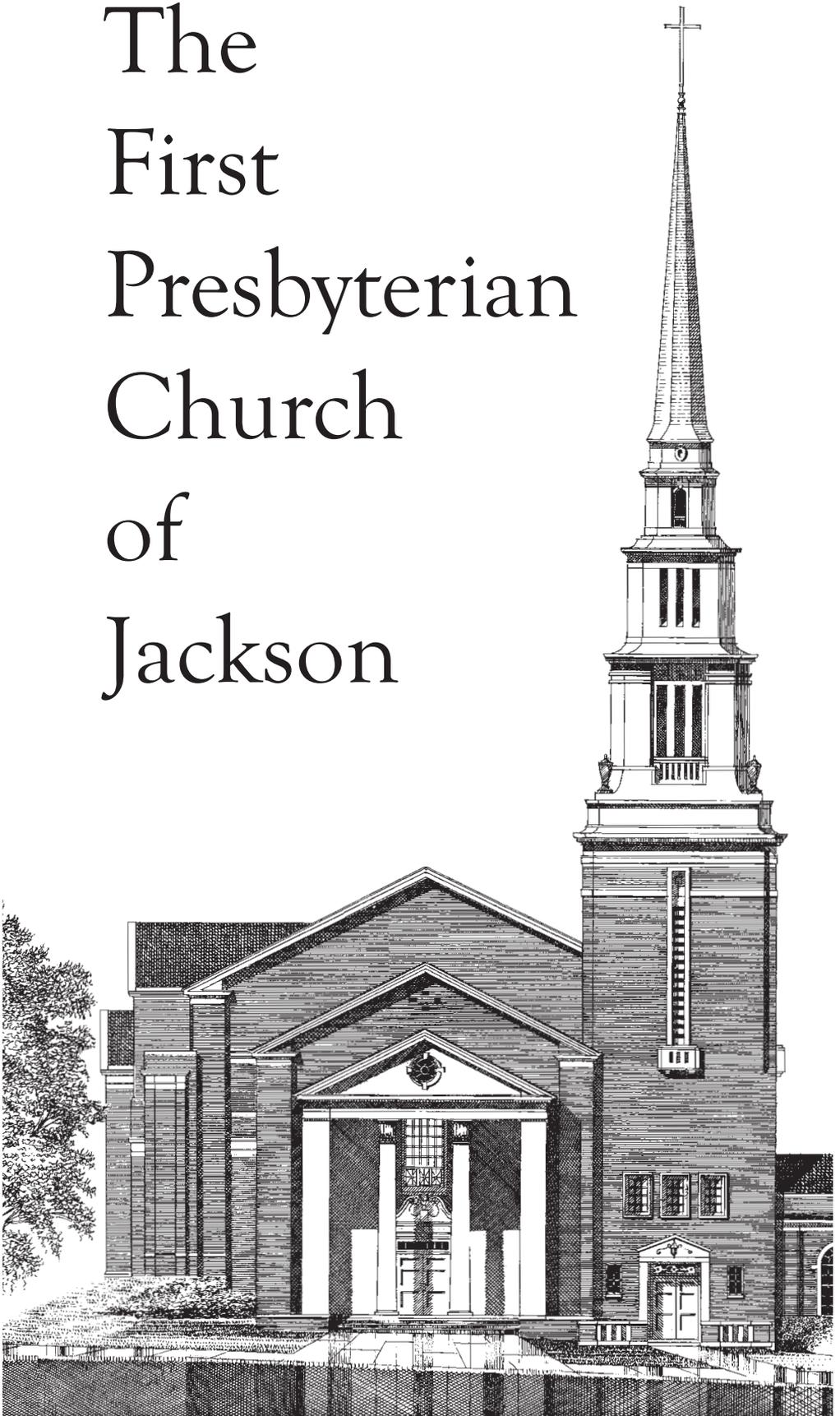


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-First Day of July, Two Thousand Thirteen  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III  
Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain  
Minister of Teaching and Mission

*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** — “Aria in C” .....Flor Peeters  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — “With A Voice of Singing” ..... Martin Shaw

**The Call to Worship**

\*‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 6** — “O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Scripture Reading** — Jeremiah 36:1-32 (Pew Bible pages 664-665)

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Words of Institution

The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families

The Biblical Promise

The Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction

**The Congregational Response No. 413** — (Stanzas 1 and 3)

“Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer”

“Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer, we now devote to Thee;

Let them Thy covenant mercies share, and Thy salvation see.

In early days their hearts secure from worldly snares, we pray;

O let them to the end endure in every righteous way.”

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

**The Offertory** — “The Last Words of David” ..... Randall Thompson

“He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,

even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass

springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

Alleluia, Amen.”

