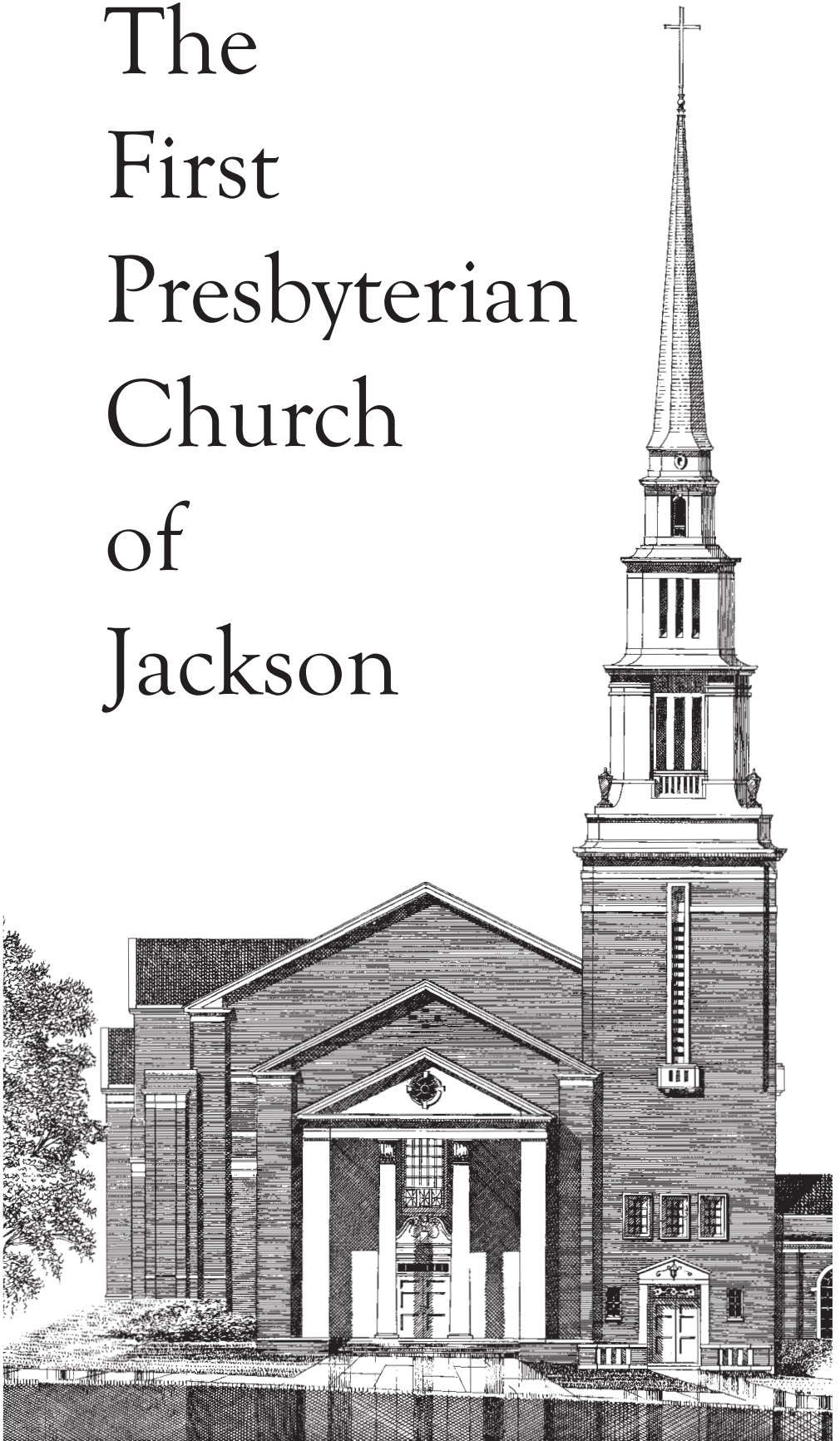


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*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Eighth 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** — “Canzonetta” .....Eric Thiman  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Introit** — “Worship the Lord in the Splendor of Holiness” .....Wymond

**The Call to Worship**

\*‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 2** — “O Worship the King” (Psalm 104)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**The Scripture Reading** — Jeremiah 37:1-21 (Pew Bible pages 665-666)

\*‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 689** — “Be Still, My Soul” (stanza 1)

“Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.”

