

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of January, Two Thousand Twelve
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Joshua M. Rieger
Minister of Administration

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 — "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"Bach/Schreiner
William Wymond, Organist

The Introit — "Who Is On The Lord's Side?"Caradog Roberts
Matthew Forester, Music Intern, Directing

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 181** — "We Come, O Christ, to You"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Scripture Reading — 1 John 1 (Pew Bible page 1021)

*‡ **The Response No. 495** — "No, Not Despairingly Come I to Thee"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Anthem — "Were You There?"Spiritual
"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?
Oh! Sometimes I feel like shouting glory!
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?"

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 24:13-27 (Pew Bible Page 885)

The Sermon — "Seven Miles with Jesus"Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn No. 472** — "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched"

‡ **The Lord's Supper**

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Apostles' Creed

The Ten Commandments

The Communion With Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 648** — "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Were The Whole Realm Of Nature Mine"Gilbert Martin

The Postlude — "Postlude Festivo"S. Karg-Elert

*The ushers may seat latecomers.

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. William F. Joseph III
Minister of Congregational Care

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

The Prelude — "Cantilene"Josef Rheinberger
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 173** — "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 128 — "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

***The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Don Breazeale

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "Psalm 46: 'He Is God'"
Allen Burrows, Kristi Jordan, and Sarah Ryburn Mealer

The Young Children's Devotional

The Song No. 537 - "Take Time to be Holy" (Stanza 4)

The *Children's Catechism* No. 51

Q. "What happens in sanctification?"

A. "God makes the hearts and actions of believers holy."

The Scripture — Psalm 16:7; Proverbs 23:7, 27:19; Ezekiel 36:26-27;
Acts 15:9; Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 2:13

The Meditation.....Ryan Biese, Senior Minister's Intern
The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Psalm 123** (Tune: DENNIS)

"Up unto Thee I look, O Thou who dwells above,
As servants look unto their lord, Th' abased to mercy's trove.
Maids at their ladies gaze, as we wait on the Lord,
Waiting for mercies from on high, we want peace from your Word."

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Psalm 123 (Pew Bible page 517)

The Sermon — "Looking...Until He is Gracious"Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Benediction and Response Psalm 123** (Tune: DENNIS)

"Have mercy on us, Lord, We are contemptible!
We're mocked by those whose days are good, before the proud, humble."

The Postlude — "Forth In Thy Name We Go"George Dyson

*The ushers may seat latecomers.

‡Congregation standing

<p>To All Our Visitors</p>	<p>We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We would love to meet you.</p>
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2012 Missions Conference

Derek Thomas, Guest Preacher

Missions Conference Faculty: Ed & Emily Hartman, Dave Veldhorst, Will & Judi Traub, Paul & Laura Chinchon, Way & Amy Rutherford, Per & Beth Almquist, Paul Nasekos, & Sal Pelicano

Sunday, January 29:

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship: Ed Hartman, Preaching
4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. — Church-wide Missions Conference Kickoff Dinner (gym)
°6:30 p.m. — Evening Worship: Ed Hartman, Preaching & Missionary Reports
°Note change in time of service

Wednesday, February 1:

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. — Mission Committee's Welcome Luncheon and Orientation (MH)
4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. — Wednesday Night Dinner (MH)
Gym opened for children
5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. — Children's Choirs meet in various rooms (6th graders in gym)
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. — Children meet with missionaries:
4 years old - 1st grade: Company Room
2nd grade - 5th grade: Patterson Hall
6th grade: Scout Room
°7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. — Evening Worship: Derek Thomas, Preaching
°Note change in time of service

Thursday, February 2:

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. — Men of the Covenant: Derek Thomas, Speaker (WH)
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. — Church-wide Ladies Luncheon with Missionary Wives (MH)
Evening - Missionary dinners in homes of church members

Friday and Saturday, February 3 & 4 (days and nights):

Meals with church members

Sunday, February 5:

8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. — Morning & Evening Worship: Derek Thomas, Preaching, with missionary reports in all three services.

