

# The Lord’s Day

March 26, 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** .....Healey Willan  
“Holy Ghost, with Light Divine, Shine on this Heart of Mine”

**Call to Worship** ..... Psalm 9:7-11

Minister: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

**People: He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.**

Minister: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**People: Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion;

**All: Proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

**Choral Introit**..... “Let Us Make a Joyful Noise” .....Douglas Wagner  
*Sanctuary Choir*

**\*Ascription of Praise** (Hymn 53, verses 1 and 5) ..... LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

## \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Hymn 80** ..... RIPLEY  
“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

## Private Confession of Sin

**Corporate Confession and Assurance of Pardon** ..... Psalm 130

Minister: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice.

**People: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

Minister: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

Minister: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

**People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Minister: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

**All: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** ..... The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell<sup>†</sup>. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church<sup>††</sup>, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>†</sup>i.e., Christ remained dead for three days    <sup>††</sup>i.e., the universal Christian Church

## 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**..... “Trio in g” .....Joseph Rheinberger

**(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** .....Mary McDonald  
“A Grateful Heart”  
*Sanctuary Choir*

As we gather in your house to worship, let us bring to you a heart of praise. For your love will never fail us; to your Name, our thanks we raise. For your love and tender mercy; for your goodness and your grace. May we ever praise you, Father, when we seek your Holy face. Lord, we know your love is everlasting; from your favor, we will ne’er depart. This, our prayer, we offer to you,

Father: Bless us with a grateful heart. This, our prayer, we offer to you, Father: Bless us with, bless us with a grateful heart. Amen. Amen.

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**Scripture Reading** .....Matthew 5:7 ..... Pew Bible p. 809

**Sermon** .....Dr. Michael McKelvey  
“Mercy”

**Hymn 486** (verses 1, 2, and 5) ..... REDHEAD  
“God, Be Merciful to Me”

## The Lord’s Supper

**\*Hymn 307** (verses 1 and 4) .....PLAINFIELD  
“Nothing but the Blood”

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

## \*Choral Response

**\*Postlude** ..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” .....J.G. Walther

\*Please stand if you are able.

+The ushers may seat worshippers.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

You are invited and are welcome to participate in the Lord’s Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you this prayer for your use during this time of the Lord’s Supper.

*Lord Jesus, the burdens of my life are too great for me. I know that my heaviest burden is my own sin. My sin has made me estranged from God and it is too great for me to carry. You say to all sinners, including me, “Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.” These are the words my guilty conscience longs for. Help me, Lord Jesus, to understand and believe your loving promise that I can have rest for my soul. And even more, that I can know you and have eternal life.*

Presiding Minister - Rev. Knox Baird  
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Matthew Wiggins

Missionary of the Week - Cheryl Crocker, an R.N. serving as a team leader for MTW Medical Mission teams

# COMMUNITY LIFE

**Evening Worship Service**, tonight, 6 p.m., with Rev. Knox Baird preaching from Joshua 1:1-9.

**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.

**Juarez Medical & Construction Trip**, June 25-July 1.

**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**

- **Women’s Weekly Bible Study**, Thursday, March 30, 9:15 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Women’s Ministry Council Mtg.**, Tuesday, April 4, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Senior Adult Dominoes**, Tuesday, April 4, 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: Creole Grits & Grillades, smoky spiced collard greens, French bread, green salad, Ms. Kim’s surprise dessert. Paleo Option: Oven roasted pork loin & collard greens.*)
- **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).

## First Presbyterian Church Directory

**Ministry Staff**

Rev. C. Knox Baird. .... Minister of Missions/Outreach  
Rev. Ben Griffith ..... Minister of Students  
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Dr. Larry D. Smith ..... Choir Director  
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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.

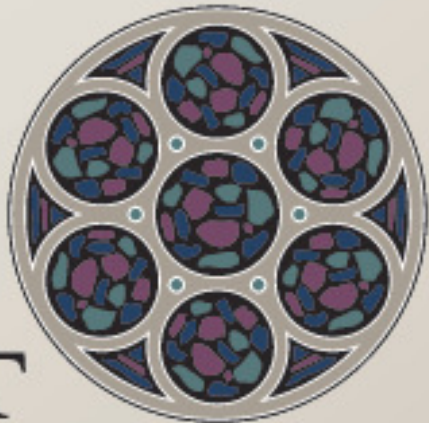
*Grace transforms our callings*  
We believe that God’s grace not only calls us to be saved, but calls us into a variety of vocations. We are workers with God in our homes, careers, church, and city to seek the flourishing of God’s world and the extension of Christ’s Lordship through work done well.

*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> Sara Lucas, Liz Lucas, Ben Lucas
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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 April 2:</b> Krystina Beiring, Heather Starns, Jenny Jackson
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