**The Morning Prayer**

\*‡ **The Hymn No. 528** — “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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

**The Offertory** — “The Heavens Are Telling” .....Franz Joseph Haydn

Tiffany Williams, Rene Young, John Mills, and Choir

“The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The wonder of His work displays the firmament.

The day that is coming speaks to the day,

The night that is gone to following night.

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The wonder of His work displays the firmament.

In all the lands resounds the word,

Never unperceived, ever understood.”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Hebrews 11:1-7 (Pew Bible page 1007)

**The Sermon** — *Better* “Faith is...?” .....Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 705** — “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

‡ **The Benediction**

**The Response** — “Amen” .....John Rutter

**The Postlude** — “On Jordan's Banks the Baptists' Cry” .....David Cherwien

\*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 Minister — The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey**  
Minister of Discipleship

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

**The Prelude** — “Evening Meditation” ..... Paul Benoit  
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

**The Mission Report** — Dr. Story, Trujillo, Peru Mission Trip

**The Call to Worship**

\*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 316** — “The Mighty God, the Lord”

‡ **The Invocation**

\* **The Evening Hymn** — “See, What a Morning” (Stanzas 1 and 2)  
(See Evening Guide)

\* **The Greetings**

**The Evening Prayer** — Ruling Elder Mark Sorgenfrei

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

**The Offertory** — “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”  
Maye Henley, Soloist

**The Young Children’s Devotional**

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

**The Song No. 415** — “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” (Stanzas 1 and 2)

**The Children’s Catechism No. 125**

Q. “Why did Christ establish these sacraments?”

A. “To identify, comfort, and strengthen His covenant people.”

**The Scripture** — I Corinthians 11:24-25; II Corinthians 1:3-4;  
Galatians 3:29, 4:4-7; II Thessalonians 3:13; Hebrews 12:1-3

**The Meditation** ..... Wiley Lowry, Minister-Elect of Pastoral Care

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

‡ **The Hymn No. 51** — “O Jehovah, Hear My Words”

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture** — Esther 9:1-10:3 (Pew Bible pages 422-423)

**The Sermon** — Sudden Reversals “Holy War” ..... Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response** — “See, What a Morning” (Stanza 3)

“One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King  
crowned with pow’r and authority.  
And we are raised with Him; Death is dead,  
life has won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives;  
Christ is risen from the dead.”

**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.

# "See, What a Morning" - Getty & Townend



1. See - what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, with the  
2. See - Mary weep - ing, "Where - is He laid?" As in  
3. One - with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;  
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.  
Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



Fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb - filled with light as the  
Hears - a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; It's the  
Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



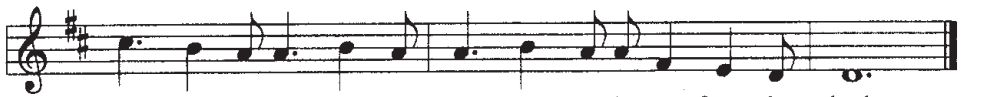
an - gels an - nounced "Christ is ris - - en!"  
Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life - a - gain!  
King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty.



See God's sal - va - tion - plan, wrought in  
The voice that spans the - years, speak - ing  
And we are raised with - Him; Death is



love, borne in pain, - paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in  
life, stir - ring hope, - bring - ing peace - to us. will sound till  
dead, life has won, - Christ has con - - quered. And we shall



Christ the - Man, for He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.  
He ap - pears, for He lives, Christ is ris - en from the dead.  
reign with - Him, for He lives, Christ is ris - en from the dead.

# A Guide to the Morning Service

## The Scripture Reading

### God's Judgment on Judah: Jeremiah the Traitor?

#### Jeremiah 37:1-21 Benedict Jeremiah?

Here the narrative action returns to the time of Zedekiah's reign. It is important to bear in mind that Jeremiah's anthology is not always arranged chronologically but sometimes thematically. Zedekiah is now in revolt against Babylonian domination. In this arrest narrative, Babylon is besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah has been spotted going back and forth between the city and enemy-occupied territory, presumably on some prophetic mission from God. By this point the religious leaders have long since tired of listening to Jeremiah's message of judgment against Jerusalem and are only too happy to have the prophet beaten and thrown into prison—despite his protests—on suspicion of conspiracy. There Jeremiah receives his daily rations, until there is no bread left in the city. (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

## The Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Songs

### O Worship the King

As John Piper has thoughtfully reminded us, "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever." Thus, we begin this morning singing the praise of God. Though most of our congregation will recognize it as one of their favorite "hymns," it is, in fact, a Robert Grant paraphrase of a portion of Psalm 104. We open our congregational, public worship service singing this text to the majestic tune "Lyons."

