

# The Lord’s Day

March 19, 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**..... “A Joyous Alleluia” ..... Fred Gramann  
*Deep South Ringers*

**Call to Worship**..... Isaiah 55:1-2, Matthew 11:28-29

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Choral Introit** ..... Douglas Wagner  
“Sing, O Sing, This Wonderful Morn”  
*Sanctuary Choir*

**\*Hymn 302**..... MADRID  
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

## \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Hymn** ..... “In Christ Alone” ..... Getty/Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;  
From life’s first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

## Private Confession of Sin

**Assurance of Pardon** ..... Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord,  
that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God,  
for he will abundantly pardon.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Rosemary Virginia Harwell, covenant child of Andrew & Elizabeth Harwell,  
by Rev. Ben Griffith with Ruling Elder 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** ..... Fred Gramann  
“Now the Green Blade Riseth”  
*Deep South Ringers*

(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** ..... Dan Forrest  
“Hymn of Mercy”  
*Sanctuary Choir*

Gracious Lord, Thy mercy filleth All the earth below; And from heaven’s throne it falleth When to Thee I go. Mercy flowing, swift pursuing Like a river strong, Sympathizing with my weakness; Mercy suff’ring long. Mercy calling with compassion: “Oh, return to Me.” Wounded Hands extended, Loving is the plea. How can I refuse Thy mercy? Whither would I flee? From my idol shrine I turn, Lord, Reaching up to Thee. Tender mercy of the Savior Gently drawing nigh With the blood that cleanseth sinners Ready to apply. Gracious Lord, Thy mercy filleth All the earth below; And from heaven’s throne it falleth When to Thee I go.

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**Scripture Reading** ..... Isaiah 61:1-4 ..... Pew Bible p. 620

**Sermon**..... Rev. Ben Griffith  
“Job Description for a Messiah”

**\*Hymn 246** (verses 1, 4, and 5) ..... HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!  
“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

**\*Benediction** ..... Rev. Griffith

## \*Choral Response

**\*Postlude** ..... “Postlude on Old Hundredth” ..... Fred Bock

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

Presiding Minister - Rev. Ben Griffith  
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Keith Easterling

Missionary of the Week - Rev. Hunter Brewer and Mid-South PCA Church Planting Network

# COMMUNITY LIFE

**Evening Worship Service**, tonight, 6 p.m., with Andrew Harwell preaching from Psalm 120.

**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.

**Meetings**

- **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.

**Wednesday Night Supper & Activities**

- **Supper** at 5:30 p.m. (*Menu: Slow Cooker Korean Beef, steamed Pan Asian veggie mix (beans, broccoli, onions, mushrooms, red peppers), red rice, green salad, Ms. Kim’s surprise dessert. Paleo Option: beef and veggies no rice.*)
- **Children’s Choir & Activities** at 6:15 p.m.
- **Adult Bible Studies** at 6:30 p.m.

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).

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***The Session***

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**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> Sarah Spencer, Sarah Spencer, John Spencer
<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 26:</b> Sara Lucas, Liz Lucas, Ben Lucas



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