

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Thirtieth of August, Two Thousand Nine

MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III

Senior 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** — "Salvation Has Come to Us" .....Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — "Almighty God of Our Fathers" .....Will James

**The Call to Worship**

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 164** — "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Old Testament Reading** — Isaiah 50 (Pew Bible page 611)

\*‡ **The Hymn No. 304** — "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" [Tune: Forest Green]

**The Morning Prayer**

‡ **The Hymn No. 689** — "Be Still My Soul"

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**The Anthem** — "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor" .....French Melody

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'nward by Thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what Thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Romans 8:38-39 (Pew Bible page 945)

**The Sermon** — *The Best Chapter in the Bible: "No Separation"* .....Dr. Thomas

**The Hymn No. 517** — "I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend"

‡ **The Benediction**

‡ **The Congregational Response** — "Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me."

**The Postlude** — "Allegro Molto from Sixth Sonata" .....Felix Mendelssohn

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing



Felix Mendelssohn's

# ELIJAH

Soloists:

Bradley Robinson, Elijah

Gena Everitt, The Widow

Viola Dacus, The Angel

Marc Ashley Foster, The Prophet

Kristi Jordan, The Youth

**First Presbyterian Choir**  
**With Orchestra**

**Tonight, Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Nursery provided for Children through 5 years old**

# **MEN OF THE COVENANT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**FALL 2009**

The First Thursday of the Month in Miller Hall  
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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## **"A Man After God's Own Heart"**

The Men of the Covenant Luncheon is a time for the men of First Presbyterian Church and the wider Metro-Jackson area to gather for fellowship and spiritual encouragement. Each meeting is designed to equip Christian men for service in the Kingdom of God. The topics for Men of the Covenant are chosen for specific application to personal devotion, work, family, and church life. To kick off our Men of the Covenant Luncheon theme for the fall, The Reverend Brad Mercer will be speaking on "*Following God's Call.*"

## **September 4 - The Reverend Bradford Mercer**

### **Minister - Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Brad is a graduate of the University of Texas (B.S.), Reformed Theological Seminary (M.A.), and the University of Wales, Lampeter (M.Phil.). He served as the Minister of Discipleship at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, for eight years. He is currently the Senior Minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, Mississippi. He is a frequent contributor to several online journals, including *The Trinity Forum*. He is also a contributor to the recently published book, *C.S. Lewis: Views from Wake Forest*. He and his wife, Cindy, live in Greenwood. They have two children: Hannah, who is married and lives in Flowood, MS; and Harrison, who presently serves with the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team stationed in Vicenza, Italy.

Reservations are not required and the cost of lunch is \$5.00.  
Please contact Shannon Craft in Discipleship if you have any further questions.

**ShannonC@fpcjackson.org 601-326-9243**

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Sermon Series

Today we come to the conclusion of the summer's exposition of the "Best Chapter in the Bible." The Lord has been gracious to us as we have studied the truths found in this passage. Today, we encounter a series of questions from the Apostle Paul that are meant for our assurance. Can anything, whether in heaven or on earth, separate us from the love of God? Paul's answer is an emphatic no!

## The Old Testament Reading

This is another of Isaiah's "Servant Songs," depicting one who would be set apart to serve the Lord. We understand these hymns to be pointing to the faithful Son of God who took the form and likeness of a servant. In this chapter, Jesus's role as prophet is on display. The chapter ends with two kinds of responses to his message: listen and be vindicated, or walk by "the light of your own torch" and find torment.

Our response to this reading will be a public recognition whereby we confess Christ to be the prophet of God who invites us to come unto Him and find rest for our souls. We will sing that in Christ, we have found a resting place, living waters that quench our thirst, and the light of the world.

## The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Here we have hyperbole of the best kind. Would that we each had a thousand tongues to sing of the glories of God, though even then we would not begin to adequately express the praises His glories deserve. But before we opt for radical oratory augmentation, perhaps an even more convicting prayer would begin, "O for a sincere tongue to sing." You see, on our own, we can never give Jesus the praise He deserves, either in sound or in sincerity. Praise be to God for our Mediator, Jesus Christ. Even as we begin to sing praises to Him, we realize that our songs are only acceptable as they come through Him. For "His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me."

### **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

This is one of Horatius Bonar's hymns and perhaps one of his most familiar. Based on Jesus's words in Matthew 11:28-30, it is a reminder of the passionate desire of our Saviour for the lost and perishing to come and embrace Him and know the joy of forgiveness of sins and peace with God. It also reminds us of Jesus's role as prophet, teaching us the things of God. Thus, it is an apt response to the Old Testament reading. May we be counted among the multitude who hear and respond to the voice of Jesus.

