

THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixth Day of September, Two Thousand Nine
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III
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"Paul Benoit
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "Behold, Now, Praise the Lord "Everitt Titcomb

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 30** — "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Psalm 90)

‡ The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

The Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 51 (Pew Bible pages 611-613)

*‡ **The Hymn No. 108** — "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right" (Stanza 4)

"Whate'er my God ordains is right:
here shall my stand be taken;
though sorrow, need or death be mine,
yet am I not forsaken.
My father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I shall not fall:
and so to Him I leave it all."

The Morning Prayer

‡ **The Hymn No. 646** — "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Anthem — "His Voice"Fleming

"His voice as the sound of the dulcimer sweet, is heard thru' the shadows of death.

The cedars of Lebanon bow at His feet, the air is perfumed with His breath.

His lips as the fountain of righteousness flow, that waters the garden of grace,
From which their salvation the people shall know, and bask in the smile of His face.

Love sits in His eyelids and scatters delight thro' all the bright regions on high.

Their faces the Cherubim veil in His sight and tremble with fullness of joy.

He looks and ten thousands of angels rejoice, and myriads wait for His word.

He speaks and eternity filled with His voice, reechoes the praise of her Lord.

His voice as the sound of the dulcimer sweet, is heard thru' the shadows of death.

The cedars of Lebanon bow at His feet, the air is perfumed with His breath,

Oh, Thou in whose presence my soul takes delight, on whom in affliction I call,

My comfort by day and my song in the night, my Hope, my salvation, my all."

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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Luke 6:12-22 (Pew Bible page 862)

The Sermon — "Poor, Hungry, Weeping, Hated, Rejected...and Blessed!" ..Dr. Duncan

The Response No. 609 — "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?"

‡ The Benediction

‡ **The Response** — "Five-fold Amen"Pinehurst

The Postlude — "Fuga from the Sixth Sonata"Felix Mendelssohn

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding 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 — "Idyll"David Paxton
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Call to Worship

‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 119** — "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"
[Tune: Ellacombe]

‡ **The Invocation**

The Evening Hymn No. 251 — "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

The Missionary Minute

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bob Cunningham

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — Kent Dear, Soloist

The Young Children's Devotional

The Song No. 392 — "O Day of Rest and Gladness" (Stanzas 1 and 4)

The *Children's Catechism* No. 87

Q. "What does the fourth commandment tell us to do?"

A. "To keep the Sabbath holy."

The Scripture — Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Leviticus 19:30, 23:3;
Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Nehemiah 13:15-22; Isaiah 58:13-14;
Ezekiel 20:5-6, 12

The Meditation.....Mr. Ryan Biese, Senior Minister's Intern

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 669** — "Commit Now All Your Grievs" (Stanzas 1-3)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — 1 Samuel 9:1-10:16 (Pew Bible page 231)

The Sermon — "You Never Know What You Might Find When You Go Off
Looking for Your Lost Donkey"Dr. Thomas

‡ **The Benediction and Response No. 669** — "Commit Now All Your Grievs"
(Stanza 4)

"Far, far above your thought His counsel shall appear,
when fully He the work has wrought that caused your needless fear.
Leave to His sovereign will to choose and to command;
With wonder filled, you then shall own how wise, how strong His hand.

The Postlude — "Preamble"Jon Spong

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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.

A Guide to the Evening Service

Welcome

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We also hope that this guide will help you understand the various components of our service, and thus make you more comfortable and familiar with it. By the way, we try to present most of our announcements prior to the service in order to avoid interrupting the flow of our worship of God with distractions that take our minds away from our central purpose: giving to the Lord the glory due His name.

The Sermon Series

In much the same way as we did this morning, we return to a sermon series that was put on hold over the summer. Back in March, Derek began to lead us through I Samuel, and we finished the opening section on the prophet Samuel.

