

# The Lord’s Day

March 12, 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** ..... “Blessed Are They” ... Richard A. Williamson

**Call to Worship**..... Psalm 117

Minister: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

**People: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!**

**Choral Introit** ..... Hal H. Hopson  
“Sing to the Lord a Glad, New Song”  
*Sanctuary Choir*

**\*Ascription of Praise** (Hymn 55, verse 1) ..... TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that we may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

## Prayer of Adoration

**\*Hymn 647** ..... ST. PETER  
“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

**Affirmation of Faith**..... Romans 8

Elder: <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

**People:** <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Elder: <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**People:** <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**All:** <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**\*Hymn 30** (verses 1, 2, 4, and 7) ..... ST. ANNE  
“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

## Sacrament of Baptism

Tatum Elise McKenzie, covenant child of Brandon & Allison McKenzie, by Rev. Knox Baird with Ruling Elder Honorable Wes Curry 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

**Offertory** ..... “Aria” ..... Craig Phillips

(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** .....Lloyd Larson  
“Amazing Love! How Can It Be”  
*Sanctuary Choir*

And can it be that I should gain an int’rest in the Savior’s blood! Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me? He left His Father’s throne above, so free, so infinite His grace! Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race. ‘Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me? No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine; bold I approach th’eternal throne and claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me? That Thou, my God, should die for me?

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**Scripture Reading**..... Matthew 5:6 ..... Pew Bible p. 809

**Sermon** ..... Dr. Michael McKelvey  
“Hunger and Thirst”

**\*Hymn 530** (verses 1 and 4) .....LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

**\*Benediction**..... Dr. McKelvey

## \*Choral Response

**\*Postlude** ..... “Celebration in D” .....Stephen L. Aber

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

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Presiding Minister - Rev. Knox Baird  
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Ken Gunnufsen

Missionary of the Week - Jamie & Jennifer Burkemper with MTW in Ciudad/Juarez, Mexico

# COMMUNITY LIFE

*No Evening Worship Service tonight.*

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

**Against The Flow Retreat**, March 24-26.

**Inquirer's Class**, Saturday morning, April 8, for those interested in church membership here at FPC. Please contact Ben Griffith (601-606-2587) if you would like to take part.

**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](http://www.twinlakescamp.org). For information about camp scholarship, contact Kathy Young.

**Committees**

- **Administrative Comm. Mtg.**, Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m., Loft.

**Meetings**

- **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.
- **Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting**, Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., CH 205.
- **Women’s Weekly Bible Study**, Thursday, March 23, 9:15 a.m., F. Hall.

**Sanctuary Choir Schedule**

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

If you would like a copy of today’s service, visit our website, [www.fpcpca.net/sermons](http://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  
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**Mission Statement**

**First Presbyterian Church proclaims and practices  
the Gospel of God’s transforming grace for God’s glory alone.**

*Grace transforms our characters*  
We believe God’s grace unites us to Jesus by faith with the result that we become more like him. This character transformation develops through use of the means of grace and is displayed through lives of virtuous service.

*Grace transforms our communities*  
We believe that God’s grace enables us to extend the same patient, sacrificial pursuit of relationship which God demonstrates toward us to our various spheres of community—our families, small groups, neighborhoods, work place, volunteer associations, and civic organizations.

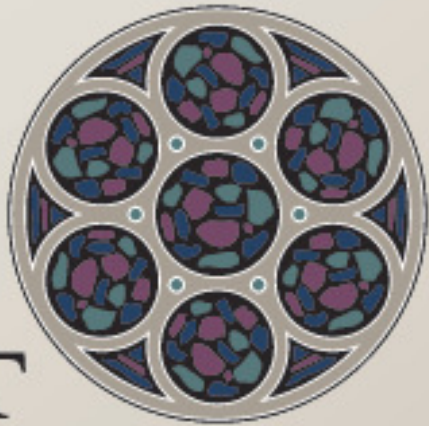
*Grace transforms our callings*  
We believe that God’s grace not only calls us to be saved, but calls us into a variety of vocations. We are workers with God in our homes, careers, church, and city to seek the flourishing of God’s world and the extension of Christ’s Lordship through work done well.

*Grace transforms our city*  
We believe that God’s grace moves us toward our city, both Hattiesburg and the larger polities to which we belong, to seek its peace, welfare, and flourishing. We long for our city to know the reconciliation with God and others that the Gospel alone accomplishes.

**Thanks to those serving today:**

<b>Duty Deacons for March:</b> Nathan Starns, B. J. Null, Brian Smith, Craig Thieling, Jarrod Gray, Jeremy Cooper, Kevin Arnold	<b>Nursery Volunteers for Today:</b> Lucy Blair, Maria Smith, Kim Smith, Ian Smith
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<b>Ushers for March:</b> Mason Starns, Eric Burleigh, Mitchell Cox, Mike Mangum, Glenn Mangum, Lance Mangum, Billy Scruggs, Caden Zaremba, Quentin Parsons, Frank Aderholdt	<b>Nursery Volunteers for March 19:</b> Sarah Spencer, Sarah Spencer, John Spencer
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