "A Preacher with Power"Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 301** — "Join All the Glorious Names"
(Stanza 5)

"My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace, I sing: thine is the
pow'r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet."

The Postlude — "Lead On, O King Eternal"Jan Bender

*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 Missions Report

From time to time in our evening services, we hear from missionaries or others supported by our church. We trust that these communications are informational and inspirational. Tonight we hear from our own ruling elder Terrel Williams, who has recently returned from a short term mission trip from East Asia.

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 *Children's Catechism*

We are still considering the three offices which Christ performs and tonight come to the third. You will recall over the last few weeks, we have learned that we need Jesus as a prophet and Jesus as a priest. Tonight, we find out that we need Jesus as our King because we are weak and helpless.

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

As the title indicates, the great theme of the hymn is the surpassing love of Christ. Using the metaphor of the ocean's vastness, Francis walks us through an emotional meditation of Christ's love. In the first stanza, he compares Christ's love to a vast, unbounded, rolling ocean—its sheer size overwhelming our hearts and minds—and concludes with the thought that Christ's love is leading us onward and homeward (the most peaceful of all conceptions) to the glorious rest of heaven. Our hearts already full with those thoughts, he moves to the second stanza, where he calls on his fellow singers to spread Christ's praise from shore to shore. Having issued that challenge, he asks us to meditate on the constancy of Christ's love, the watch care of Jesus over those He loves, the cost which He bore to call them His own (that is, death on the cross), and His heavenly intercession for the saints. These profound themes having been introduced, he moves us into the third stanza where he reminds us that Jesus' love is the best, the greatest love of all (contrary to the sentiments of certain contemporary pop singers!), and then he teaches us that Jesus' love is a haven of rest, indeed. It is heaven on earth—so powerful as to lift us up to glory itself. We can never get too much of a robust musical expression of the love of Christ that challenges us to draw the comforting, practical implications of the rich theology of Christ's love found in the Scriptures, and that's precisely what this hymn does.

From Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee

This is one of Martin Luther's many psalm paraphrases. It breathes the spirit of the Protestant Reformation, and gives us a window into his soul and into the tremendous peace of heart he derived from God's gracious justification in Jesus Christ. Master this hymn and you're on the way to understanding justification by faith and its benefits. We sing it tonight to the popular RUF tune.

Join All the Glorious Names

This is an Isaac Watts text. The first stanza expresses the truth that were we to pile up all the names and titles of Christ and ascribe them to Him in our praise, they wouldn't do Him justice—so glorious is He. The second stanza praises Him as prophet, the third as priest, the fourth as pastor, the fifth as King.

A Guide to the Morning Service

Ligon Duncan Away

Our Senior Minister, Dr. Ligon Duncan, is returning to Jackson having preached at the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology (PCRT). This means that our ordinary preaching schedule has been flipped this week. Derek Thomas will be preaching this morning and Ligon will be preaching this evening.

The Jackson State University Concert Chorale

We welcome this morning the Jackson State University Concert Chorale who will be leading us in singing. We are grateful for their willing service and give thanks to God for them.

The Morning Prayer

Prayer is one of the central elements in Christian worship, and our services are chock-full of various prayers to God. Some focus on adoration and praise; others ask for God's presence and blessing; still others may include confession of sin and specific requests. At each of our worship services we include a lengthy prayer, variously referred to as the "Great Prayer," the "Pastoral Prayer," or simply the "Morning" and "Evening Prayer."

The ministers who lead in prayer during worship here at First Presbyterian seek to fill their prayers with Scripture and assist the congregational prayer to God by praying from the heart to the Lord. We do not write out prayers and read them, or simply re-use set forms, nor is our public prayer without forethought. We practice studied prayer. We usually outline our prayer beforehand and then pray by memory and heart. Through each of the two main prayers today (the opening "Prayer of Adoration and Invocation" and the "Morning Prayer"), the minister will cover the main points of prayer: adoration, confession, assurance of forgiveness, thanksgiving, intercession and supplication.

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 will use it this morning as our opening hymn of praise. This is one of those hymns which we regularly sing to different tunes. We will use the powerful and stirring tune "Coronation" this morning.

Blessed Assurance

This much loved and familiar hymn was written by Fanny Crosby who, though blind from infancy, wrote more than 8,000 hymns during her life. She died in 1915, and upon her tombstone these words are carved, taken from this hymn: "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!"

