

The Lord's Day

May 5, 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..... “Variations on BEACH SPRING”Gary Smoke

Call to Worship.....Psalm 47

Minister: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

People: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feat. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

Minister: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Minister: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne! Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

Choral Introit “Come with Rejoicing” Robert Leaf
Sanctuary Choir

***Ascription of Praise** Psalm 47.....TRURO

All nations clap your hands and shout;	God has ascended with a shout!
To God with joyful voices sing!	The Lord amidst the trumpet's ring.
For awesome is the Lord Most High,	Sing praise! Sing praises unto God!
Who over all the earth is King.	Sing praise! Sing praises to our King!

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***Prayer of Adoration** Ruling Elder Matthew Boyd

***Hymn No. 179**..... THINE THE GLORY
“Hallelujah! Thine the Glory”

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Micah 7:18-19

Confession of sin makes sense because we belong to a God of mercy and steadfast love. God's Word says, “Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compass on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depth of the sea.” Thanks be to God for his full redemption granted to us through Jesus Christ!

Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 29: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

Answer: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Question 30: How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

Answer: The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

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 Friedrich Marpurg
“If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee”

(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 “Boundless Love” Katherine K. Davis
Sanctuary Choir

Each living thing arise and sing the praises of the Lord who made the mighty universe according to his Word. Above the ocean's towering surge his mighty voice is heard. O come, come, everyone, O come and praise the Lord! The skies above pour down his love, the hills proclaim his power. He made them all, both great and small, the mountain and the flower. He knows the blooming rose, and every singing bird. O come, come, everyone, O come and praise the Lord! His hand is never far away. His boundless love is shining night and day. His tender care his works declare with jubilant accord. O come, come, everyone. O come and praise the Lord. O praise the Lord.

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Prayer of Illumination

Scripture ReadingMatthew 12:38-50Pew Bible p. 817

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon..... Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
“Responding to Jesus: This Generation”

***Hymn No. 481**..... LEMMEL
“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

*Benediction

Choral Response

***Postlude** “Festive Trumpet Tune”David German

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

Presiding Minister - Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Assisting Elder - Matthew Boyd

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

As we come to the end of Matthew 11-12, we've seen various ways that people have responded to Jesus. Most of the responses have been negative—John the Baptist's doubt; the crowds' apparent belief, but lack of repentance; the Pharisees' blasphemous opposition. And yet, Jesus continues to hold out a different way: coming to him, responding with repentance and faith, becoming part of his family. This is the decision for every generation and for this generation—will your eyes to Jesus or not?

For those who turn to God through Jesus by the Spirit, we come before our God with songs of praise and rejoicing. Psalm 47 frames the opening movements of our liturgy this morning—from the call to worship to the ascription of praise to our first hymn—all give us words to praise our God and to shout, "Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen!" We rejoice in our God because he is our Savior and has made us partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ. He offers us a full and free pardon if we respond to him by faith.

Our service closes today with the familiar Gospel song, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus." This song was written by Helen Lemmel (1863-1961), who was a gifted concert soloist, a music teacher at Moody Bible Institute, and a music critic for the *Seattle Post*. She also worked as director of a woman's choral group that was a regular part of the Billy Sunday evangelistic meetings; she wrote this song in 1922 to be sung at those meetings.

The inspiration for the song came from the writings of author and artist Lilius Trotter (1853-1928), a brilliant artist who also had a deep interest in missions. After struggling in prayer for two years, Trotter came to the conclusion that she must lay down her love of art in order to fix her eyes solely on Jesus and his call to the mission field. She subsequently served for more than 38 years as a missionary to Muslims in Algeria. In order to do this, she had to "turn her eyes upon Jesus" and in so doing, responded to him in her generation. May God grant us grace to do the same!

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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Thanks to those serving today:

Duty Deacons for May: Grant Dyess, Daniel Jussely, Michael Griffin, Tommy Shook, Bert Kuyrkendall, Ben Rester

Ushers for May: Tom Bates, Jay Beiring, Josh Bellew, Bruce Blair, Ronnie Bullock, Andrew Jakab, Sam Lucas, Adam Parsons

Duty Elder & Hospital Visitation:
Matthew Boyd

Nursery Volunteers: Chip & Rachel Wall, Christi & Brie Dyess, Bobby & Molly Blass, Stuart & Jeana Rich

Greeters for today:
9:30 - Dennis McGaughran
10:30 - Malcolm English

Muggers for today: Joe & Marcia Gatewood

Mercy Support: If you are in need or aware of someone that may be in need of some assistance please contact our mercy committee or Adam Pennebaker at adam.pennebaker@pinebeltashley.com or 601-946-7133.



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