Tonight, we see a momentous occasion in the history of Israel - the anointing of a king. Having lived through the atrocities of the period of the judges, when it was common for "every man to do what was right in his own eyes," there is some hope that through this king, things will improve in Israel. But to pin such hopes on a certain good looking, tall Benjamite may be a bit premature.

The Missionary Minute

First Presbyterian Church has a long history of actively supporting the work of missions throughout this country and the world. One of our stated goals of the missions philosophy is to connect the members of this congregation with the missionaries supported by the church. To that end, we will begin a monthly "Missionary Minute" during the evening service which is designed to help you understand the work of missions supported by this church, give you a better knowledge of the world around us and the challenges and opportunities faced by our missionaries, and to better equip us all in our prayers for the Church throughout the world.

The Young Children's Devotional

We provide this time in our service for several reasons. First, we aim to involve even the youngest of our members in the worship of God. We hope that the children's devotional is a time our children look forward to week after week. Second, we hope that this exercise will also provide a model for worship that can be repeated in the homes of all our families throughout the week. Third, because we recognize these little ones as heirs of the covenant promises, we strive to teach them about God, His word, and the wonderful redemption purchased by the Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

This hymn is well known to the congregation (we sang it to "Ellacombe" in our old hymnal, just as we sing it today). It praises God for His creative power, wisdom, goodness, and providence, and thus is a perfect way to begin our sung praises this evening.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

This is another hymn, well known to our congregation and written by Elizabeth Cecelia Douglas Clephane in 1868. It was not published until after her death. It appeared in a Scottish Presbyterian magazine called *The Family Treasury*. The magazine's editor, W. Arnot, wrote: "These lines express the experiences, the hopes and the longings of a young Christian lately released. Written on the very edge of life, with the better land fully in view of faith, they seem to us footsteps printed on the sands of time, where these sands touch the ocean of Eternity. These footprints of one whom the Good Shepherd led through the wilderness into rest, may, with God's blessing, contribute to comfort and direct succeeding pilgrims."

Commit Now All Your Grievances

We prepare for and respond to the Word of God preached tonight with the singing of a wonderful Paul Gerhardt hymn, translated by Charles Wesley. In it, we express our reliance upon a sovereign God to order and guide and direct all things. Thus, we "give to the wind our fears."

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Sermon Series

September finds us back in the book of Luke. You may recall that we began our study of Luke back in December of last year and made it into the sixth chapter. We pick back up this morning in Luke 6:12 with the calling of the disciples and subsequent teaching on the Kingdom of God. How can a man be poor, hungry, weeping, hated, rejected, and blessed? That's what we will see today, Lord willing.

The Old Testament Reading

Sweet words of tenderness from the Lord to His people. These are people weighed down by the oppression of others, but God turns their attention away from "man who dies" and to the everlasting God "who stretched out the heavens." Kind of sounds like Romans 8: "if God is for us, who can be against us?"

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

We begin our sung congregational praise this morning using Isaac Watts' famous paraphrase of Moses's Psalm 90. It reminds us of God's eternity and providence. Despite our finitude and the seemingly ephemeral nature of human existence, believers face the future with a godly and certain confidence because our God reigns and rules and protects His people. No wonder Watts entitled this song "Man Frail, and God Eternal." William Croft's majestic tune "St. Anne" is named after the church (St. Anne, Soho, London) he served as organist. Interestingly, this hymn was sung at the funeral of former British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, 1965. Bailey says: "By universal consent this hymn is one of the grandest in the whole realm of English Hymnody. It is found in practically every hymnal. No other embraces in such moving language the whole scope of history, faith in a God who realizes His purposes through history, and the solidarity of a nation which in times of crisis places its hope in the Eternal."

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

In response to today's Old Testament reading, we sing the final stanza of this glorious hymn. Its author, Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708), (son of a Lutheran minister) wrote this hymn to cheer a friend, Gastorius, who had become seriously ill. Gastorius not only recovered, but went on to write the tune for Rodigast's words! This song is a classic expression of the believer's trust in the ultimate rule and kindness of God. All things are in His hands and He does what He pleases, but all that He does is right, and works good for those who love him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). This is a hymn to memorize!

