

# The Lord's Day

April 9, 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**..... “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” .....J. Bert Carlson

**Call to Worship**.....Psalm 118

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

**People: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**Together: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

**Choral Introit** .....arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*Children's Choirs: Kindergarten – Sixth Grade*

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Congregation stand and join on stanza three.*

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing; For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King. Oh may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

**\*Ascription of Praise** (Hymn 235, verse 1) ..... ST. THEODULPH

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Hymn 110**..... “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” ..... PRAISE JEHOVAH

**Private Confession of Sin**

**Assurance of Pardon** ..... Isaiah 53:5-6

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have turned astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Receiving of New Communicant Members:** Ben Bellew, Thomas Bellew, Jamara Camacho, Sterling Dews, Bethany Folks, Shelby Folks, James Fuller, John Patrick Garriga, Taylor Griffin, Graham Hightower, Elizabeth Jackson, Dews Jussely, Brooks Karnes, Betsy Karnes, Meg Middleton, Ireland Null, Madelyn Null, Colt Robertson, Celia Claire Smith, Addison Tatum, Natalie Thieling, Carolyn Wiggins

**\*Hymn 498** (verses 1, 4, and 5)..... HYFRYDOL  
“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

**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** ..... Raymond Henry  
“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

**(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

“In Your Footsteps”

*Sanctuary Choir*

Lead me to Gethsemane where all alone You prayed. Let me see the rebel kiss, and where You were betrayed. Then before the angry mob You stood condemned to die. Soon to drink the bitter cup and breathe the mortal sigh. Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia. Let me to the wondrous cross where you were crucified. Let me see Your hands and feet and touch Your wounded side. Show me where the piercing thorns were thrust upon Your head. Cruel were the fatal blows You suffered in my stead. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Lead me to the empty tomb where on that glorious day You declared the victory and death released its prey. God the Father raised You up to reign with Him on high. Giving me a living hope that I shall never die. Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!

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**Scripture Reading** ..... Matthew 5:9 ..... Pew Bible p. 810

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

**\*Hymn 263** ..... CRUCIFER  
“Lift High the Cross”  
*(Communicants may assemble outside during this hymn.)*

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

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude** ..... “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” ..... J. Wayne Kerr

\*Please stand if you are able.

+The ushers may seat worshipers.

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Presiding Minister - Rev. Ben Griffith

Missionaries of the Week - Dale & Susan Ellison with the Christian Missionary Society in Trujillo, Peru.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God, and in honor of the new communicates class by Jennifer and John Garriga.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

**Evening Worship Service**, tonight, 6 p.m., with Dr. David Jussely preaching.

*No Wednesday night supper or activities this week.*

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service**, Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Services, April 16:**

- 7am: Sunrise Service at Canebrake Country Club, 18th Green
- 10am: Morning worship service at FPC
- No Sunday school or evening services

**Book Club on “A Gentleman from Moscow”**, Thursday, April 27, 12 noon, Parlor.

**Save the dates:** Rally night is May 7, 6 p.m. VBS is scheduled for June 5-9.

**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.

## Committees

- **Administrative Comm. Mtg.**, Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m., Loft.

## Meetings

- **Women’s Ministry Morning Bible Study**, Tuesday, April 11, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Senior Adult Dominoes**, Tuesday, April 18, 10 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting**, Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., CH 206.

## 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  
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

### 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:

#### **Duty Deacons for April:**

Keith Reeves, Adam Pennebaker,  
Andrew Harwell, Eric Jordan, Gene Smith,  
Schaeffer Smith, Tony Claytor, Trey Sutton

#### **Nursery Volunteers for Today:**

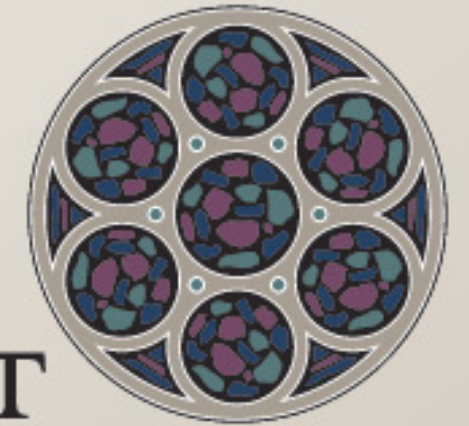
Christine Bellew, Bethany McNease,  
Erica McHard

#### **Ushers for April:**

Warren Flynt,  
Eric Leatherwood, Sam Cole,  
Morris Ames, Bobby Dews, Tommy Dews,  
Brian Aehnlich, Barnes Benton

#### **Nursery Volunteers for April 16:**

Julianne King, Kathy Young, Aubrey Conway,  
Kim Palermo, Martha Cox, Elizabeth Tullos,  
Carey Leigh Norris



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