

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifteenth Day of February, Two Thousand Nine
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Guest Minister — The Reverend Dr. Edward Hartman

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas
Minister of Teaching

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 — "Meditation on 'My Savior Cares'"Lincoln Hall
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"Beethoven

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 38** — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 27 (Pew Bible pages 587-588)

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 539** — "Jerusalem the Golden" [Tune: Aurelia #347]

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 441** — "Jesus Shall Reign" (Psalm 72)

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Anthem — "Antiphon"R. Vaughan Williams

"Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly.
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King,
The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Philippians 1:27-30 (Pew Bible page 980)

The Sermon — "A Mission Worthy of the Gospel"Dr. Hartman

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

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Three-Fold Amen in A"Pinehurst

The Postlude — "Lord of the Dance"Sydney Carter
Dr. Dave Snyder, Pianist; Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

*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 — "If With All Your Hearts" (Elijah)Felix Mendelssohn
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 454** — "Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising"

‡ **The Invocation**

Peru Mission Team Report — Matthew Nasekos

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Harry Fulcher

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "I Will Sing of Thy Might"Eugene Butler
The Student Ensemble; Hanna Thomas, Accompanist

The Children's Catechism Recognition

The Young Children's Devotional

The Song No. 461 — "Not What My Hands Have Done" (Stanzas 1-3)

The Children's Catechism No. 62

Q. "How did those people show their faith?"

A. "By obeying God and sacrificing to Him in the way He commanded."

The Scripture — Genesis 3:7-8, 21; 4:3-5; Hebrews 9:22, 11:4

The Meditation.....David Felker, Assistant College Men's Coordinator

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer.)

‡ **The Hymn No. 444** — "O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling" (Stanzas 1-3)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 47 (Pew Bible page 472)

The Sermon — "Getting Excited About Missions"Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 444** — "O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling"

(Stanza 4)

"Give of your sons to bear the message glorious;
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious;
and all your spending Jesus will repay.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release."

The Postlude — "Salvation unto Us Has Come"Max Reger

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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

Sermon

In preparation for our annual Missions Conference, we pause in our study of Ezra/Nehemiah. This is a wonderful opportunity to consider your role in the great task of missions at home and around the world.

Peru Mission Team Report

Matthew Nasekos, having been commissioned along with his team members by our church to serve on a short term mission trip, will report back to us. The team led a Twin Lakes camp for the people in Trujillo, Peru. Attracting some local children, some from a local orphanage, as well as some children of the missionaries in Trujillo, the week-long camp provided a wonderful Christian camping experience for the Peruvian children.

Following the service, the team will have an extended report in Patterson Hall. Any who would be interested are invited.

The Children's Catechism Recognition

Tonight, we are delighted to be able to acknowledge the memorization of *The Children's Catechism* by our covenant youth. We have one child who has recently memorized and recited *The Children's Catechism*. We are strongly committed to catechizing (teaching, in this case by using a format of questions and answers) as a goal of discipleship and a key component to the growth in grace and the knowledge of the truth. The catechism is a simple synopsis of Bible doctrine, in a question and answer format. We have been using *The Children's Catechism* as the basis of the Children's Devotionals on Sunday evenings, because it is a helpful way of communicating the truths of the gospel to our children.

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising

You will recognize Psalm 96:3 in the refrain of this great hymn. We opened the 2005 edition of our annual Missions Conference with this glorious modern hymn that was composed for use at Inter-Varsity's Urbana Conference. There are a number of members of our congregation who were there when it was first sung. We learned it in conjunction with a Missions Conference several years ago, have sung it several times since, and its powerful lyrics and majestic melody have already won the hearts of our congregation. The author of the text is Margaret Clarkson, a great and godly saint of the Lord, whose writings and life have been blessings to many.

Not What My Hands Have Done

"Our hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness." The opening lines to that famous hymn faithfully summarize the truths taught in this hymn by Horatius Bonar. We need to be reminded time and time again of the truths of the gospel. We need to hear that we have contributed nothing to our own salvation—that the weight of sin is more than we can bear, that the guilt of sin is a wall which we could never scale, and that the demands of God's righteousness are beyond the works of our hands. We need to be reminded because we desperately want to contribute something to our salvation, something that we have done which we could offer as proof of our own worthiness. But it is the work of Christ alone to which we look; it is the merits of Christ alone which we plead; and it is the grace of God alone to which we flee.