Missions Conference Hospitality – We need housing, vehicles, and meals for our Missions Faculty during the Conference. If you would like to volunteer for any of the following, please contact Laura Husband at 601-605-3237 or wwhusband@comcast.net

Housing Needs:

- * Per and Beth Almquist and children, Kyle 13, Jason 11, and Scotty 7.
- * Will and Judi Traub

Vehicle Needs:

- * Per and Beth Almquist and children, Kyle 13, Jason 11, and Scotty 7.
- * Dave Veldhorst

Meal Needs:

We need Discipleship groups, Sunday School Classes, or just a group of friends to host lunches, dinners, or other type of fellowships such as coffees, desserts, etc.

Nursery available for all activities at the church

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Lord's Supper

At First Presbyterian Church, we follow the old Southern Presbyterian practice of celebrating the Lord's Supper (what some churches call the "Eucharist" or "Holy Communion") four times a year. The Ruling Elders of our church assist in the distribution of the elements of the Supper as a visible manifestation of their pastoral care of the flock.

The biblical teaching on the nature of the sacraments may be epitomized as follows: God's sacraments or covenant signs/seals are "visible words" (Augustine). In them we see with our eyes the promise of God. Indeed, in the sacraments we see, smell, touch and taste the word. In the public reading and preaching of Scripture, God addresses our mind and conscience through the hearing. In the sacraments, He uniquely addresses our mind and conscience through the other senses. In, through and to the senses, God's promise is made tangible. A sacrament is a covenant sign and seal, which means it reminds us and assures us of a promise. That is, it points to and confirms a gracious promise of God to His people. Another way of saying it is that a sacrament is an action designed by God to sign (symbolize) and seal (ratify) a covenantal reality, accomplished by the power and grace of God, the significance of which has been communicated by the word of God, and the reality of which is received or entered into only by faith. Hence, the weakness, the frailty of human faith welcomes this gracious act of reassurance. The sacraments are by nature supplemental to and confirmatory of the promises held out in the word, and the grace conveyed by them is the same grace held out via the means of preaching. The sacraments are efficacious for the elect and the elect only, since their benefits are sanctificational (that is, the Lord's Supper doesn't "save" us, it grows us) and received by faith. In the Lord's Supper, the Christian, by faith, experiences true communion with Christ in all His benefits.

Since the Lord's Supper is for professing believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who have "discerned the body of the Lord" — that is, the Church — (1 Corinthians 11:29), it is appropriate that we confess our faith together before we take it. We often use the Apostles' Creed in order to publicly declare our whole-hearted embrace of the truth of the faith once-delivered. We also recite the Ten Commandments prior to taking the Lord's Supper. By recounting the Law directly adjacent to the Gospel ordinance of the Lord's Supper we are reminded of our need for the forgiveness of sins and the rich provision we have in Jesus Christ's perfect obedience (see Romans 5:20).

The Invitation

The Lord's Table is for those who are trusting in Jesus Christ. So *we invite to this table, the Lord's table, all those who trust in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation as He is offered in the Gospel and who have joined themselves to the body of Christ, His Church.* If you are not a believer in Christ who has identified yourself with His Church, don't come to the table. Rather, wait, think, pray, repent, and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Parents will want to take note that we do not practice paedocommunion (infants or young children who have not yet taken membership vows partaking of the Lord's Supper) at First Presbyterian Church. Young people who have answered the five questions of church membership and thus have become communicant members of First Presbyterian Church (or the equivalent at some other Gospel-believing church) are invited to the table.

