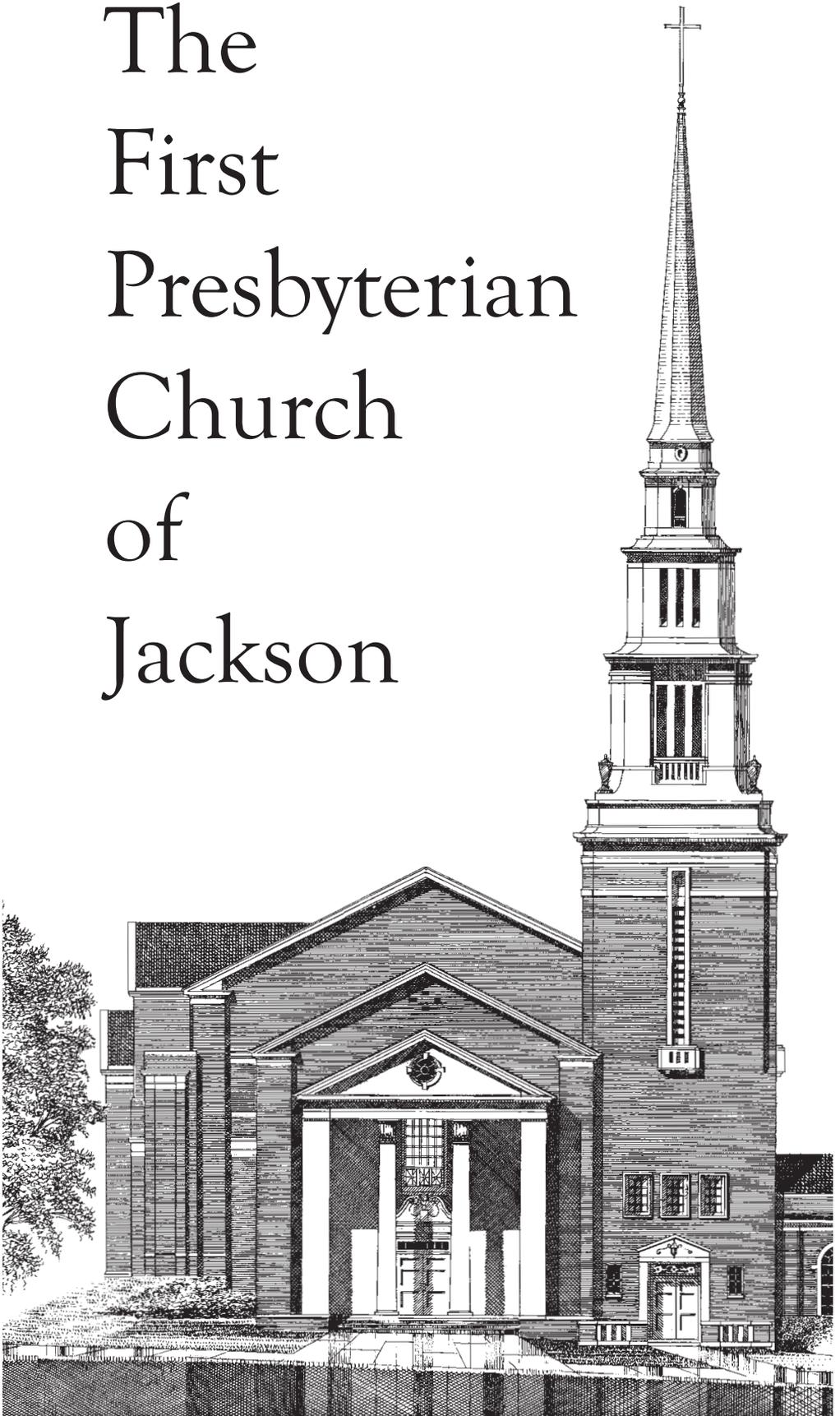


The
First
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Jackson



“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-ninth Day of September, 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. William E. Dempsey

Minister of Discipleship

At the time of the Greetings and Announcement 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 — "Land of Rest" Gerald Near

Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — "Almighty God Of Our Fathers" Will James

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 12** — "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim"

(Psalm 135:1-7, 21)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Scripture Reading — Jeremiah 48:1-47 (Pew Bible pages 674-675)

*‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 473** — "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

The Recognition of the Recitation of The Shorter Catechism (8:30 a.m.)

The Morning Prayer

*‡ **The Hymn No. 111** — "This Is My Father's World"

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — "He That Shall Endure To The End" Felix Mendelssohn

"He that shall endure to the end shall be saved."

Matthew 10:22

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 13:1-3 (Pew Bible page 1009)

The Sermon — *Better* "Love the Brethren" Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 353** — "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — "Seven-Fold Amen" Peter Lutkin

The Postlude — "Rise, My Soul, and Stretch Thy Wings" H.A. Matthews

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

JOIN US
THIS EVENING
FOR A
DINNER ON THE GROUNDS
AND EVENING
WORSHIP SERVICE
AT



Gates open at 4:45 p.m.