O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

This hymn centers on the need to carry the gospel message into all the world. Stanza one suggests that the work of missions is of the highest importance to the Church (here referred to as Zion). Stanzas two and three remind us of the many who have not heard of the work of the Savior, and stanza four asks us to "give of your sons" to engage in this work. This hymn's author composed it while caring for one of her children who was sick with typhoid fever!

A Guide to the Morning Service

Guest Preacher

We welcome Ed Hartman, no stranger to this congregation, to our pulpit this Lord's Day. Born in Romania, Ed immigrated to the United States with his family in 1966. He served as the Senior Minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Kosciusko, MS, for ten years and now serves as the MTW team leader in Romania where the Hartmans have been since 2005.

The Romanian team's vision is to equip pastors toward establishing a Reformed and covenantal church-planting movement which, by God's grace, will bring personal, cultural, and institutional reformation in Romania. Along with the International Presbyterian Church, they are working to launch a Romanian Presbytery led by leadership development; translation and publication of Reformed and covenantal books; conferences; and evangelism and discipleship through small groups, ESL, university ministry, and family ministry.

Ed is married to the former Emily Potts, and they have four children. Michael is a junior at Belhaven College, Katy is a freshman at Ole Miss, and Abigail (15) and Daniel (14) are sophomores at Kingstone Academy in Romania.

Old Testament

Spurgeon, while preaching on Isaiah 27:3, said, "One thing is never to be forgotten - we are the Lord's. Therefore, if he does not water us, he will himself be the loser. An owner of vinelands, if he should suffer them to be parched with the drought, would derive nothing from his estate; the vineyard would be dried up, but he himself would receive no clusters. With reverence be it spoken, our Lord himself will never see of the travail of his soul in untended vines, nor in hearts unsanctified and unrenewed, nor in men whose graces droop and die for want of divine refreshings. The Lord must carry the work through, or lose what he hath wrought, and that would not be consistent with the foresight of his wisdom, or the purpose of his heart. He chose us, he bought us, he delights in us, he put his very glory in pawn concerning us, and we may therefore be sure beyond all peradventure that he will water us to the end.

Does he water us every moment? Then let his praise continually be in our mouths. Doth he thus care for us? Let us, then, watch for the advance of his cause, the extension of his kingdom, the good of his people. He who is thus watered should water others. If the Lord puts within us a well of living water through his divine watering, then let us give forth to others rivers of living water. Yet let not this be our first thought, but rather let us go away crying, 'Lord, make my soul as a watered garden. Saturate my fleece, fill my vessel to the brim, and keep it full forever. Fulfill this word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope, and water me every moment, even me.'"

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

It is often difficult to know why a certain hymn becomes popular. Is it the fact that the words speak directly to us in some way, or is it that a really memorable tune is "married" to the hymn that is immediately recognizable? Both the hymn and the tune "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" are among the most well known in Christendom, though the hymn's author probably did not intend the hymn for congregational singing. As a Free Church minister (and at one time, its Moderator), Walter Chalmers Smith would have been committed to unaccompanied, exclusive psalmody. His poetry now appears in the Oxford Book of English Verse, and this particular hymn extols the wisdom of God.

Everything—yes, everything—that God does is ordered with the oversight of infinite wisdom. Not a detail of it is out of place. God is wise. He established the world "by His wisdom" (Jer. 51:15).

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • February 15, 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)
 Peru Mission Team Extended Report — 7:00 p.m. in PH
 Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. in the home of
 Winston and Dabney Bell (1576 Northlake Dr.)

