

First Presbyterian Church Louisville, Mississippi



The Church 1845-1920

*Order for the Worship of God
March 23, 2014
175th Anniversary*

†Prayer and Doxology Rev. Will Tabor

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†The Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
No. 529

Reading of Scripture *Ephesians 3:14-19*
Rev. James Turner

*14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,
17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

The Sermon Dr. J. Ligon Duncan, III

“Paul’s Prayer for Your Church”

†The Hymn *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*
No. 455

†Benediction Rev. Scott Phillips

†Chorale Response *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*
Arr. By Joyce Eilers

†Postlude *Toccata From Symphony 5* Widor

In the 1700’s, approximately 250,000 Scots migrated to America prior to the Revolutionary War. Originating in the Scottish lowlands, northern England, and northern Ireland, these “Scots-Irish” came to America to seek a better life for themselves, and to escape the religious persecution of the Anglican Church. Central to their theology was the scriptural teaching that Christ alone was the king and head of the church; therefore they refused to acknowledge any human monarch as head of the church. They also brought their Presbyterian form of church government with them. Upon arriving in the American colonies, the Scots-Irish found most of the land on the eastern seaboard already taken. They were not particularly welcome there because of their religious beliefs, so they moved west and south into western Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, and Georgia. They became the buffer between the colonies on east coast and the frontier with its native American Indians.

With westward expansion, in the early 1800’s, the Scots-Irish Americans moved west into the Ohio valley, and into what would become Alabama and Mississippi. They continued to carry their Presbyterianism with them as they moved. In 1839, a few of them banded together to form a Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Mississippi.

Choir Director *Larry Howell*

Pianist *Julie Cunningham*

Guest Organist *Rod Kirby*

Piper *Jared Farquhar*

Drummer *Steve Palmer*

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Worship Service
March 23, 2014
Celebrating God's Faithfulness

*"...And they shall be my people, and I will be their
God, in faithfulness and in righteousness."
Zechariah 8:8*

Prelude *O Spotless Lamb of God* Bach
Processional *Highland Cathedral* Korb
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Scott Phillips
Ringing of the Bell Evan J. Llewelyn
Introit *Amazing Grace* arr. by Craig Courtney
†Call to Worship Rev. Roy McDaniel

Psalm 103:1-11

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6 The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

†The Hymn
Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul
No.57

†Invocation and the Lord's Prayer
Dr. Robert G. Schwanebeck

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

†The Apostles Creed
Dr. Robert G. Schwanebeck

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Recognition of Special Guests
Elder Niles McNeel

Reading of Scripture **Deuteronomy 7:6-14**
Rev. Sam Smith

6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not

because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, 10 and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. 11 You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. 12 "And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. 13 He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. 14 You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock.

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Scott Phillips

The Anthem *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*
arr. by Walter Ehret

The Offertory *Medley VII*
arranged by Anthony Burger