

First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

40th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving & Celebration

The Lord's Day | October 1, 2023 | 4 o'clock

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THE SESSION

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THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 1, 2023 | 4:00 p.m.

THE WELCOMEElder David Bosshardt

THE PRELUDE

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE PSALM OF PRAISE NO. 96“O Sing a New Song to the LORD”

1. ¹ O sing a new song to the LORD; All earth sing to the
2. ⁴ The LORD is great, great praise He's due. He's feared a - bove all
3. ⁷ O fam - i - lies of earth, as - cribe All glo - ry to the

LORD. ² Sing to the LORD, and bless His name; “He
gods. ⁵ For peo - ples' gods mere i - dols are; The
LORD. All strength as - cribe un - to the LORD; ⁸ Give

saves!” each day pro - claim. ³ His glo - ry to all
LORD the heav - ens made. ⁶ Be - fore Him hon - or,
glo - ry due His name. Come to the LORD, in -

na - tions show; His deeds let peo - ples know.
 maj - es - ty, And strength and splen - dor dwell.
 to His courts, And bring an of - fer - ing.

***THE INVOCATION & PRAYER OF ADORATION**Pastor Ryan Biese

THE HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING

THE PSALM NO. 100.....“All People That On Earth Do Dwell” (p. 4)

THE PSALM NO. 126.....“When In His Might the Lord” (p. 5)

THE READING OF SCRIPTUREPsalm 103:1-14

THE PRAYER.....Elder Bosshardt

Psalm 100

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

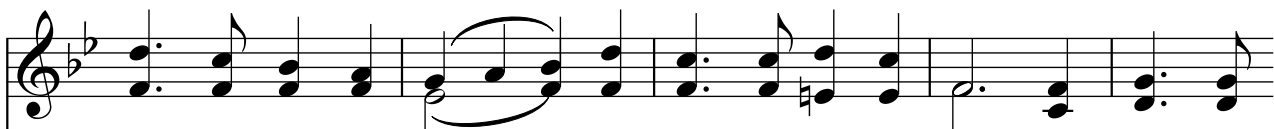
to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

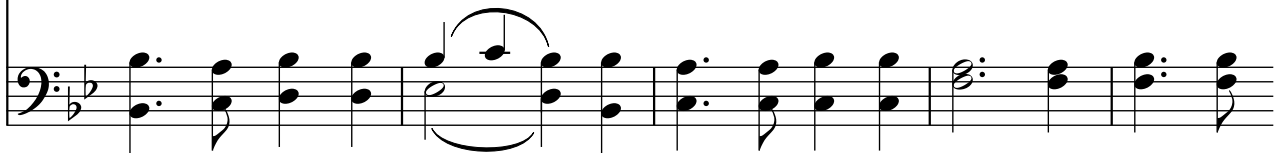
Psalm 126B



1. When in his might the Lord a - rose to set us free, and
2. The na - tions saw with fear the might of God dis - played, when
3. A - gain re - fresh us, Lord, with your re - viv - ing love, and
4. Al - though with bit - ter tears the sow - er bears his seed, when



Zi - on was re - stored from her cap - tiv - i - ty, in trans - ports
he at last drew near to give his peo - ple aid; great things for
be your bless - ing poured in mer - cy from a - bove; by grace re -
har - vest time ap - pears he shall be glad in - deed; for they that



then of joy and mirth we praised the Lord of all the earth.
us the Lord has wrought, and glad - ness to our hearts has brought.
vive our hearts a - gain, as streams re - freshed by co - pious rain.
in the sow - ing weep shall yet in joy and glad - ness reap.



THE HYMNS OF THE CHURCH

THE HYMN....."O God Beyond All Praising" (pp. 6-7)

THE HYMN....."The Church's One Foundation" (p. 8)

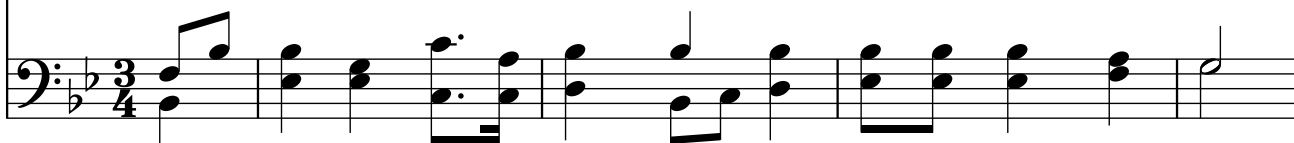
THE READING OF SCRIPTUREFirst Peter 2:1-10