Monday

MTJ Committee — 12:00 p.m. in MH
 Troop 18 Scouts Board of Review — 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 MH
 Perspectives on the World Christian Movement — 6:00 p.m.
 in PH

Wednesday

Student Ministry Dad's Prayer Breakfast — 6:45 a.m. in YH
 MOMS — 9:00 a.m. in PH
 Missions Conference Luncheon — 11:30 a.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 - 6:15 p.m. in the Gym
 The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
 Missions Conference Kick-off — 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 Children's Mission Activities (4-Year-Olds - 2nd Grades) —
 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. in Company Room
 Children's Mission Activities (3rd - 6th Grades) —
 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. in the Gym
 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 MH
 MTW Committee — 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

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: Alonzo and Esther Ramirez, MTW, Peru, Los Cerezos L-9, Urbanizacion El Ingerio, Cajamarca, Peru. Email address: ssagustin@yahoo.com

There will be an extended report from the Peru Mission team in Patterson Hall immediately following the evening service.

PROS

What is there to look forward to after the Missions Conference? How about PROS? Sixteen young people of the "Veritas Strings", lead by Nancy Bateman, will have the strings humming with selections sure to have you humming too! Join us on Thursday, February 26, at 11:00 a.m. in Miller Hall. We will enjoy a wonderful program and a delicious lunch of beef brisket, special green beans, hash brown potato casserole, and chocolate delight. Any parents or grandparents who would like to attend are more than welcome. Lunch is \$3 and reservations can be made by calling the church office before Wednesday, February 25.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

The Reverend Brian Habig will be our guest speaker on Thursday, March 5, at 11:45 a.m. in Miller Hall. Rev. Habig grew up in Jackson and is a son of First Presbyterian Church. After graduating from Mississippi State University and Covenant Theological Seminary, he served as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) for ten years. He now pastors a new church in Greenville, SC, called Downtown Presbyterian which focuses on the city's downtown area. Brian and his wife, Dana, have three children, Henry, John, and Betsy.

ADOPT A MISSIONARY

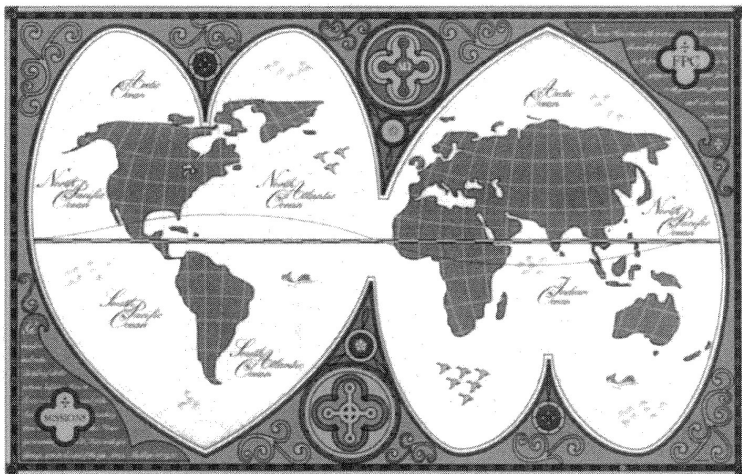
Do you have an interest in missions and are looking for a way to get involved? We are looking for individuals and families who would "adopt" one of our missionaries, establishing a relationship that would involve prayer, communication (email has made communicating with missionaries so easy!), and concern. You would get to personally know one of our Gospel partners, and they would know that First Presbyterian Church cares for and prays for them by name! What an encouragement it would be if we could find an individual or family for each of our missionaries. If you have any interest in adopting a missionary, please contact Marcia Smith in the missions office at marcias@fpcjackson or (601) 973-9111.

SPRING INQUIRERS CLASS

The Spring Inquirers Class begins Sunday, March 1, at 9:40 a.m. in room M133 (next to the Library) and will run for the spring Sunday school quarter. This class is for members and visitors who want to know more about our church and its ministries, our denomination, Presbyterian doctrine and beliefs, church history, and church government. To sign up for the class or for more information, contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243.

