

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of February, 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 "Rockingham Old"'Edward Miller
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "Hallelujah, Amen"G.F. Handel

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 101** — "Come, Thou Almighty King"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 26 (Pew Bible Pages 586-587)

‡ **The Response No. 735** — "Gloria Patri"

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn** — "My Heart Is Filled" (See Guide)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Anthem — "Lead Kindly Light"Mack Wilberg

"Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom; Lead Thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene—one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead me on,

I loved to choose and see my path; but now, Lead Thou me on!

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will. Remember not past years.

So long Thy power hast blest me, sure it still will lead me on o'er moor and fen,

O'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone. And with the morn those angels smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile! Lead Thou me on!"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 2:8-20 (Pew Bible Page 857)

The Sermon — "Pondering These Things in Our Hearts"Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 218** — "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Four-Fold Amen in A"

The Postlude — "Rondo in G"John Bull

*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. Nathan D. Shurden
Minister of Discipleship

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

The Prelude — "Menuet"Eric Thiman
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Mission Report — Kurt Peistrup, MTW, London

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 168** — "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 401 — "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Marvin Stockett

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "A Voice from on High"Bill Monroe
Allen Burrows

The Young Children's Devotional

The Song No. 662 — "As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams" (Stanza 1)

The Children's Catechism No. 61

Q. "How were people saved who lived before Christ?"

A. "They believed in the Savior that God would send."

The Scripture — Genesis 3:15, 22:1-18; Galatians 3:6; Hebrews 11

The MeditationBrett Clifton, Student Ministry Assistant

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 98** — "Now Thank We All Our God" (Stanzas 1-2)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Nehemiah 12:37-47 (Pew Bible Page 408)

The Sermon — "Dedication Service"Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 98** — "Now Thank We All Our God"
(Stanza 3)

"All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore."

The Postlude — "Processional in G Major"John Stanley

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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.

My Heart Is Filled



1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To
 2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To
 3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness To



Him who bore my pain; Who plumbed the depths of
 Him who walks be - side; Who floods my weak - ness -
 Him who reigns a - bove; Whose wis - dom is my



my dis - grace And gave me life a - gain; Who
 es with strength And caus - es fears to fly; Whose
 per - fect peace, Whose ev - 'ry thought is love. For —



crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness, And clothed me with His
 ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough For ev - 'ry step I
 ev - 'ry day I have on earth Is giv - en by the



light, And — wrote His law of right - eous - ness With
 take. Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love And
 King. So — I will give my life, my all, To



pow'r up - on my heart.
 crown - ing me with grace.
 love and fol - low Him.

A Guide to the Evening Service

Introduction of New Members

During the morning services, a group of new members openly confessed their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the Gospel. They were received into the membership by the Session the last Lord's Day afternoon, and it was our joy to formally welcome them this morning. Matthew Henry once said: "When we take God for our God, we take His people for our people." Taking our church membership vows seriously is one way we can show that we understand this truth.

Sermon

Only a cursory reading of the text brings the theme of joy to the fore of tonight's passage. Ralph Davis wrote about verse 43, "As is often pointed out, there are five occurrences of the root *samach* (be glad, gladness) in verse 43. Stan Evers points to the occasion of Ezra 3:13, where there was much weeping with the joy; here, however, God has entirely taken the sadness away! This is yet another instance of Psalm 30:5 ('Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning')." May God remind us of His ability to bind up the broken-hearted.

The Missions Report

From time to time in our evening services, we hear from missionaries supported by our church. We trust that these communications are informational and inspirational and that they give you some sense of participation in their ministry. Remember, the Missions Conference is just around the corner where we will get to hear from several of our Gospel partners serving all over the world (and right here in Jackson!).

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

This glorious hymn of praise to Christ comes to us right out of the great Protestant Reformation and the Strasbourg Psalter. Some even believe that John Calvin himself wrote it. The words evidence a deep experiential knowledge of God and piety. This hymn, which deliberately mirrors a medieval song of praise to Mary, but turns every line into an acclamation of the Lord Jesus Christ, extolling Him as the only Mediator of God's people, first appeared in Geneva. It is the "A Mighty Fortress" of the Reformed tradition. We use it this evening to open our worship, for we recognize that the only way to God is through the Mediator, Jesus Christ. Apart from Him, to seek God is to be frustrated and to find Him to be consumed. In Him, our souls find rest and refreshment and satisfaction.