### Be Still, My Soul

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 with a surging 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. The almost-haunting tune, "Finlandia," was written by the famous composer Jean Sibelius. What song better characterizes the Christian response to suffering?

### I Know Whom I Have Believed

We respond to the preaching of God's Word this morning by singing the first stanza of the famous hymn of Daniel W. Whittle. The refrain of this well-loved hymn comes to us straight out of Scripture, from Paul's words to Timothy in II Timothy 1:12. Whittle's words are simply bursting with confidence in our God. For though we are never guaranteed that we will understand the decrees of God, and we may often not know the "whys," this hymn expresses confidence in the "Who" and reminds us that it is enough to place confidence in our God without having all of our questions fully answered. It is enough to be able to say, "I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able."

# FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JULY 28, 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>Peru Mission Trip Slide Presentation</b> — 7:00 p.m. in LH  <b>Senior High Insight</b> — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Harmons (3712 Hawthorne Drive)</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>Scout Committee Meeting</b> — 12:00 noon in WH204</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>The Learning Resource Center</b> — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.  <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  <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.</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...” **Tom & Jan Courtney** – serving with Mission to the World in Scotland. Temporary Mailing address: Beech Croft Alyth – Blairgowrie Blairgowrie Perthshire PH11 8NP United Kingdom; Email: [tjcourtney@usa.net](mailto:tjcourtney@usa.net)

**Kyle and Gretchen Parker**- serving with Mission to North America as Church Planters in Spokane, WA. Temporary Mailing Address: 985 West 18th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97402; Email: [jkyleparker@gmail.com](mailto:jkyleparker@gmail.com)

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Joel (Katie) Varner — July 20, 2013

Mrs. Mary P. Gibson — July 24, 2013

## FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The flowers are given in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Woodard, Jr., by their daughters and families: Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. (Louanne) Langston III, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. (Phyllis) Seawright III, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark D. (Yvonne) Jicka.

## FLOWERS IN THE GREETING COURTYARD

The flowers in the greeting courtyard are in loving memory of the life of Katie Varner who died on July 20, 2013.

## TONIGHT, 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 tonight, an extended presentation will be made in Lowe Hall, and all are invited to attend.

## 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.

## FRIDAY FORUM

Join us Friday, August 16th, for 'Friday Forum.' Our purpose for Friday Forum is to be a quarterly, extended teaching time to enrich and equip young adult lay people at FPC in God's Word. This year we have covered an abridged Systematic Theology by looking at Theology Proper (the study of the doctrine of God), Christology (the study of Jesus), Soteriology (the study of salvation), and August 16th we will look at Eschatology (the study of end times). We are grateful to have our Senior Minister, Dr. Ligon Duncan, teaching. We will meet from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (please arrive at 5:45 p.m. so that we can begin at 6:00 p.m.) in Miller Hall, and the cost is \$6 to cover a Newk's meal for the evening. Nursery is provided, but please RSVP for your children. The principal target is Young Adults (college, 20s and 30s), but anyone is more than welcome to attend. To sign up, you can email Shannon Craft at [shannonc@fpcjackson.org](mailto:shannonc@fpcjackson.org). Contact David Felker at 601-850-8650 with questions.

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D. Kyle Ball	T. David Elkin	George W. May, Jr.	Paul H. Stephenson III
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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Mr. William O. Stone, Jr., General Superintendent  
Mr. Jim Prince, Special Ed. Coordinator  
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 5:15 p.m. in PH

\*THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING: ..... Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.  
Family Night Dinner ..... Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.  
Adult Bible Study ..... Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.  
Junior High Discipleship Groups ..... Wednesday, 5:00 P.M.  
Children's Activities ..... Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.

\*THE CHOIR REHEARSAL ..... Wednesday, 5:50 P.M.

### THE WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:

\*Administrative Council ..... First Monday, 9:30 A.M.  
\*Circles ..... Second Week

THE MEN OF THE COVENANT ..... First Thursday, 11:45 A.M.

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

THE SESSION MEETING ..... Second Monday, 7:00 P.M.

THE DIACONATE MEETING ..... Second Monday, 5:30 P.M.

\* A nursery for infants and pre-school children is maintained by the Church.