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

A familiar hymn written by Helen H. Lemmel in 1922. This hymn was first published in *Glad Songs*, by the British National Sunday School Union. Its lyrics were inspired by the gospel tract *Focused*, by Lillian Trotter, which included these words: "So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness."

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • May 3, 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
VBS Registration — 9:00 a.m. in SC
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 Women's Ministry Circle Informational Meeting — 4:45 p.m. in YH
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 Britt Buchanan (110 Meadowbrook North)

Monday

WIC Council Meeting — 9:30 a.m. in the home of Anna Brand (116 Bridlewood Drive)
Diaconate Executive Committee — 11:45 a.m. in MH
Cub Scouts — 6:00 p.m. in MH
Troop 18 Scouts Court of Honor — 7:00 p.m. in PH

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in HC
Stewardship Committee — 12:00 p.m. in MH
Management Committee — 5:30 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

VBS Registration — 5:00 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. on the Playground/Gym
The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH/PH
Children's Classes — 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in various rooms as posted
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

Romans Bible Study Prayer Time — 10:00 a.m. in WH202
Men of the Covenant — 11:45 a.m. in MH

Friday

Sew and Sow Mentoring Group — 9:00 a.m. in MH

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: Jeff and Patty Borden, 35 Emerald Crescent, Fish Hoek 7975, South Africa. Email Address: jborden@mtwafrica.org

MEN OF THE COVENANT

Men, plan to come for lunch on Thursday, May 7, at 11:45 a.m. in Miller Hall. This will be our last luncheon until the fall. Please invite a friend to come with you. Our speaker will be Bill Stone, a Ruling Elder at FPC. Reservations are not required and the cost of lunch is \$5. Contact Shannon Craft for further information at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

VBS ONLINE REGISTRATION

For your convenience, Vacation Bible School registration for First Presbyterian children and grandchildren, ages 3 through rising 6th grade, may be completed online. Go to the First Presbyterian Church website, click on Christian Education, scroll down to 2009 VBS registration, fill in the proper information and submit. Visitors are welcome - ages 5 (by September 1) and up.

BECAUSE I SAID SEWREGISTRATION FOR SUMMER SEWING CAMPS

Sew and Sow will again be offering sewing camps this summer! Last summer proved to be an excellent opportunity for girls and ladies of all ages to learn to sew—the fellowship shared and the skills learned were profitable in so many ways. So back by popular demand, we will offer the beginner sewing camp the week of June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Patterson Hall. Basic Sewing Camp Phase 2 (for those who have taken the first class) will be the week of July 27- 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Deadline for signing up is May 31 in order to get all materials ordered. Space is limited. For more information, please call Cindi Alexander at 601-992-5243

SHORT TERM TRIP TO TRUJILLO, PERU

As we have done the past few years, a mission trip to Trujillo, Peru has been planned for January 1- 9, 2010. The primary purpose of the trip is to conduct a "Twin Lakes-like Camp" in cooperation with Peru Mission for the children of Trujillo. The budget has been set at \$2500. If you are interested in applying for the trip please contact Allison Hurley in the Outreach office at (601) 973-9111 or by email at allisonh@fpcjackson.org.

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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	Stephen M. Edwards	Wiley P. Lowry, Jr.	Jerrald L. Shivers
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Don B. Cannada	W. Wayne Husband	William D. Payne, Sr.	Noel K. Toler, Jr.
Al Page Chestnut	H. Richard Johnson, Jr.	William M. Penn	Ward B. Toler
Victor B. Clark	J. Edmund Johnston, Jr.	Thomas I. Rice III	R. Barry Vickery
C. David Cleland	W. Harper Keeler	Richard L. Ridgway	Alan H. Walters
William S. Cook	Crane D. Kipp	Stephen W. Rosenblatt	T. Calvin Wells
Robert A. Cunningham	Ralph H. Lord	Richard W. Russ	A. Terrel Williams
T. Doug Dale, Sr.	Robert Y. Love, Jr.	A. Jerry Sheldon	Mark J. Windham

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THE DIACONATE

Marcus M. Wilson, Chairman	John L. Cox	Paul Hurst	John Lowe Smith
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	James R. House III	Cy Rosenblatt	

Deacons Emeriti: T. Oscar Burris, Jr.; Charles R. Gardner; Wentworth T. Gates; Billy C. Greenlee; J.O. Manning, Jr.; Boyd Thompson; Richard B. Wilson, Jr.; 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 DinnerWednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
Adult Bible StudyWednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Senior High Small Groups.....Wednesday, 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.