2 Samuel 23:3, 4

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Hebrews 10:26-39 (Pew Bible page 1007)

**The Sermon** — *Better* “If We Go on Sinning Wilfully” ..... Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 523** — “My Hope Is in the Lord”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “Five-Fold Amen” ..... W. Wymond

**The Postlude** — “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ..... arr. Diane Bish

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain  
Minister of Teaching and Mission

Assisting — Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III  
Minister-Elect of Pastoral Care

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

**The Prelude** — “O Spirit of the Living God” ..... Healey Willan  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Call to Worship**

\*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 76** — “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

‡ **The Invocation**

\* **The Evening Hymn** — “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (See Evening Guide)

**The Recognition of Recitation of The Children’s Catechism**

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Steve Rosenblatt

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

**The Offertory** — “Jacob’s Ladder” ..... Gilbert Martin  
Linda Richards, Sue Ann Stewart, Kim Porter  
Willard Harrell, Donna Dobbs, Dale Sorgenfrei

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

For children currently in 4-year-old – 3rd grade Sunday School

**The Song No. 264** — “Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross” (Stanza 1)

*The Children’s Catechism No. 124*

Q. “Who established these sacraments?”

A. “The Lord Jesus Christ.”

**The Scripture** — Matthew 26:26-30, 28:18-20; Acts 2:28

**The Meditation** ..... Greg Meyer, Student Ministry Assistant

**The Prayer** ..... (The children dismissed following the prayer)

\*‡ **The Hymn No. 345** — “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (Stanzas 1-3)

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Esther 8:1-17 (Pew Bible pages 414-415)

**The Sermon** — *Sudden Reversals* “Eucatastrophe!” ..... Mr. Strain

\*‡ **The Benediction and Response** — “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”  
(Stanza 4)

“Saviour, if of Zion’s city I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy Name:  
fading is the worldling’s pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion’s children know.”

**The Postlude** — “Postlude in G” ..... F.W. Zachau

\*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

To All Our  
Visitors

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.

# "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Matheson/Minor



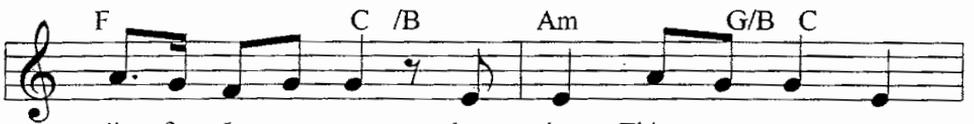
1. O love that will not  
 2. O light that fol - lows  
 3. O joy that seek - est  
 4. O cross that lift - est



let me go, I rest my wear - y  
 all my way I yield my flick' - ring  
 me through pain, I can - not close my  
 up my head, I dare not ask to



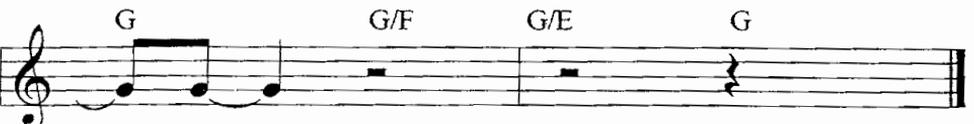
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 torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its  
 heart to Thee; I trace the rain - bow  
 fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's



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 through - the rain, and feel the prom - ise  
 glo - ry dead, and from the ground there



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# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Scripture Reading

### God's Judgment on Judah: Bible Burning (Jeremiah 36:1-32)

#### Book burning

In another narrative flashback, Jeremiah recounts one of the most shocking episodes in the entire OT. To his own damnation, and in rash defiance of the living God, King Jehoiakim burns the first edition of Jeremiah's writing, using it as fuel for his wintertime fire. The story is told in sufficient detail to show the character contrast between two kind of men, who have two very different attitudes toward the Word of God. Their dispute is central to the plot conflict of the book of Jeremiah as a whole: will people listen to the word of God's prophet or not? Most of Jehoiakim's advisers are compliant with the king's attempt to destroy Jeremiah's written prophecies, which is actually an attempt to censor God's Word. But Baruch, Micaiah, Elishama, Delaiah, and Gemariah all seek to honor Jeremiah's scriptures by having them read aloud, with the intent of seeing them obeyed. The chapter ends with the triumph of the Word, as God inspires Jeremiah to dictate a new and longer edition of his prophecy. The outcome of the narrative—namely the preservation of Jeremiah's writings—proves that he is God's prophet.

## Thoughts on Baptism

Baptism is a new covenant sign. That is, it points to and confirms the gracious saving promise of God to His people and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. It is to be administered to believers and their children, as can be seen from Genesis 17, Matthew 28, Colossians 2, 1 Corinthians 7, and Acts 16.

To elaborate, Christian baptism is (1) **commanded by Christ** in Matthew 28 ("Go... make disciples... baptizing and... teaching them"). (2) It is **to be applied to believers** as we see in Acts 8 ("Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?' And Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' And he ordered the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him"). (3) It is **administered to believers and their children**, as can be seen from Genesis 17 ("I will establish my covenant between me, and you, and your descendants") — which shows that the normal order of discipleship in the church is baptism followed by teaching; Colossians 2 (In Christ "you were also circumcised... having been buried with Him in baptism") — which shows that NT water baptism replaces OT circumcision as the sign of membership in the church, 1 Corinthians 7 ("your children are... now... holy") — which confirms the place of children in the new covenant community, the church; and Acts 16 ("Lydia... was listening, and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And... she and her household [were] baptized") — which shows us the pattern of the earliest church in covenant baptism.