### **Be Still My Soul**

The end of the third stanza has been ringing in my ears since Ligon preached on Elijah last Lord's Day. "Your Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away." This magnificent hymn by Katharina von Schlegel is the epitome of a proper response to trials and difficulties in life. It offers comfort and hope to the believer based on a litany of biblical truth.

Be still, my soul, for all things work together for good for those that love God (stanza 1). Be still, my soul, for God is sovereign (stanza 2). Be still, my soul, for trials bring us closer to God (stanza 3). Be still, my soul, for one day soon we shall enter a rest where grief and pain are no more (stanza 4). Be still, my soul, for even though we may not understand, we have faith in our heavenly Father, and we place our trust in His perfect plan.

### **I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend**

Our response to the concluding sermon in the Romans 8 series takes much of its language from the closing verses. These words are Gospel promises. Sing them with conviction, and may God be pleased to press down deep in our hearts their truth.

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • August 30, 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  
**WIC Prayer Group** — 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor  
**Pre-Service Announcements** — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Elijah** — 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Senior High Insight** — 7:30 p.m. in the home of Julia and Anna Wright (121 Windrush Drive)

## Monday

**Women's Ministry Leadership Council** — 9:30 a.m. in PH  
**Troop 18 Meeting** — 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room 321/Gym

## Tuesday

**Staff Meeting** — 9:00 a.m. in HC  
**Session Finance Committee** — 12:00 p.m. in WH204  
**Sunday School Officers Meeting** — 12:00 p.m. in MH  
**Management Committee** — 5:30 p.m. in PH

## Wednesday

**MOMS Leadership Training and New Members Coffee** — 9:00 a.m. in PH  
**Family Night Supper** — 5:00 p.m. in MH  
**The Choir** — 5:50 p.m. in MS  
**Junior High Small Groups** — 5:00 p.m. in YH  
**Student Ministry Small Group Meeting** — 5:00 p.m. in CH  
**Children's Activities** — 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on the Playground/Gym  
**Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in LH  
**Be A Witness** — 6:30 p.m. in YH  
**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 Guys Small Groups** — 7:45 p.m. in YH  
**Sophomore Girls Small Group** — 7:45 p.m. - Justin and Caroline Pillsbury (4412 Forest Park)  
**Junior Girls Small Group** — 7:45 p.m. in CH  
**Senior Girls Small Group** — 7:45 p.m. - Walt and Laura Wofford (1827 Linden Place)

## Thursday

**1 Peter Ladies Bible Study** — 9:00 a.m. in SC/PH  
**Romans Bible Study Prayer Time** — 9:45 a.m. in WH202  
**Men of the Covenant** — 11:45 a.m. in MH  
**Internationals Welcome Picnic** — 6:30 p.m. in MH

## Friday

**Sew and Sow Mentoring Group** — 9:00 a.m. in SC211  
**Loving Concern Training** — 9:00 a.m. in YH

## 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: Andrew & Anne Lamb - Andrew is the regional director with MTW for Mexico and Brazil. Address: 2793 Admirals Walk N., Orange Park, FL 32073; email: andrew.lamb@mtw.org

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are from the wedding of Sandi Tucker and Paul Kooistra, and are given in honor of Bebo and Jan, and Billy and Marian, with thanks.

## MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 3

Men, mark your calendars and plan to join us for our first fall Men of the Covenant Luncheon to be held Thursday, September 3, in Miller Hall from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be The Reverend Brad Mercer, Senior Minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, MS. Reservations are not required and the cost of lunch is \$5.00 at the door. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

## FALL INQUIRERS CLASS

The Fall Inquirers Class will begin Sunday, September 6, at 9:30 a.m. in room M133 (next to the Library) and run through November 29. 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, contact Nan Whitney at 601-353-8316.

## FPC CHURCHWIDE LABOR DAY PICNIC

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we invite you to this year's annual churchwide picnic on Monday, September 7, at beautiful Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center in Florence, MS. Tours of the grounds and facilities will be given throughout the day. There is no need to bring food. At 5:00 p.m., you will be treated to a free delicious Bar-B-Q meal. We hope to see you there!

## BE A WITNESS

What is a witness? How does one witness? What does it mean to "be" a witness? If you have never learned how to be a witness for the Lord Jesus, here is your opportunity. On Wednesday nights, beginning September 2 through November 24, from 6:30 until 7:45, we will be looking at the whole concept of being a witness of Jesus Christ. To sign up contact Shannon Craft, Administrative Assistant of Pastoral Care, at shannonc@fpcjackson.org or 601-326-9243 or Billy Joseph, at bjooseph@bellsouth.net or 601-973-9124.