A Bar-B-Que meal will be served at 5:00 p.m., free of charge, in the Lakeside Dinning Hall.

The worship service will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Pavilion.

Come and hear the last sermon in David Strain's series "*Glory In His Face*".

The dress is casual.

You do not need to bring anything.
We hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Discipleship Luncheon Series

Tuesdays: October 22~October 29~November 5~November 12
"Potholes on the Path: The Seven Major Problem Areas of Marriage"

These lunch time talks with Dr. Tom Elkin, Minister of Marriage and Family Life, are designed to address couples in every stage of life and marriage. Whether you've been married one week or fifty plus years, all couples need biblical instruction on how to face the seven major problem areas of marriage: money, sex, children, in-laws, values, vocations, and communication. The series will be in Miller Hall with lunch being served beginning at 11:30 a.m. for \$6. Each session will last from 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

Please call the church office at 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org to sign up. Deadline for each week will be the Thursday before the week you plan to attend. Please indicate in your reservation if you need a nursery and if so, names and ages of child(ren).

FPDS 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

The School Board of First Presbyterian Day School has established a priority for members of the First Presbyterian Church for such vacancies as now remain for the fall session commencing August 2014. This priority ends at 3:00 p.m. on October 31, and pertains only to new students applying for placement in the Day School. Accordingly, all interested persons of this congregation should immediately contact the school at 601-355-1731.

THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults— join us October 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. for Thursday Night Fellowship at Stuart and Janie Clarke's home (622 Broadway Avenue). This is our mid-week Bible study targeting singles and married couples, with an RUF large-group feel to it. This fall we are going through a series titled, *Exodus: The Pattern of Salvation*. Contact David Felker 601-850-8650 for more details. Come on out and bring your friends.

SAVE THE DATE

Kevin DeYoung will be preaching Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at the evening prayer meeting. He will be in town for the John Reed Miller Lecture Series at Reformed Theological Seminary, which everyone is invited to attend.

NEW WEBSITE AND APP

The new First Presbyterian Church app is now available, scan the code below to install it. Also, take a look at the newly launched website www.fpcjackson.org, or scan the code below. If you get to the site and the old website loads try hitting ctrl and r at the same time.

<http://get.theapp.co/d6ed>



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A Guide to the Morning Service

The Scripture Reading

Jeremiah versus the Nations: Moab (Jeremiah 48:1-47)

God's judgment on Moab

Like his prophecies against Egypt and the Philistines, Jeremiah's prophecy against Moab takes us to the battlefield and gives a vivid poetic portrayal of armies at war. The battles these oracles describe were real military conflicts that are also recorded in other ancient documents—in Moab's case, a bitter defeat at the hand of the Babylonians. But Jeremiah is giving us a spiritual perspective on these events in human history. The main point of his international oracles is that God holds every nation accountable and will judge the whole world for its sins. Jeremiah's prophecy uses poetic imagery to identify many sins of the Moabites—rebellion, mockery, drunkenness, idolatry, self-righteousness, greed—but their main sin is pride (see vv. 29–30). In keeping with his identity as “the weeping prophet,” Jeremiah's tone throughout this prophecy is mournful; the prophet weeps for his lost cousins, the Moabites (e.g. vv. 31–32). Happily, his last word to them is more hopeful: a promise that God will later restore their fortunes (v. 47). (Literary Study Bible, Crossway)

The Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Songs

Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

A lively setting of a text of part of Psalm 135 to a tune from *Haydn's Creation* (a metrical arrangement of “The Heavens are Telling”). The psalm exhorts us to praise God because of His name, His goodness, His covenant blessings, His sovereignty, and His providence, a stirring hymn of praise to open our Lord's Day morning public worship together!

This is My Father's World

In response to our morning prayer, we sing the well-known and beautifully melodic hymn, “This is My Father's World.” This hymn and its author have a fascinating backstory. While minister of the Lockport Presbyterian Church in Lockport, New York, the hymn's author, Maltie D. Babcock, liked to hike in an area called “the escarpment,” an ancient upthrust ledge near Lockport. It has a marvelous view of farms, orchards, and Lake Ontario, about 15 miles distant. It is said those walks in the woods inspired these lyrics. The title recalls an expression Babcock used when starting a walk: “I'm going out to see my Father's world.” Babcock never heard his famous hymn sung. He published nothing during his life, but his wife Catherine collected and published many of his writings after his untimely death – a volume of his poems contained “This Is My Father's World.” A gifted musician, Babcock played several musical instruments, directed the school orchestra, and played the organ and composed for it. He was a singer and leader of the glee club. He might have become a professional musician had he not chosen the ministry. Over the course of his ministry, he was asked to preach at colleges all over America. Babcock was not a great theologian or deep thinker, but had a talent for presenting spiritual and ethical truths with freshness and effect. Let us then sing this hymn with fresh awe and wonder at our God's rule and reign in the midst of life's turmoils—for “though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet!”