All Praise to Thee, My God, this Night

One of the greatest of the evening hymns in the English-speaking churches, we always get positive feedback when we sing this hymn. The text, written by the godly and principled Thomas Ken, is set to a tune originally composed by the Tudor period church musician Thomas Tallis. Ken wrote it to be sung by his boys' choristers at Winchester. "Bishop Ken was a thorough musician. He used to sing this hymn as part of his own devotions, accompanying himself upon an organ in his room or upon a lute or a viola. The thoughts are so simple that they need no explanation: thanks for the day just passed, prayers for forgiveness, for rest, and for freedom from fear of death." The last stanza is, of course, known to you as "The Doxology" (yes, Thomas Ken was its author). This hymn is well worth memorizing and using at home as part of your private and family devotions, and one great reason that every family should own a copy of the hymnal.

Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), a Lutheran minister, wrote this hymn for a grand celebration service at the end of the Thirty Years' War. It is a testament to his faith that, after such misery, he was able to write a hymn of abiding trust and gratitude toward God.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • February 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
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 Davis Cannada (827 Pinehurst Place)

Monday

Circles Meet This Week
VBS Department Heads — 9:00 a.m. in PH
Troop 18 Scout Committee — 12:00 p.m. in MH
The Diaconate — 5:30 p.m. in PH
Cub Scouts — 6:00 p.m. in MH
The Session — 7:00 p.m. in MS
Troop 18 Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room 321
FPC Literature Group — 7:00 p.m. in SC210

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 MH
Twin Lakes Executive Meeting — 12:00 p.m. in MH
Perspectives on the World Christian Movement — 6:00 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS — 9:00 a.m. in PH
MNA 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

War of Words Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in SC210
Romans Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in PH
MS Center for Public Policy 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
Pastoral Care Committee — 12:00 p.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 missionary for today to lift up in prayer: David McIntosh, Church Planter, Hartsville Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 44, Hartsville, SC 29551. Email address: Pastor@Hartsvillepca.org

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Bert and George Feild by their family.

IN MEMORIAM

Annie Marie Cummins — February 2, 2009

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship: Mr. and Mrs. William (Betty) Brown, Mr. Jonathan Tyler Ford, Mr. Mark Gill Kosko, Mr. Matthew Louis Little, Mr. John P. Robbins, Miss Megan Elyse Slay, Mr. and Mrs. John (Nicole) Tole, and Mr. Kyle Alexander Wood.

SCOUT RECOGNITION

We are recognizing the Scout ministry this morning. Troop 18, chartered by FPC, is in the business of making men out of boys. We have an active Troop of 10 to 16-year-old young men and routinely engage them in the study of leadership, community service, and outdoor adventures. Sure, for a 13 year old, wearing his Boy Scout uniform to church is a little awkward; but congratulate him this morning and encourage him to pursue leadership and community service. We are blessed by the active participation of a lot of our fathers and mothers. Many of the scouts' families are with us today, visiting FPC. For more information on Troop 18 activities, please visit our website at www.troop18.org.

ATTENTION: ALL MEN 25 YEARS AND UP

There will be a brief meeting in Hutton Chapel following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services for all men 25 and up who are interested in serving as an usher. It is a wonderful way to meet the FPC folks and a great avenue of service to First Presbyterian Church.

WIC CIRCLES

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

- #2 Leah Cook
4128 Sand Ridge Drive
- #3 Bertie Wade and Kicker Hull
3 Waterford Place
- #4 Julia Yandell and Jo Lynn
Swayze
Parlor
- #5 Laura Blaylock and Bess Corbitt
Youth House

Monday, February 9, Noon

- #14 Susan Turner
Miller Hall (Brown Bag)

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

- #9 Sue McRoberts
Parlor
- #10 June McDonald
103 Little Creek Road,
Ridgeland
- #11 Peanut Simmons and Ruth Tant
Dorothy Boone and Fran
Suddath
Youth House

Tuesday, February 10, Noon

- #13 Janet Quayle
Miller Hall

Tuesday, February 10, 5:30 p.m.

