

The Lord's Day

May 19, 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..... “Prelude: Andante Pastorale”John E. West

Call to Worship..... Psalm 45

Minister: My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

People: You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.

Minister: Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty! In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

People: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

All: We come to worship you, glorious King! Amen!

Choral Introit arr: Stan Pethel
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”
Sanctuary Choir

***Ascription of Praise** (Hymn 170, verse 1).....CRUSADER'S HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

***Prayer of Adoration** Ruling Elder Henry Hawes

***Hymn No. 715**..... ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:6-9

We confess our sins in the confidence that the Gospel serves as a sure basis for delivering us from the judgment to come. God's Word says, "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die--but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God." Thanks be to God that Jesus saves us from God's wrath!

Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 33: What is justification?

Answer: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

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 “Prayer”Leon Boellman

(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.

Solo John Ness Beck
“It is Well With My Soul”
Larry D. Smith

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading..... Pew Bible p. 818
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon..... Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
“Kingdom Parables: The Weeds”

***Hymn No. 327**..... CHAPMAN
“One Day He's Coming”

*Benediction

Choral Response

***Postlude** “Old Hundredth Carillon” David Maxwell

*Please stand if you are able.

+The ushers may seat worshipers.

Presiding Minister - Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Assisting Elder - Henry Hawes

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 continue this morning in Matthew 13, we will be noticing how the message of the kingdom has this surprising result: God allows good and evil to grow up side by side until the judgment. But there is coming a day when God's judgment will come-God's children and the devil's children will be separated; the wicked will be cast into the lake of fire; and the righteous shall be welcomed home. This is the same message that we will find in the parable of the net (13:47-50).

For those delivered from God's wrath through Jesus' blood, he is a beautiful Savior. Our call to worship from Psalm 45 highlights the glory and beauty of this King under whose banner we serve. Likewise, our ascription of praise draws from the themes of that psalm as we honor "Fairest Lord Jesus." Surely such a Savior is worthy of our praise and devotion.

Our first hymn might strike you a bit unusual: we typically sing this during the Thanksgiving season. But this hymn connects our harvests with the coming harvest of God, a theme found in this morning's text. After all, Matthew 13 tells us that "all the world is God's own field" and that "wheat and tares together sown unto joy and sorrow grown." This hymn teaches us these truths and points us to the coming Judgment Day.

For believers in Jesus, the Judgment Day does not hold fear because Jesus has saved us from God's wrath through his blood. As we confess our sins, God's Word comes with his promise from Romans 5: God justifies us on the basis of the blood of Jesus and declares us right with him. Our sins are forgiven and Christ's righteousness is imputed to us--thanks be to God indeed.

As we respond to the ministry of the Word, we do so with a Gospel song written by the Presbyterian evangelist, J. Wilbur Chapman. One day Jesus shall return and he shall set our world to rights again. Evil shall be rooted out and the glory of God shall be both seen and enjoyed. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

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

Nursery Volunteers: Charles & Sweetie Greer, Lawrence & Leah Ingram, Gene & Maria Smith, Jay & Krystina Beiring

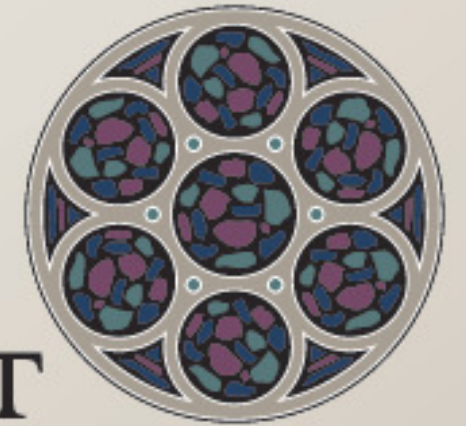
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Greeters for today:
9:30 - Mike & Tina Perkins
10:30 - Marcia Gatewood

Duty Elder & Hospital Visitation:
Henry Hawes

Muggers for today: Ron & Joyce Keller

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