

The Lord's Day

March 5, 2017
Eleven 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..... “Voluntary in F” George Blake

Call to Worship..... Psalm 105:1-3

O give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Choral Introit J. Marty Cope
“Praise to the Lord”
Sanctuary Choir

***Ascription of Praise** (Hymn 122, verses 1 and 4) ODE TO JOY

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
all the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
with our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn 97** KREMSER
“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

Corporate Confession of Sin Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

People: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

***Hymn 308** (verses 1, 3, and 4) ALL TO CHRIST
“Jesus Paid It All”

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 Gregg Sewell
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

(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 Howard Helvey
“A Time to Watch, A Time to Pray”
Sanctuary Choir

A time to watch, a time to pray, a day of wonders is today; the saddest, yet the sweetest too, that ever man or angel knew; The saddest; for our Savior bore His death, that man might die no more: The Agony, the Scourge, the Fear, the Crown of Thorns, the Cross, the Spear; and yet the sweetest; for today our load of sin was borne away; and hopes of joy that never dies hang on our Savior's sacrifice. O Savior, blessed be Thy name! Thine is the glory, ours the shame; by all the pains Thy love endured, let all our many sins be cured. 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, Amen, Amen.

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Scripture Reading Matthew 5:5 Pew Bible p. 809

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Dr. Michael McKelvey
“Meekness”

***Hymn 642** SLANE
“Be Thou My Vision”

***Benediction** Dr. McKelvey

***Choral Response**

***Postlude** “Sortie” Marcel Dupre

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

Presiding Minister - Rev. Knox Baird
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Dan Didier

Missionary of the Week - Johnathan Keenan with RUF at the University of California Santa Barbara

COMMUNITY LIFE

Evening Worship Service, tonight, 6 p.m., with Rev. Ben Griffith preaching.

Spring Break, March 13-17. *No Wednesday night supper or activities on March 15.*

Against The Flow Retreat, March 24-26.

Save the dates: VBS is scheduled for June 5-9. Rally night is May 7.

Twin Lakes Camp, June 26- July 2. For more information go to www.twinlakescamp.org. For information about camp scholarship, contact Kathy Young.

Committees

- **Missions Comm. Mtg.**, today, 4:45 p.m., Parlor.
- **Administrative Comm. Mtg.**, Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m., Loft.

Meetings

- **Women's Weekly Bible Study**, Thursday, March 9, 9:15 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Women's Ministry Morning Bible Study**, Tuesday, March 14, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Senior Adult Dominoes**, Tuesday, March 21, 10 a.m., F. Hall.

Sanctuary Choir Schedule

- **Rehearsal**, today, 8:45 a.m., Choir Room.

Wednesday Night Supper & Activities

- **Supper** at 5:30 p.m. (*Menu: chicken & sausage gumbo, potato salad, French pistolette, green salad, Ms. Kim's surprise dessert. Paleo option: no rice gumbo, green salad.*)
- **Children's Choir & Activities** at 6:15 p.m.
- **Adult Bible Studies** at 6:30 p.m. Select from one of the four studies:
 - 📖 Faith in the Work Place, led by Mr. Randy Pope.
 - 📖 Who is the Holy Spirit, a Bible Study/Video Series by Sinclair Ferguson, led by Dr. David Jussely.
 - 📖 Grace for the Hurting, led by Rev. Knox Baird.
 - 📖 Connections with United Christian Ministries. *See Rev. Knox Baird or Rob Jackson Jr. for more information.*

If you would like a copy of today's service, visit our website, www.fpcpca.net/sermons. There you will find the entire service in video format as well as the sermon available for download. If you have questions, please call the church office (601-268-0303).