THE PRAYER.....Elder Nathan Bowers

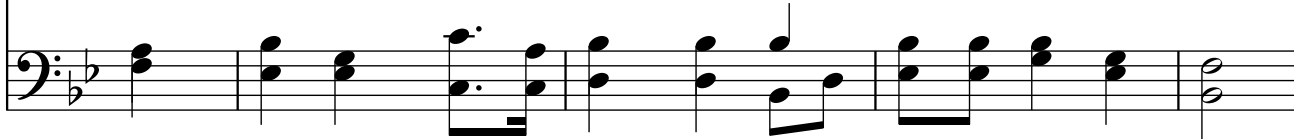
O God Beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord Most High;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

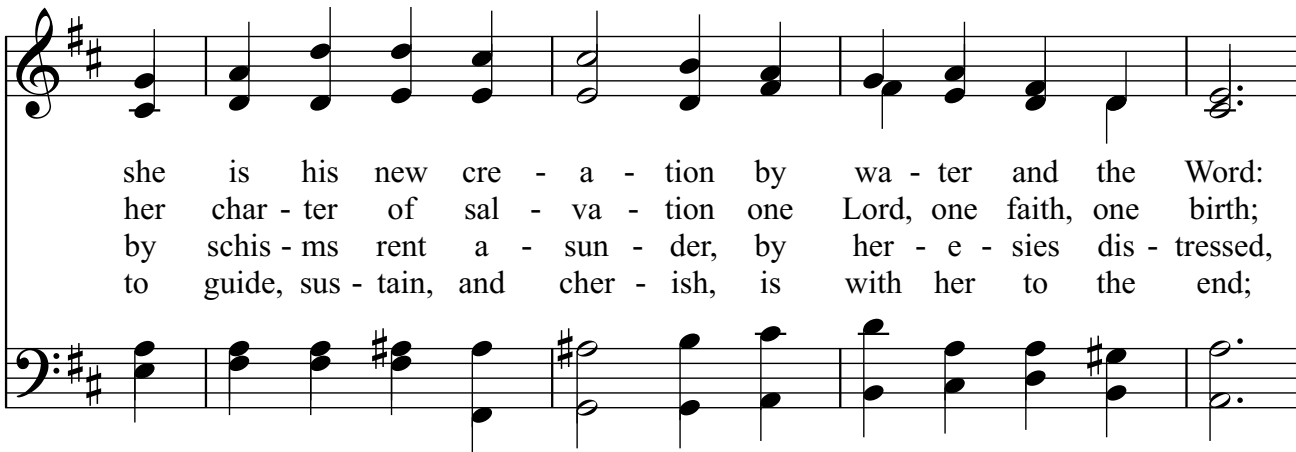
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

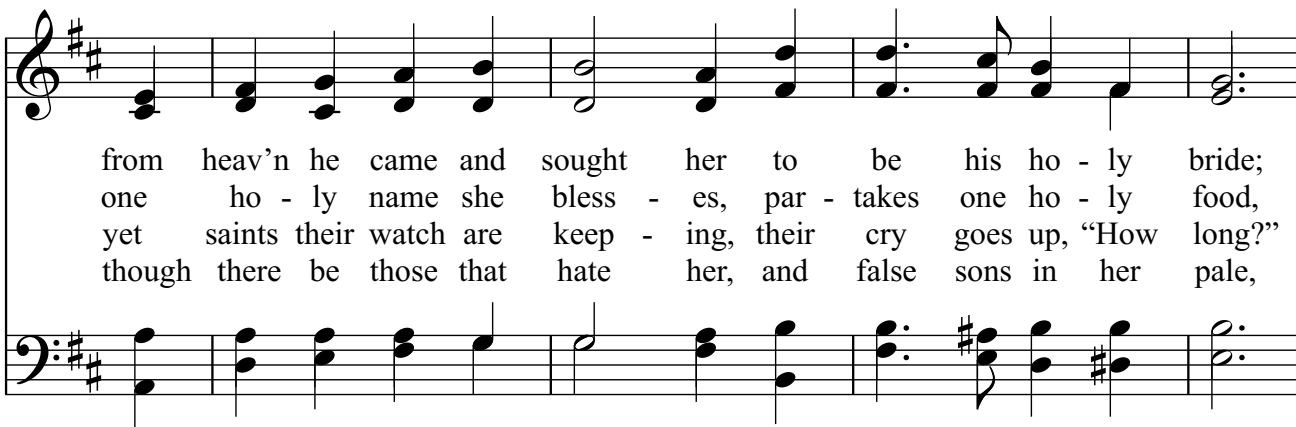
The Church's One Foundation




1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she presses, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