The Presence of Christ

The consensus of Reformed teaching on the way in which Christ is present in the Lord's Supper may be summarized as follows: there is absolutely no corporeal presence of Christ whatsoever in the Lord's Supper. The believer does not corporeally partake of Christ in the Supper. Christ is not elementally, spatially, or locally present in the Supper in any way. There is no change or conversion of the elements in the Supper. The believer does indeed receive Christ in the Supper, but not by the mouth, rather by faith. Nor does Christ's humanity come down to the believer, but by the Spirit the believer is raised in heart to receive Christ in His ascended glory.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • January 8, 2012

Sunday

Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133

The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
(Library only)

Communicants' Class — 9:40 a.m. in PH

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 — 4:37 p.m. in MS

The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.
(Library only)

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 Hollis Burrow (2236 N. Cheryl Drive)

Monday

Circle Bible Teachers — 9:00 a.m. in WH204

WIC Council — 9:30 a.m. in SC210 A&B

Deacon Executive Committee Meeting — 11:45 a.m. in MH

Scout Committee Meeting — 12:00 p.m. in WH205A

The Diaconate — 5:30 p.m. in PH

Cub Pack Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in MH

The Session — 7:00 p.m. in MS

Boy Scouts Informational Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in PH

Tuesday

Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in MS

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Missions Conference Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

Twin Lakes Executive Board Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH

MVP Administrative Committee Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in WH202

Internationals English Class — 6:45 p.m. in PH

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH

Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in SR

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. - 6:25 p.m.

Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH

Junior High Small Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH

Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the Gym

The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS

Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various rooms as posted

Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in LH

Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH/PH

Thursday

Revelation (Part 2) Women's Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

"Discovering God in Stories from the Bible" Women's Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in SC/PH/WH

The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday

Sew and Sow — 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

LRC - Learning Resource Center

SR - Session Room

PLEASE NOTE: Do not bring food or drink items (water bottles, coffee cups, candy, etc.) into the sanctuary. This will help keep our facilities clean and uncluttered and show our respect for the Lord's house as we worship Him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us"....Pray for the 2012 Missions Conference.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of Mrs. Guy H. Davant, Jr., by her family.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Jack Ratliff — December 17, 2011

Boy Scout Troop 18 Informational Meeting

Boy Scout Troop 18 invites boys and their parents to an informational meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in Patterson Hall. Boys who are in the sixth grade, fifth graders who will be eleven years old before June 1, 2012, and Cub Scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light are eligible to join Boy Scouts. Another informational meeting will be held in August for those who want to join Troop 18 in the fall. Please contact Dallis Ketchum (johndallisketchum@gmail.com) or Jeff Skelton (jskelton@cctb.com) if you have any questions.

JANUARY PROS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER - PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!! IT IS 2012!!!!!!! and our January PROS lunch is scheduled for **Thursday, January 26**. We will be meeting in Miller Hall at **11:30 a.m.** For lunch we will give a nod to the Chinese New Year (January 23) with a menu of sweet and sour meatballs served over fried rice, a delicious vegetable medley, onion french bread and for dessert yummy carrot cake. We hope that you will check your calendars and make your reservations by calling the church office at **601 353-8316 before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2012**. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!!!!!!**

MEN, MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MID-SOUTH MEN'S RALLY

January 27, 2012

Men, please join us for our annual Mid-South Men's Rally. Our speaker this year will be Reverend Elbert McGowan, RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University. No advance registration is necessary. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15 p.m., with the first session beginning at 6:30 p.m. This year we will have a men's chorus sing during the first session of the Rally. If you would like to be a part of this, join us in the Music Suite at 5:25 p.m. for a brief rehearsal. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM

What: WIC Retreat

When: February 17-18, 2012

Friday dinner through Saturday at noon

Where: Twin Lakes

Who: All the women in this church, and women who are friends of the church

How much: \$55

Speaker: Ashley Hall Belknap

Topic: When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough

Your payment secures your reservation, so please include a check.