Missions Conference

February 18 – 22, 2009



Conference Preacher – The Reverend Michael Campbell

Senior Minister, Redeemer Church

Missions Faculty

Andrew Lamb – MTW - Orlando

Jim Patterson – MTW - Philippines

Clay Quarterman – MTW - Ukraine

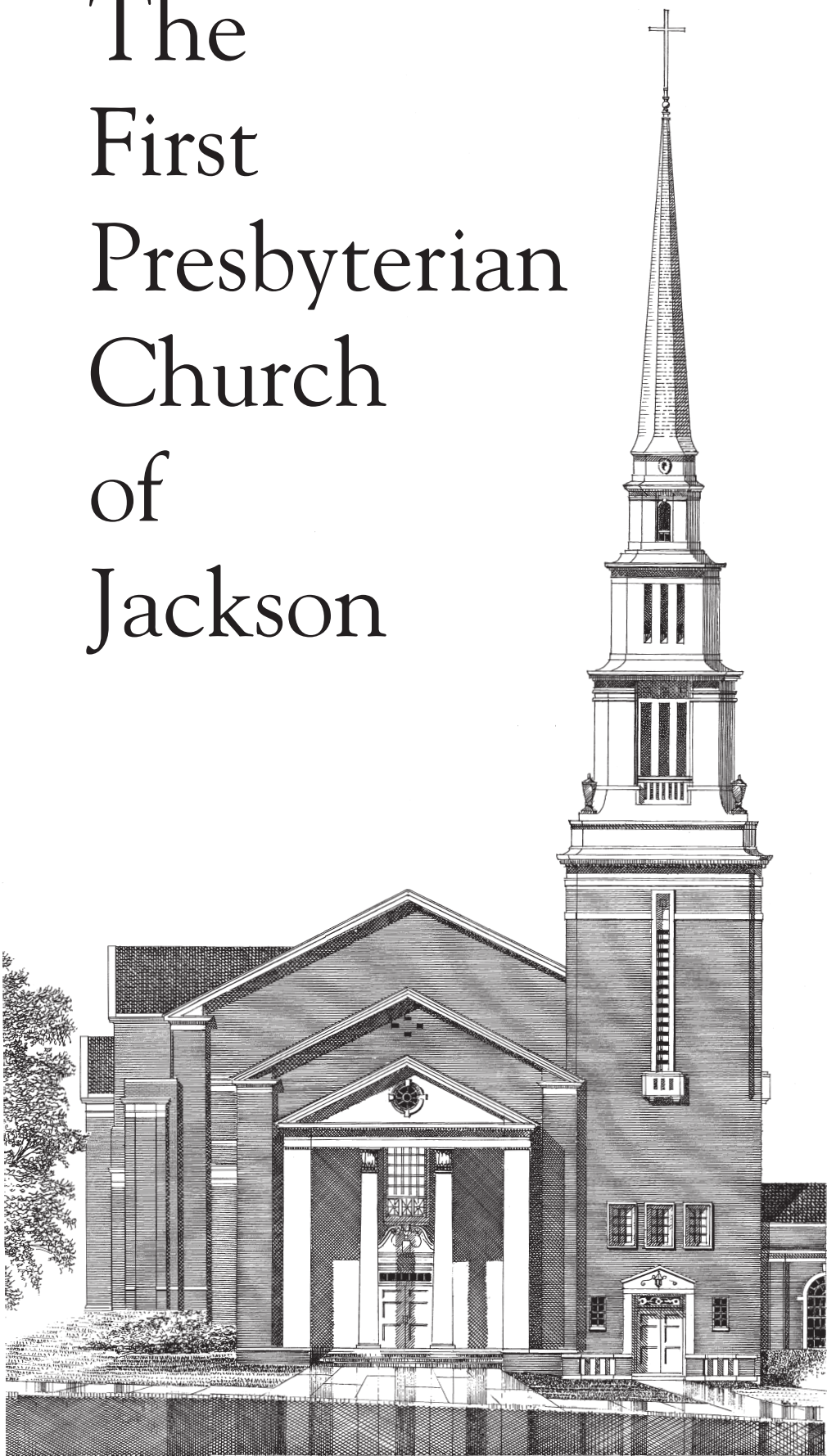
Jason Little – MNA - Church Planter
in Oregon

Wes Baker - Peru Mission

Elbert McGowan - RUM - Jackson
State University

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