THE HYMNS OF THE EXPANDING KINGDOM

- THE PSALM NO. 122“I Was Filled With Joy and Gladness” (p. 10)
- THE HYMN.....“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” (p. 11)
- THE READING OF SCRIPTUREColossians 1:9-20
- THE PRAYERElder Wil Davis



1. ¹I was filled with joy and glad-ness when they said with one ac-cord,
2. ³As a cit-y bound to-geth-er is Je-ru-sa-lem de-signed.
3. ⁶Pray for peace, the peace of Zi-on: "Pros-per those who love you well!
4. ⁸For the sake of my com-pan-ions, for my broth-ers, I will say:



"Let us make our pil-grim jour-ney to the house of God the LORD."
⁴There, by law, the tribes as-cend-ing thank the LORD in praise com-bined.
⁷Peace be in your walls for-ev-er; safe-ty in your tow-ers dwell!"
"May God's peace a-bide with-in you!" For the tem-ple's sake I pray.



²O Je-ru-s'lem, O Je-ru-s'lem, we are stand-ing in your
⁵Thrones of Da-vid, thrones of Da-vid, there for roy-al jus-tice
⁷Peace and safe-ty, peace and safe-ty in Je-ru-sa-lem a-
⁹For the LORD's house, for the LORD's house I will ev-er seek your



gates; (*in your gates*) we are stand-ing in your gates.
stand; (*jus-tice stand*) there for roy-al jus-tice stand.
bound; (*a-bound*) in Je-ru-sa-lem a-bound.
good; (*seek your good*) I will ev-er seek your good.



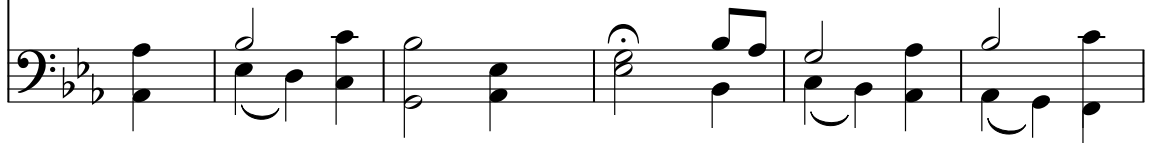
How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place



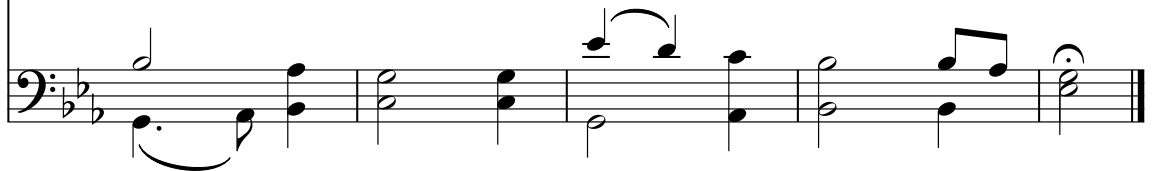
1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
2. While all our hearts and all our songs
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast