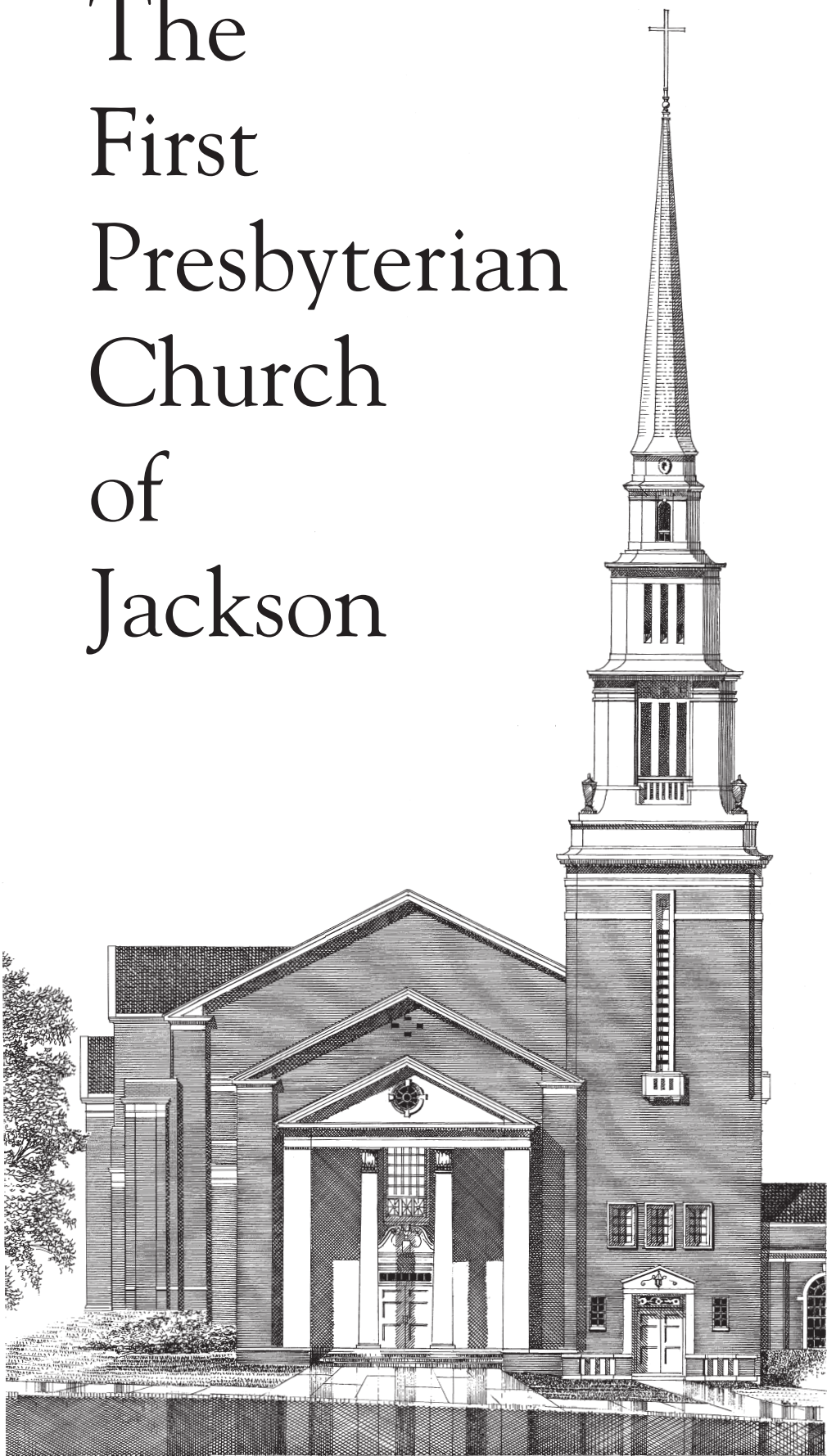
- #7 Marian Ware
Miller Hall

Boy Scout Troop 18 Of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson

Jimmy Moore, Scoutmaster
Dallis Ketchum, Assistant Scoutmaster
James England, Assistant Scoutmaster

Davis Abraham	Cossar Morgan
John Abraham	Julian Owen
Andrew Ainsworth	Nelson Parker
Richard Baird	Peyton Parker
Dees Baker	Thomas Phillips
Sam Berry	Harrison Putt
Crayton Bowie	Stuart Ramsey
Connor Boyles	Whit Ramsey
Ryan Buchanan	Grant Robinson
Griffin E. Callender	Alex Russell
Myers Carpenter	Samuel Roberts
William Carpenter	Ryan Seawright
Kendall Clarke	Rhodes Skelton
Buckner Corso	Wilkes Skelton
Adam Crawford	Carruth Smith
Vann Crawford	Robert Stephenson
Harrison Creath	Cole Swayze
Holt Crews	Jack Taylor
Reece Crumpler	Ross Taylor
Wilson Dallas	Daniel Teh
John Frey	Benjamin Thomas
Barron Garbo	Hunter Thomas
Jack Garrard	Burney Threadgill
William Garrard	Caleb Tidwell
John Gathings	Noah Tidwell
Elliott Guffin	Robert Tramel
Ty Higginbotham	Daniel Trussell
Trey Ivison	David Trussell
John Keeler	Carl Upton
Will Keeler	Campbell Vise
Wesley Kerce	Healy Vise
Luke Love	Jay Vise
Clark Massey	Tyler Wann
Jack McBride	Chuck Wehr
Lee Meena	Jacob Whitaker
Harrison Moore	Gene Wood
Thompson Moore	John Wooley

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