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

This hymn of devotion to Christ was written by Bernard of Clairvaux, preacher of the First Crusade. Calvin quotes him frequently and Martin Luther called him, "the best monk that ever lived, whom I admire beyond all the rest put together."

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?

This may be a new one for some of us, but it is a glorious hymn from the 17th century that offers a helpful perspective on suffering. The tune is simple, serious, somber, and elegant, and serves the text of the hymn ably. The author builds his case stanza after stanza, and by the end, we are convinced that temporary suffering on earth should ultimately cause us no grief. He points us to the promises that Christ will never leave us nor forsake us in stanza one. In the second stanza, we are asked to compare the many days of gladness that we willingly accept from His hand to the few days of sadness. Stanza three contemplates death, and confidently declares "death cannot destroy forever," but will only serve to "make a way that we may enter heavenly glory." What a comforting way to think about death! Stanza four is reminiscent of the shepherd language found throughout the Bible, and combines it with the language of Paul in Romans 5, as the author declares he belonged to God "even ere I knew Thee." The stanza closes by pointing us to the finished work of Christ, giving us hope that we have been bought with the blood of our Savior. The final stanza is a prayer, promising fidelity and service to our Lord, and expressing our longing to behold Him face to face.

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • September 6, 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
 Inquirers Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133
 Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
 WIC Prayer Group — 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor
 Young Adults Prayer Time — 5:00 p.m. in YH
 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)
 No Senior High Insight

Monday

Churchwide Picnic at Twin Lakes
 Church Offices Closed for Labor Day
 Troop 18 Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room 321/Gym

Tuesday

Men's New Testament Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in MH
 Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in HC
 Twin Lakes Executive Committee — 12:00 p.m. in MH
 MS Valley Presbytery Credentials Committee — 4:00 p.m.
 in SC210

Wednesday

MOMS Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC
 Ladies Bible Teacher Training — 5:00 p.m. in WH204
 Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH
 Junior High Small Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH
 Pathway Core Team Training — 5:15 p.m. in WH202
 Children's Activities — 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on the Playground/
 Gym
 Sixth Grade Girls — 6:15 p.m. in 3 Year Old S.S. Classroom
 Sixth Grade Boys — 6:30 p.m. in Gym
 The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS
 Be A Witness — 6:00 p.m. in YH
 Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in
 MH
 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
 Elijah Ladies Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH
 Strategic Planning Meeting — 12:00 p.m. in MH
 International English Class — 7:00 p.m. in SC/PH

Friday

Sew and Sow Mentoring Group — 9:00 a.m. in SC211
 RUM — 9:00 a.m. in MH/PH

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: John and Kathy Lesondak, Missionaries with MTW in Slovakia; Francisciho 1, 058 01 Poprad, Slovakia. Email: lesondak@mac.com

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Berniece Nicholson — September 2, 2009

NEW CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS TODAY

(Children two years old through sixth grade will be promoted.)

NEW TWOS-G102

Department Leader: Rhonda McRae

TWOS-G 105A

Department Leader: Debbie Brock

THREES-M 135

Department Leaders: Crane and Nan Kipp

FOURS-Kindergarten Suite

Department Leaders: Scott and Kathy Newton

FIVES-Kindergarten Suite and Assembly Room

Department Leaders: John and Beth Allgood

1st GRADE-M233, 234, 236, 237

Department Leaders: J and Lisa Wadsworth

2nd GRADE-M230, 235A, 235

Department Leader: Helen Fletcher

3rd GRADE-M230, 231, 232

Department Leader: Lee Owen

4th GRADE-SC 123A & B

Department Leader: Amanda Roberson

5th GRADE-SC 122A & B

Department Leader: Rob Thomas

6th GRADE-313A & B (Summer-Youth House)

Department Leader: Buz Lowry

SPECIAL EDUCATION-M 120

Department Leader: Betsy Chestnut

CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Join us next Sunday, September 13, for our Welcome Back Luncheon! We will meet in Patterson Hall after the 11:00 a.m. service. We hope you can join us!