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Written by the famous Timothy Dwight, a theologian, poet, grandson of Jonathan Edwards, and for many years President of Yale, this is thought to be the oldest hymn still in common use written by an American. Its theme, the Kingdom of God, fits well with the theme of Hebrews 12 and 13. Considering especially our sermon text for this morning, the author of Hebrews has a pointed exhortation for us: “Let brotherly love continue.” (13:1) Thus we are challenged and must ask ourselves, “Do we love God's people?”

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

Sunday	<p>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) Inquirers Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133 Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the College House Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary Twin Lakes Dinner on the Grounds — 4:45 at Twin Lakes Evening Service — 6:00 p.m. at Twin Lakes No Senior High Insight</p>
Monday	<p>Women's Leadership Council — 9:30 a.m. in SC210 Session Finance Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B Called Session Meeting — 7:00 p.m. in the MS</p>
Tuesday	<p>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202 Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH Administrative Committee of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley — 3:00 p.m. in WH204 NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in SC/PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS — 9:00 a.m. in PH Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m. Interns Meeting — 4:00 p.m. in the YH Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in the YH Discipleship Committee Meeting — 5:30 p.m. in WH202 Sixth Grade Fellowship — 5:30 p.m. in the Scout Room/Gym Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion/Gym The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in LH</p>
Thursday	<p>Wisdom of God Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC Genesis Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Men of the Covenant Luncheon — 11:45 a.m. in MH PMV Mission to Military Committee — 4:00 p.m. in SC215</p>
Friday	<p>Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 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...” **Andrew & Annie L.** - Serving with Mission to the World in East Asia. For contact information, contact the Mission Department.

Per & Beth Almquist – Serving as church planters with Mission to North America in Lewiston, ME. Mailing address: 160 Canal Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Email address: per.almquist@freegrace.us

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Bettye Quinn to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Henry T. Ford, Music Director, 1970-1978.

SEW AND SOW

Come join us Fridays in October and November as we make fall pumpkins and appliqué ribbon Christmas Trees on T-shirts or hand towels. On the first Friday in October you will watch demos, refresh your skills on the sewing machine (or introduce you to it for the first time) and get your supply list. Nursery is available with a reservation by noon on the Wednesday before. SC211 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Come join the fun! For more information contact Cindi Alexander - 601-260-9278 or loreal@bellsouth.net

INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, our next joining date is Sunday, October 6, 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.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 3

Men, join us this Thursday, October 3, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring Dr. Jimmy Moore. Reservations are not required and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org

THE WOMEN'S FALL LUNCHEON

“Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise”

Devotional Treasures of the Ages Found in Our Hymns

Tuesday, October 15

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Miller Hall

Ligon Duncan, Speaker

When we planned this program a year ago, we didn't know that this would be Ligon's last time to address our women as a group. We will gather to focus on the richness God has given us through the hymns His saints have penned over the centuries. In his years with us, Ligon has often emphasized the use of hymns in our devotional lives, and he has introduced us to many wonderful ones. It is one of the great legacies he leaves with us. What a rare opportunity we have to join with all our ladies to hear our Pastor speak to us of God's goodness in “the repository of the devotional treasures of the ages”—our hymns. To register, contact: receptionist@fpcjackson.org or call 601-353-8316. Nursery is available upon request when you register. Cost of the lunch is \$6.00.

SAVE THE DATE

John Blanchard will be joining us Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in Lowe Hall.

Fall Discipleship Luncheon Series with Dr. Tom Elkin
“Potholes on the Path:
The Seven Major Problem Areas of Marriage”

Fighting about money...?
Lacking intimacy...?
Kids coming between you...?
Work controlling life...?
Don't know where to turn...?

~Tuesdays~

October 22~October 29~November 5~November 12

Join us for a four part luncheon series where Dr. Tom Elkin will address the seven major problem areas of marriage. Topics will include money, sex, children, in-laws, vocations, values, and communication. The goal of these lunch time talks is to help Christian couples face their struggles and gain the biblical wisdom necessary to begin the lifelong work of overcoming them. The series will be held in Miller Hall at First Presbyterian Church with lunch available starting at 11:30 a.m. Sessions will last from 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

Reservation Information:

We do ask that you make a reservation for lunch and the nursery. The cost of each lunch is \$6 and will be collected at the door.

To make a reservation, you may do either of the following:

- Call the church office at 601-353-8316
- Email receptionist@fpcjackson.org

***Each reservation will need to include:

- The name of each attendee
(please indicate if nursery is needed)
- The date(s) that each person will attend



Tom, Minister of Marriage and Family Life, came to FPC after retiring as a Clinical Psychologist and Adjunct Staff Minister at Independent Presbyterian in Memphis, TN. He received his B.A. from Belhaven College in 1962 and his B.D. from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA in 1965. He earned his Ph.D. from Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in Pasadena, CA in 1972. Tom and his wife, Mary, have three children and eight grandchildren.