- with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

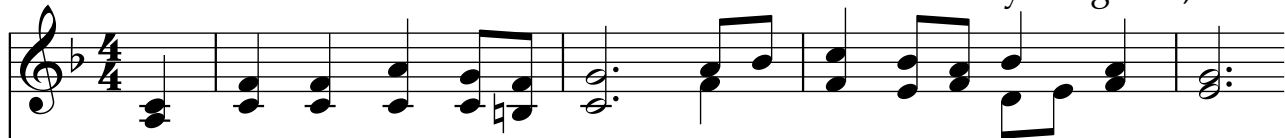


- love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

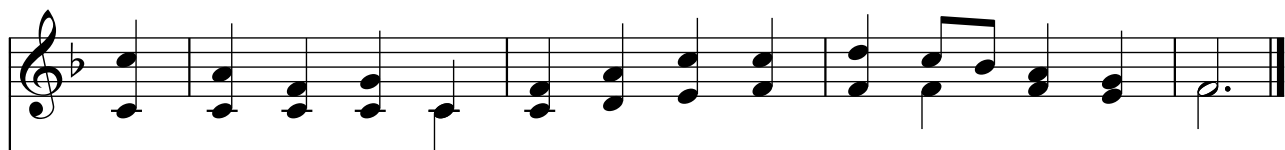
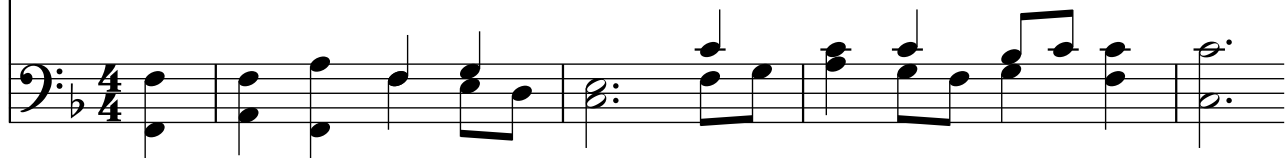


5. Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see your churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing your redeeming grace.

***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION....."I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**



1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2. I love thy church, O God: her walls be - fore thee stand,
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as - cend;
4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heav'n - ly ways,



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, 'til toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.



5. Jesus, thou Friend divine,
our Savior and our King,
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe
shall great deliv'rance bring.

6. Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be giv'n
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heav'n.

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORDDr. J. Ligon Duncan III

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE.....Matthew 28:16-20

THE SERMON....."The Great Commission"

SERMON NOTES

*THE PSALM OF COMMITMENT NO. 103 "As a Father Shows His Love"

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time and have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a dotted quarter note C5, and continues with various chords and single notes. The bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

5. ¹³As a fa - ther shows his love un - to all his chil - dren dear,
6. So man flour - ish - es and thrives like a grow - ing mead - ow flow'r.
7. His un - fail - ing righ - teous - ness shall to chil - dren's chil - dren be,
8. ²⁰Bless the LORD, you an - gel hosts, might - y ones who do his word,

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It features similar rhythmic patterns and chordal structures, maintaining the 4/4 time and one sharp key signature.

so the LORD dis - plays his love to those trust - ing him in fear.
¹⁶When the wind blows, it is gone, and its place is known no more.
¹⁸to the ones who cov - 'nant keep and his good com - mand - ments heed.
who o - bey his voice and word; ²¹all his ser - vants, bless the LORD!

The third system of music continues the musical setting. The treble staff shows a melodic line with some rests, while the bass staff continues with harmonic accompaniment.

¹⁴He re - mem - bers we are dust, and our fee - ble frame he knows.
¹⁷But the stead - fast love of God, shown to those who fear his name,
¹⁹God the LORD has set his throne; in the heav - ens it shall stand,
All his hosts who do his will, ²²all his works in all his world

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a final melodic phrase, and the bass staff provides a concluding harmonic foundation.

The fifth system of music is the final system on the page, continuing the musical setting with the same notation as the previous systems.

¹⁵As for man, his days are like ten - der grass that quick - ly grows.
 is from all e - ter - ni - ty to e - ter - ni - ty the same.
 and his sov - 'reign king - dom rules o - ver all at his com - mand.
 bless the LORD in ev - 'ry place. Come, my soul, and bless the LORD!

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE** "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"

<i>Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!</i>	<i>Redeemed, redeemed,</i>
<i>Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;</i>	<i>Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;</i>
<i>Redeemed through His infinite mercy,</i>	<i>Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!</i>
<i>His child, and forever, I am.</i>	<i>His child, and forever, I am.</i>