FPC CHURCHWIDE LABOR DAY PICNIC

You are invited to our churchwide picnic at Twin Lakes tomorrow. Tours of the grounds and facilities will be given all day, and activities start at 2:00 p.m. There is no need to bring food. At 5:00 p.m., a barbeque meal will be served.

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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
James S. Armstrong	James D. Elkin	A. William May	Mark A. Sorgenfrei
J. Mark Baird	T. David Elkin	George W. May, Jr.	Paul H. Stephenson III
McNeill Bartling III	George R. Fair	C. Eugene McRoberts, Jr.	Marvin E. Stockett
Bryant R. Boswell	Kenneth G. Fairly	Robert B. Mims	William O. Stone, Jr.
John H. Bowen III	W. Craig Flowers	J. Longstreet Minor III	Daniel B. Story II
Max P. Bowman	L. H. Fulcher, Jr.	James L. Moore	Orrin H. Swayze, Jr.
Forrest G. Bratley, Jr.	Claude W. Harbarger	Doyle B. Moorhead	Tian C. Teh
Donald G. Breazeale	William K. Harper	J. Lee Owen, Jr.	Denny A. Terry
John P. Buchanan	Samuel D. Hensley	Joel G. Payne, Jr.	Jim B. Tohill
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

Elders Emeriti: Thomas H. Bowen, Jr.; Robert F. Cooper, Jr.; William H. Cox, Jr.; Allan G. Edgar, Jr.; Owen C. Elder, Jr.; Frank H. Hagaman; W. Jefferson Hamm, Sr.; Homer Lee Howie, Sr.; Leland Hume, Jr.; Leon E. Lewis, Jr.; Dickson R. Liddell; William A. Long, Jr.; R. Sam McAllister; Palmer L. Quarterman; Sidney A. Robinson, Jr.; Lewis Van Ness Rusling; Arthur C. Stringer; Joel E. Varner; Chess B. Wymond

THE DIACONATE

Marcus M. Wilson, Chairman	John L. Cox	Paul Hurst	John Lowe Smith
John H. Allgood III	Paul L. Cox	Carey A. Johnston	Victor P. Smith, Jr.
David M. Baird	John A. Crawford, Jr.	Terry R. Levy	William F. Sneed
D. Kyle Ball	J. Holt Crews	Douglas M. McDaniel	Stewart C. Swayze
Kenneth C. Ball	William L. Crim, Jr.	John H. McVey, Sr.	L. Ford Terry
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Lewis W. Bell	Guy H. Davant III	Robert A. Miller	Michael T. Tramel
Victor E. Blaylock	Arthur P. Davis	James L. Moore, Jr.	Joe P. Uithoven
David L. Bowling	Robert G. Dye, Sr.	William M. Moore	Guy T. Vise, Jr.
Walter J. Brand	Larry W. Edwards	J. Walter Newman IV	J. Wilbourn Vise
P. Sharkey Burke, Jr.	Robert G. Feild	J.T. Noblin	Joseph W. Wadsworth
William T. Burnham, Jr.	Marcial D. Forester, Jr.	J. Lee Owen III	H. Coles Wilkins, Jr.
C. Glen Bush, Jr.	David H. Fulcher	Leroy H. Paris II	Joseph T. Wilkins III
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Stuart H. Clarke	Gary J. Herring	Benjamin W. Roberson	Thomas M. Wright
Danny C. Costello	James W. Hood	J. Clark Robinson	Wirt A. Yerger III
V. Reid Cotten	L. Lawrence Houchins, Jr.	S. Craig Robinson	John H. Young III
	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.