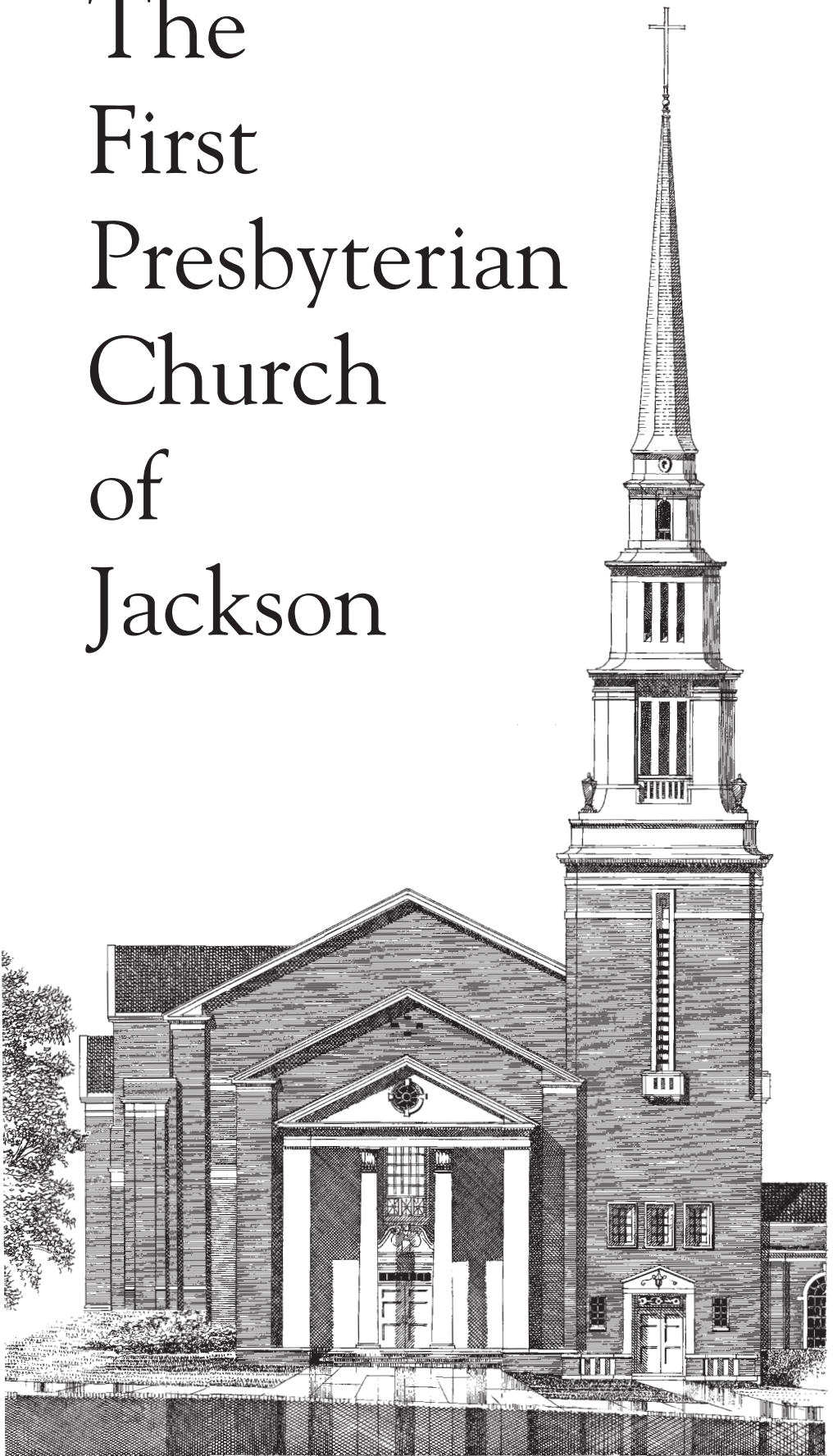
The Sacrament of
THE LORD'S SUPPER
will be observed today.
Participation requires your:

1. Reverence and attention
2. Discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper
3. Meditation on Christ's death and suffering
4. Self judgment
5. Sorrow for sin
6. Desire for Christ
7. Feeding on Him in faith
8. Trusting in Him
9. Rejoicing in His love
10. Giving thanks for His grace
11. Renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ
12. Special love to all Christians

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not worship them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

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