First Presbyterian Church Directory

Ministry Staff

Rev. C. Knox Baird. Minister of Missions/Outreach
Rev. Ben Griffith Minister of Students
Dr. David H. Jussely..... Minister of Senior Adults/Visitation
Mrs. Kathy C. Young Director of Children's Ministry

Music Ministry Staff

Dr. Larry D. Smith Choir Director
Dr. Samuel Porter Organist
Mrs. Loleeta Rhett Arts and Discipleship Coordinator, Accompanist
Mrs. Kerrin Hightower Children's Choir Director

Support Staff

Mrs. Tracy Ross Office Manager
Mr. Rodney Gillentine..... Properties Supervisor
Mr. Don Hill Custodian
Mrs. Pat Hill Custodian

2017 SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Worship Committee: *Oversees the worship activities of the congregation, especially Sunday services and special worship meetings, and use of the sanctuary.*

Members are Dan Didier (Session Chairman), Andrew Harwell (Diaconate representative);
Class of 2017 - Grant Bennett, Mary Ann Scruggs, Louis Young; *Class of 2018* - Claudia Powell,
J. P. Culpepper, Marion Curry; *Class of 2019* - Dan Didier, Grace Jennings;
Class of 2020 - Wes Curry

Christian Education Executive Committee: *Coordinates the regular Christian Education activities of the church for all ages from nursery to adult.*

Members are Robert Jackson, Jr. (Session Chairman), Brian Smith (Diaconate representative);
Caroline Grubbs (WIC representative); *Class of 2017* - Matthew Wiggins, Heather Starns;
Class of 2018 - Rob Jackson Jr., Allison Smith, Bill Stanway; *Class of 2019* - Kristin Parsons,
Whitney McMullan, Marge Crowe; *Class of 2020* - Louis Benton

Congregational Committee: *Encourages, plans, and oversees evangelism, outreach, assimilation, and shepherding for the congregation.*

Members are Ken Gunnufsen (Session Chairman), Trey Sutton (Diaconate representative);
Class of 2017 - Hugh Bolton; *Class of 2018* - Trey Sutton, Brian & Bridgett Aehnlich;
Class of 2019 - Ken Gunnufsen, Schaeffer Smith, Wyche McMullan; *Class of 2020* - John Kosko,
Brad Farris, Amanda Farris

Missions & Benevolence Committee: *Coordinates and encourages involvement with and support of local, national, and international missions and benevolences.*

Members are Shea McNease (Session Chairman), Mark Kolvites (Diaconate representative);
Class of 2017 - Keith Easterling, Molly Blass, Lynn French; *Class of 2018* - Tim Crowe, Charles
Wilson, Terri Wilson, Kim Palermo, Matthew Boyd; *Class of 2019* - Shea McNease, Mary Ann
Easterling, India Smith, Haley Shook, Nate Thornton; *Class of 2020* - Randy Henderson

Thanks to those serving today:

Duty Deacons for March:

Nathan Starns, B. J. Null, Brian Smith,
Craig Thieling, Jarrod Gray,
Jeremy Cooper, Kevin Arnold

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

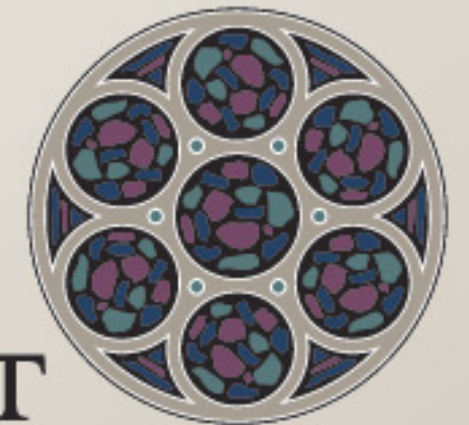
Robin Reeves, Ruth Ann Reeves,
Anita Henderson

Ushers for March:

Mason Starns,
Eric Burleigh, Mitchell Cox,
Mike Mangum, Glenn Mangum,
Lance Mangum, Billy Scruggs,
Caden Zarembo, Quentin Parsons,
Frank Aderholdt

Nursery Volunteers for March 12:

Lucy Blair, Maria Smith, Kim Smith,
Ian Smith



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