

The Lord's Day

January 13, 2013
Ten Fifty O'clock

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

Please switch all communications devices to silent mode. Thank you.

Welcome and Announcements

+Prelude..... “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Albert Travis

Call to Worship..... Psalm 63:1-4

Minister: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Minister: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. Amen! Let us worship God!

Choral Introit C. H. H. Parry
“Bring to the Lord a Glad New Song”
Sanctuary Choir

***Ascription of Praise** (Hymn 529, verse 1)BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down: fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

***Prayer of Adoration** Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

***Hymn No. 535** EBENEZER
“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon1 John 3:1-2

We confess our sins because we are sure that God loves us in and through Jesus Christ. God's Word says, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” Thanks be to God that he loves us as his children and he shall transform us into his own image!

Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 3: What do the scriptures principally teach?

Answer: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Sacrament of Baptism

Evelyn Rebecca McNease, covenant child of Mr. & Mrs. Shea McNease, by Dr. Sean Michael Lucas with Ruling Elder Louis Benton assisting.

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

OffertoryJ. S. Bach
“Rejoice Now, Christian Souls”

(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 Mary McDonald
“A Grateful Heart”
Sanctuary Choir

As we gather in your house to worship, let us bring to you a heart of praise. For your love will never fail us; to your Name, our thanks we raise. For your love and tender mercy; for your tender and your grace. May we ever praise you, Father, when we seek your Holy face. Lord, we know your love is everlasting; from your favor, we will ne'er depart. This, our prayer, we offer to you, Father: Bless us with a grateful heart. This, our prayer, we offer to you, Father: Bless us with, bless us with a grateful heart. Amen.

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Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Text 1 John 3:11-18 Pew Bible p. 1022

Sermon..... Dr. Jimmy Agan
“Love One Another”

***Hymn No. 261** WONDROUS LOVE
“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*Benediction

Choral Response

***Postlude** “Ritual Flourish”Daniel Gawthrop

*Please stand if you are able.
+The ushers may seat worshipers.

Presiding Minister - Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of Evelyn Dews Boone and in memory of Rebecca Glenn Boone, namesake to Evelyn Rebecca McNease being baptized today.

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 are so pleased today to have Dr. Jimmy Agan in our pulpit. Dr. Agan is associate professor of New Testament and director of the homiletics program at Covenant Theological Seminary. Educated at Clemson University, Covenant Seminary, and the University of Aberdeen, he was senior pastor at Clemson Presbyterian Church prior to coming to the seminary in 2007. He and his wife, Tricia, have four children.

The theme of our worship is the steadfast and satisfying love of God. From our call to worship from Psalm 63 (“Your steadfast love is better than life”) to our ascription of praise (“love divine, all loves excelling!”), from our opening hymn to the closing hymn—and especially in the reading and preaching of Scripture—we will hear about God’s steadfast love for us. It is God’s love for us that motivates our love for one another—surely, if he laid down his life for us, we must lay down our lives for another.

Not only do we have Gospel word and praise in our service this morning, but we also have a Gospel sacrament. As Shea and Bethany McNease bring their daughter Evelyn to the font this morning, let us remember that this sacrament is a sign of God’s love for us and our children. God could have given us the bare promise to be a God to us and our children without anything else: that would have been enough. But God’s love and compassion for us is such, that he condescends to our weak capacity and our proneness to doubt his promises—he gives us baptism to tell us that these Gospel promises are for *this* child, *our* child.

Surely, our hearts this morning should be filled with wonder at God’s love. As we sing our final hymn in response to God’s Word, let the wonder of it all fill your heart and mind: “What wondrous love is this, O my soul; what wondrous love is this? That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!” Thanks be to God for his steadfast love displayed in Jesus Christ!

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.

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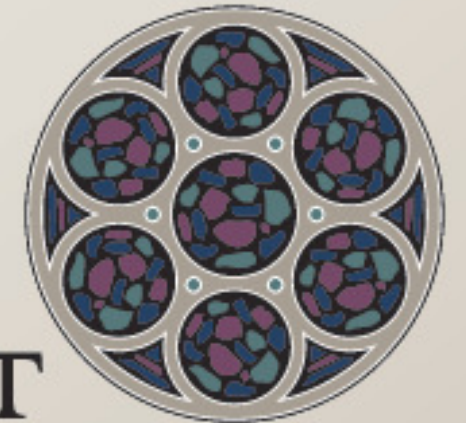
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Duty Elder & Hospital Visitation: Henry Hawes	Muggers for today: Joe & Marcia Gatewood

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