The "American Style Welcome Internationals Picnic" is Thursday, September 3 from 6 - 8 p.m. in Miller Hall. For more information, contact Steve or Kathryn Edwards at 601-668-7422 or 601-956-1405 or Buena Lee Huff at 601-366-2280.

# 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 TV 14 Memphis Sunday

## CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Ligon Duncan — Senior Minister  
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### MINISTERS OFFICE:

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Mamie Gilkey  
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## TWIN LAKES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

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Florence, MS  
(601) 845-6858

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### DENOMINATIONAL

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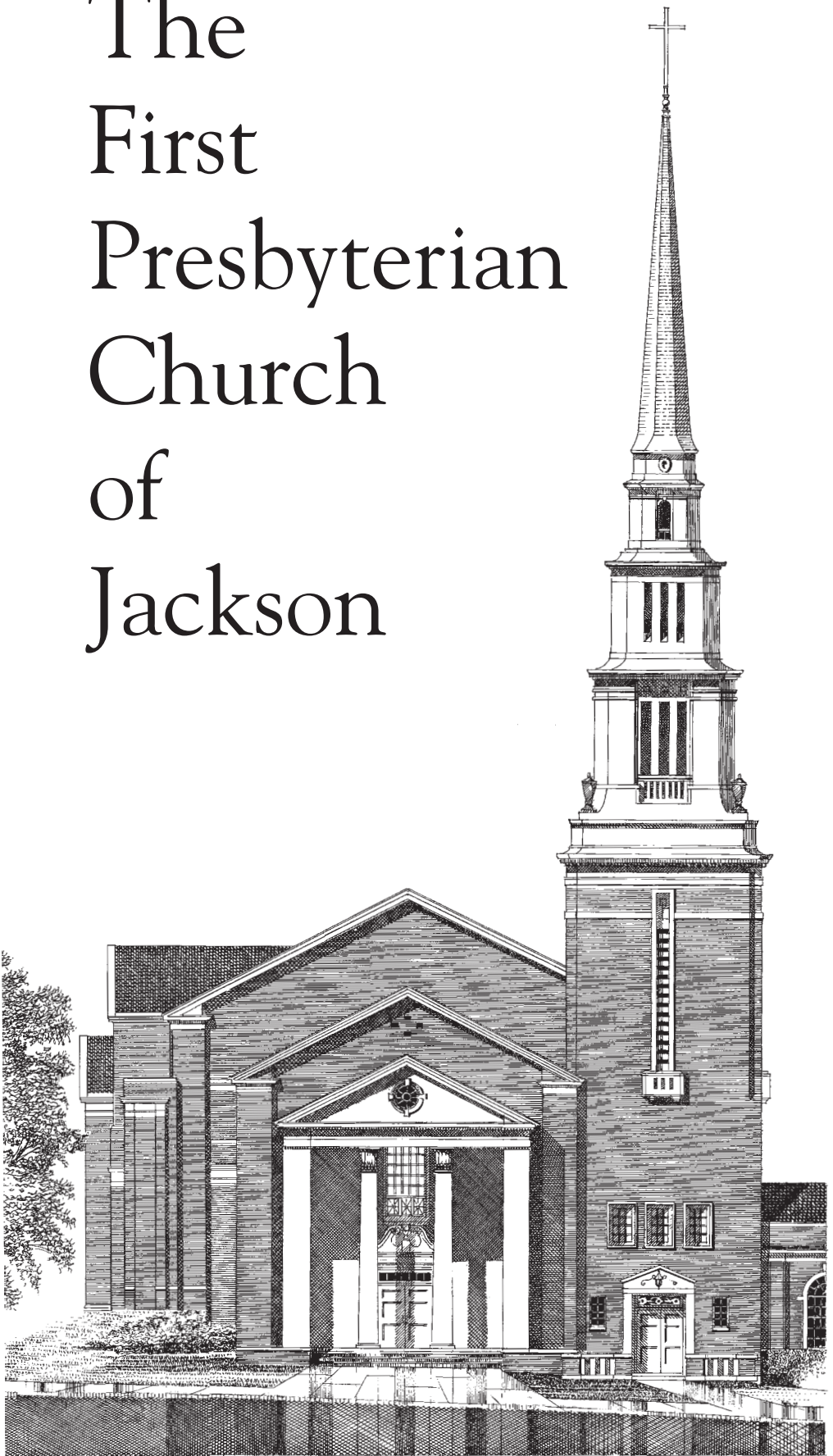
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### OUTREACH

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