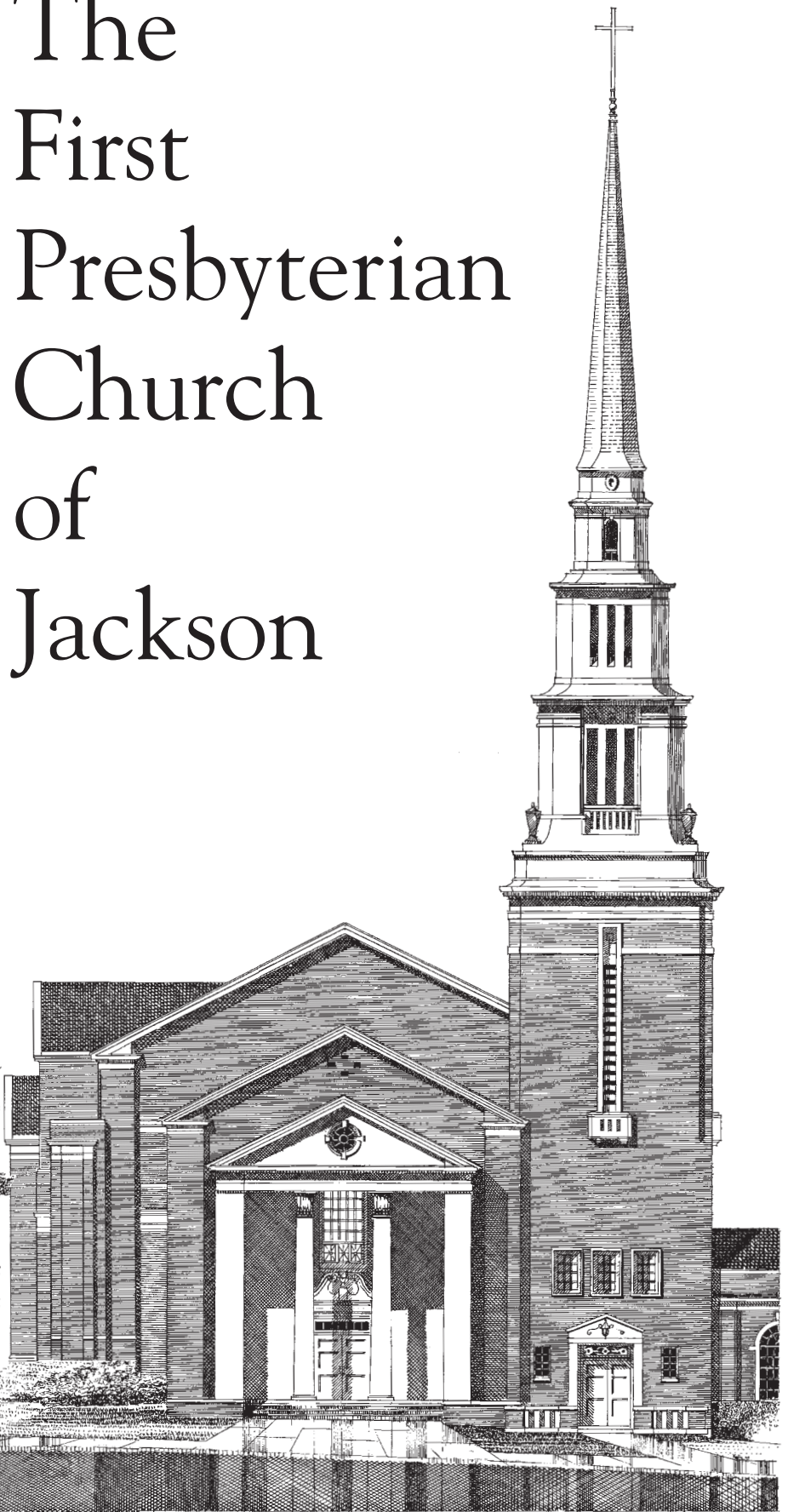
THE SCOUTS: Boy Scouts (Troop 18) (Weekly)Monday, 7:00 P.M.

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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