ABOUT DR. J. LIGON DUNCAN III

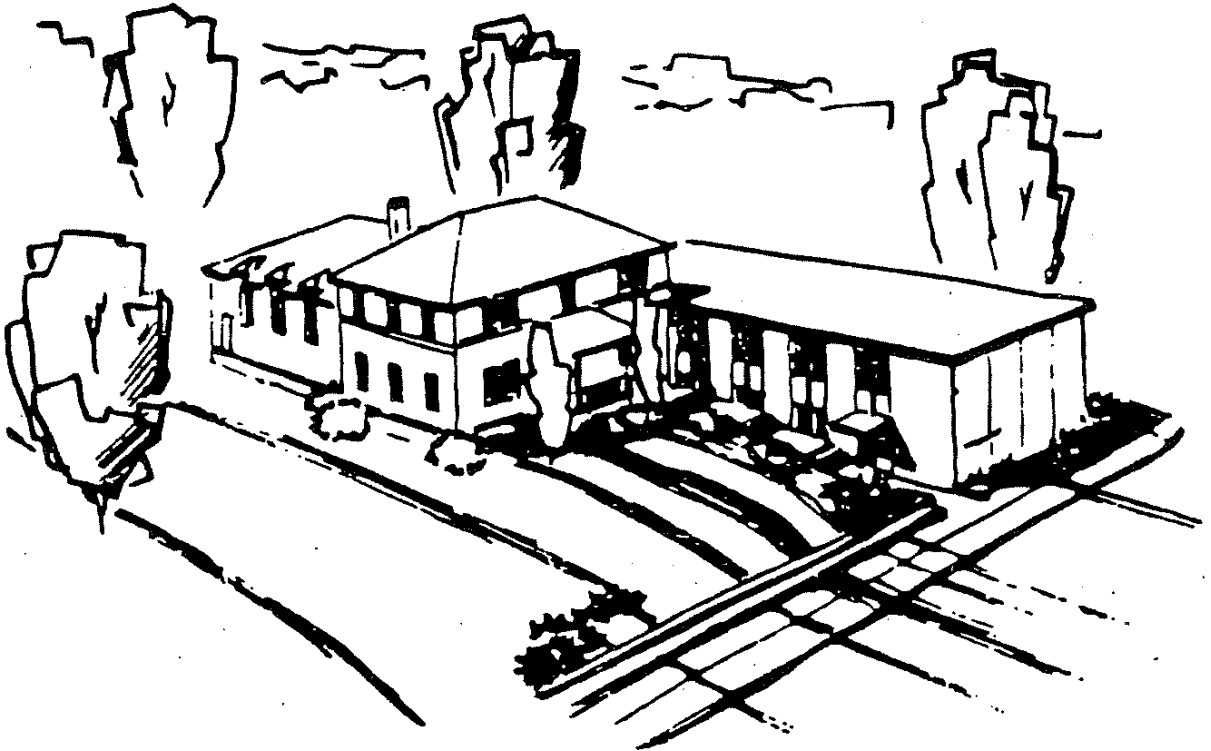
Dr Duncan is a native of South Carolina and a ninth generation presbyterian elder. He is also currently serving as President of RTS Jackson in addition to his role as Seminary's Chancellor. He served as Senior Minister of the historic First Presbyterian Church (1837) in Jackson, Miss. for 17 years (1996-2013). He is co-founder of Together for the Gospel, Senior Fellow of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (having served as both Chairman of the Board and President), and was President of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals from 2004-2012. He served as the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (2004-2005). He studied at Furman University, Greenville, SC (BA); Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis (M.Div, MA, *cum laude*); and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland (Ph.D.). Duncan has edited, written, and contributed to numerous books. Ligon and his wife Anne reside in Jackson, Miss. They have two adult children.

A HISTORY OF THESE BUILDINGS

The sanctuary was built in 1904 as the Post Chapel of Fort Oglethorpe. It was an active military post until 1947. For 1½ years, July 1945 to December 1946, it served as the home of the U. S. Army Chaplain School.

When the Post was deactivated in 1947, the Post Chapel was used as a Community Church. In 1956, it was purchased by the Fort Oglethorpe Methodist Church. The Methodist congregation added the Sunday School building in 1962.

On October 14, 1983, the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Oglethorpe (formerly Lakeview Presbyterian Church, PCUS) purchased the property and began holding services here on October 23rd. We praise God for all He has done.



THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:

David & Elaine Bosshardt, Herman McConathy, Sherma Halpin,
Hannah Rowan, Angela Bandy, Mike & Teresa Jennings,
Diana Johnson, and Susan Wilson

*Thank you to the committee for preparing and planning for this special Lord's Day.
You have helped us reflect on God's faithfulness and kindness to us!
May God continue to be faithful to us and bless us
for a thousand generations more.*