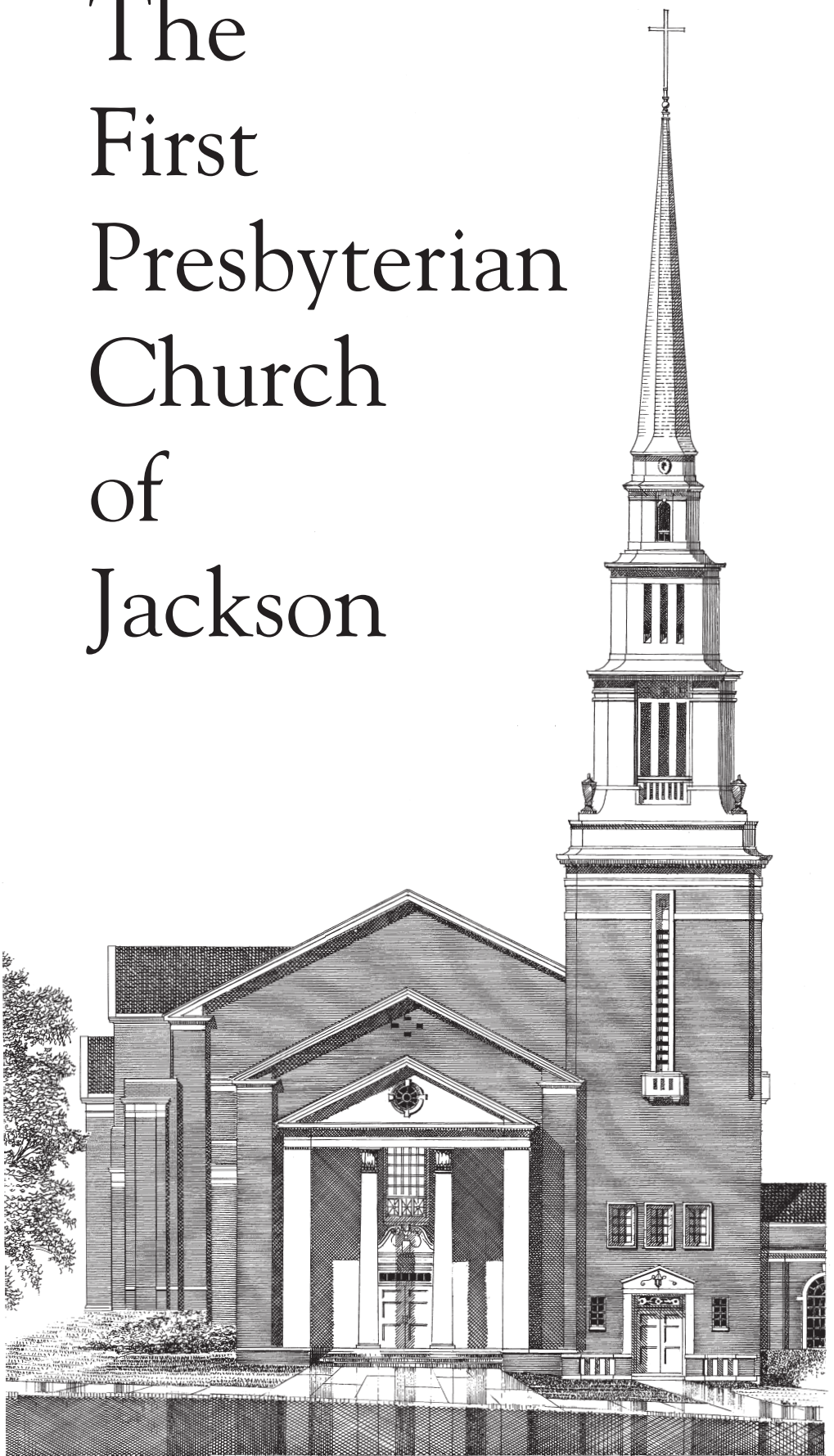
THE SCOUTS: Boy Scouts (Troop 18) (Weekly)Monday, 7:00 P.M.

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”