Baptism (and especially "infant baptism" or covenant baptism) beautifully points to the initiative of God's love. He reached out to us, when we could not reach out to Him. It is thus a perfect picture of sovereign, saving grace. "Every time we baptize an infant we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for." (B.B. Warfield)

We, of course, also baptize adult believers (who have never before been baptized). In this way, they are recognized as disciples of Jesus Christ through the means of baptism and confession of faith (see Acts 2:38, 8:35-37; Romans 10:9), and so it is our great joy and privilege from time to time, to hear new Christians profess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel, and to see them receive the mark of membership in the covenant community.

*The Larger Catechism* says: "The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body."

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JULY 21, 2013

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>Prayer for Worship Service</b> — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Sunday School</b> — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations  <b>College Sunday School</b> — 9:50 a.m. in the College House</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p><b>Pre-Service Announcements</b> — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary  <b>Senior High Insight</b> — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Swayzes (1721 Howard Street)</p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>College Basketball Night</b> — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Staff Meeting</b> — 9:00 a.m. in the MS  <b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  <b>Insight Team Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  <b>Benevolence Allocation Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p><b>Family Night Supper</b> — 5:00 p.m. in MH  <b>Junior High Discipleship Groups</b> — 5:00 p.m. in the YH  <b>Children's Activities</b> — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion/Gym</p> <p><b>The Choir</b> — 5:50 p.m. in MS  <b>Children's Classes</b> — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. first floor SC  <b>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting</b> — 6:30 p.m. in LH</p> <p><b>Young Adult Basketball</b> — 8:00 p.m. in the Gym</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  <b>Outreach Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in MH</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>No Scheduled Activities</b></p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p><b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

**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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## II THESSALONIANS 3:1

“Finally, brethren, pray for us...” Jonathan & Tracy Eide – serving as Church Planters and Country Director with Mission to the World in Ukraine. Mailing address: 46A Shaumanya St., Kiev, Ukraine, 04111; Email: jeide3@gmail.com

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary from the wedding of Mary Love Fair and Phillip Koons are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Llewellyn Bailey, Mr. Eugene Love Fair, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Percy Bennett, grandparents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Mills, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Price Koons, grandparents of the groom.

## SUMMER RUF

Attention all college students (including rising freshmen)! We will have our last Summer RUF Bible Study on Tuesday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Elkins (1138 St. Ann Street). Our College Intern, Stefan Sanchez, will be speaking on greed. The theme for the summer is *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate*. Bring friends!

## INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, our next joining date is Sunday, August 4, 2013. Each person joining FPC is asked to fill out a new member form and turn it in TODAY. Any forms received after today will be held for the next joining date. The new member forms can be obtained from Shannon Craft or in the Session Room (located off the Greeting Courtyard) after the morning worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

## PERU MISSION TEAM REPORT

Just a few weeks ago, we commissioned a team to go to Peru in support of our missionaries. Now that they have returned, it is our delight to hear a report on their labors. Following the evening service on July 28, an extended presentation will be made in Lowe Hall, and all are invited to attend.

## THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults, join us July 25, at 7:00 p.m. for Thursday Night Fellowship. This is our mid-week Bible study targeting singles and married couples, with an RUF large-group feel. This summer we are going through a series titled, *Gospel Community: The One-Anothering Nature of the Church*. Contact David Felker 601-850-8650 for more details. Come on out and bring your friends.

## Family Fun Night

### Mississippi Braves Game

Please join us, Friday, August 9, at Trustmark Park for a Family Fun Night at the Braves Game. The ticket cost is \$5.00. Please call the receptionist, Caroline Jackson, at 601-353-8316 to sign up by Monday, August 5. Sign up for this event is required due to the advance purchase of tickets. You may pick up your tickets on game night at the ball park's main gate. Just look for the FPC table.

## CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER CLASSES

We invite you to bring your children to our Wednesday night Summer Classes! The children have a time of play in our gym from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Then, they are brought to their classes on the first floor of the Study Center. The three classes offered are structured according to age and are taught by Brad and Sara Riles, Susan Livingston, and Barbara Porter. All children currently in 4-year-old Sunday school through rising sixth grade Sunday school are welcome! Upcoming lessons include answering questions such as, “Will Jesus Come Back?” and “Should Jesus Be a Secret?” Classes will conclude on August 7th.

# The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

In order for the congregation to more fully enter into the service of the sacrament of baptism and to refresh ourselves on our church membership vow, the following is provided for your convenience and information:

To the parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

And

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

First Presbyterian Church purposes to stand as a Reformed witness to Jackson, to the surrounding community, and ultimately to the world through the proclamation of the whole counsel of God as written in the verbally inspired, infallible Scriptures.

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