

# The Lord's Day

August 19, 2012  
Ten Fifty O'clock

*“And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD his God.” (Micah 5:4)*

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## Welcome and Announcements

**+Prelude**..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” .....Donald Hustad

**Call to Worship**..... Psalm 27; John 4:23

Minister: We come to worship God, our light and our salvation.

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Minister: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always. Amen! Let us worship God!**

**Choral Introit** ....“O Most High, Lord God”..... Thomas Matthews  
*Sanctuary Choir*

**\*Ascription of Praise** (Hymn 735) ..... GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**\*Prayer of Adoration** ..... Ruling Elder Arrington Rhett

**\*Hymn No. 498** ..... HYFRYDOL  
“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

## Private Confession of Sin

**Assurance of Pardon** .....1 John 2:1-2

We confess our sins, freely admitting what we have done and trusting ourselves to Jesus our advocate. God's Word says: “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” Thanks be to God for the full and free forgiveness that comes through Jesus the righteous one!

**Affirmation of Faith** ..... The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Question 67: Which is the sixth commandment?**

**Answer:** The sixth commandment is, *Thou shalt not kill.*

**Question 68: What is required in the sixth commandment?**

**Answer:** The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

**Question 69: What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?**

**Answer:** The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

**Question 70: Which is the seventh commandment?**

**Answer:** The seventh commandment is, *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

**Question 71: What is required in the seventh commandment?**

**Answer:** The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbour's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

**Question 72: What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?**

**Answer:** The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

## Installation of WIC Officers

**Caroline Grubbs**, President

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**Frances Alston**, Secretary

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## Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Please complete the black Fellowship Folder and pass down the pew.*

## Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

**Offertory** .....“Communion” ..... Louis Vierne

**(Four and Five-year olds dismissed to Children's Church)**

**+Doxology** (Hymn 731) .....OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

**Choral Anthem** .....“O Love Divine” ..... arr: John Hudson  
*Sanctuary Choir*

O love divine amazing love, that brought to earth from heav'n above. The son of God for us to die that we might dwell on high. He died for you, He died for me, and shed His blood to make us free. Upon the cross of Calvary, the Savior died for me. For us a crown of thorns He bore, for us a robe of scorn He wore. He conquered death and rent the grave and lives again our souls to save. O wand'rer come on Him believe, His grace by faith receive, receive. Awake arise and hear His call, the feast is spread for all. He died for you He died for me and shed His blood to make us free. Upon the cross of Calvary, the Savior died for me.

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## Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture Text** ..... 1 John 1:1-4 ..... Pew Bible p. 1021

**Sermon**..... Dr. Sean Michael Lucas  
“Blessed Assurance”

**\*Hymn No. 693**..... “Blessed Assurance” ..... ASSURANCE

## \*Benediction

## Choral Response

**\*Postlude** ..... “Toccata on HYFRYDOL” .... Christopher Pardini

\*Please stand if you are able.

+The ushers may seat worshippers.

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Presiding Minister - Dr. Sean Michael Lucas  
Assisting Elder - Arrington Rhett

Visitors - Visitors are encouraged to pick up a copy of the First Presbyterian Church newsletter in the Narthex or at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

## Notes on the Service

We begin our fall study through the letters of John this Sunday morning. As we do, we will be looking at the whole matter of assurance. We are examining this not only to gain assurance that we are converted, but also to ask the question whether we truly belong to Christ. Such was John's purpose in writing this letter: he tells us that he wrote this letter so that "you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13).

And so, our worship this morning will focus our hearts on Jesus, who came to save sinners and to draw us near to God. We will hear God call us into his presence by reminding us that he is our light and salvation; he is our stronghold; and he grants us his Spirit to empower our worship. And our God draws near to us through Jesus, who is a friend for sinners. Surely, our worship is of the Triune God.

Each year, we have the joy of installing our new officers of the Women in the Church organization. Our WIC serves all the women of our congregation through Bible study, prayer, and fellowship; these officers help to guide our ministry to our women under the oversight of the session. Our entire congregation should commit to pray for these leaders as they seek to serve us in Jesus' name.

We will respond to the preaching of God's Word by singing Fanny Crosby's familiar hymn text, "Blessed Assurance." In many ways, Crosby's words chart the same movement that 1 John 1:1-4 does: knowing the historical Jesus and embracing him as Lord and Savior give us great joy. May God grant you grace today to sing from the heart, "Blessed assurance! This is my story! This is my song! Praising my Savior all the day long!"

If you would like a copy of today's sermon, please call the church office (601-268-0303). The entire service, as well as just the sermon, is available on CD. You may also download the sermon only from our website at [www.fpcpc.net](http://www.fpcpc.net).

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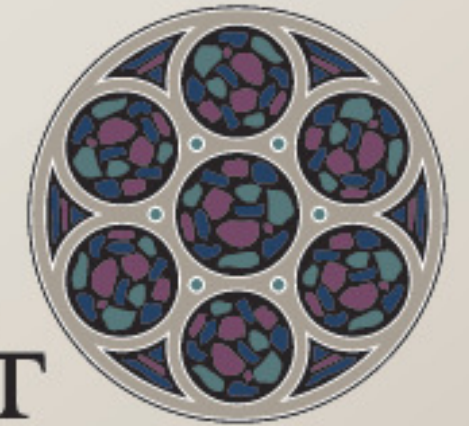
### Thanks to those serving today:

**Duty Deacons for August:** Ben Rester, Robbie Johnson, Alex Hudson, Dennis McGaughran, Grant Bennett, Wes Curry, Mark Duncan  
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**Ushers for August:** John Jennings, Andrew Harwell, Bob Satcher, Adam Parsons, B. J. Null, Jordan Graves, Tony Claytor, Asa Henderson, Chase Young  
**Greeters for today:**  
 9:30 - Jim & Carolyn Hardy  
 10:30 - Marcia Gatewood

**Duty Elder & Hospital Visitation:** Arrington Rhett  
**Mugger for today:** Rod Little

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