

The Lord's Day

April 30, 2017
Eleven O'clock

*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!
We encourage you to complete the black fellowship folder
and to switch all communication devices to silent. Thank you.*

Welcome and Announcements

+Prelude..... G. Donald Gassler
“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

Call to Worship..... Psalm 2:1-6

Minister: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying,

People: Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us.

Minister: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

People: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

All: As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.

***Introit Hymn**..... arr. John Rutter
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Verse 1 (Choir and Congregation)

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Verse 2 (Choir and Congregation)

Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Verse 3 (Choir Only)

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

Verse 4 (Choir and Congregation)

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Verse 5 (Choir Only)

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its son away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Verse 6 (Choir and Congregation)

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home. Amen.

*Prayer of Adoration

***Hymn 521** SOLID ROCK
“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 130:1-4

This morning we, like the writer of this Psalm can say, “Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” This morning we come to you only by virtue of Jesus’ name. Were it not for his blood, we would find no place before you. We come to you by his perfection, affirm his steadfast love, and are thankful that you are quick to forgive us of all our sins.

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 Craig Phillips
“If You Will Only Let God Guide You”

(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 Timothy Shaw
“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”
Sanctuary Choir

Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love, fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above: often have your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall; yet upon the cross extended, you have borne the pain of all. Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow, though we see you wounded, bleeding, see your thorn encircled brow? Yet your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest; only what your grace has taught us calms the sinner's deep distress. Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you; may our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side, graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified. Amen, amen.

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Scripture Reading....Revelation 1:12-18Pew Bible p. 1028

Sermon..... Dr. Michael McKelvey
“The Portrait of Christ”

***Hymn 171** (verses 1 and 4) SCHONSTER HERR JESU
“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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

*Choral Response

***Postlude** “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” Craig Phillips

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

Presiding Minister - Dr. David Hatten Jussely
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Matthew Boyd

Missionary of the Week - Matt & Sarah Haynes in South Africa

COMMUNITY LIFE

Fifth Sunday Services, tonight, 6 p.m., Petal Presbyterian Church.

Women's Ministry Scripture Dinner, Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m., F. Hall. Contact Jaime Griffin (jstanley2976@yahoo.com or 850-255-7333) to make reservations to attend.

Save the dates: VBS registration begins May 1. Rally night is May 7, 6 p.m. VBS is scheduled for June 5-9. *Please consider being a VBS volunteer! Contact Allison Smith, Marion Curry, or Kathy Young for opportunities.*

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

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

Committees

- **Administrative Comm. Mtg.**, Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., Loft.

Meetings

- **Senior Adult Dominoes**, Tuesday, May 2, 10 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Senior Adult Luncheon**, Tuesday, May 2, 12 noon, Movie Star Restaurant.

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. 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

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Church Treasurer
Jarrod Gray

Assistant Treasurers
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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

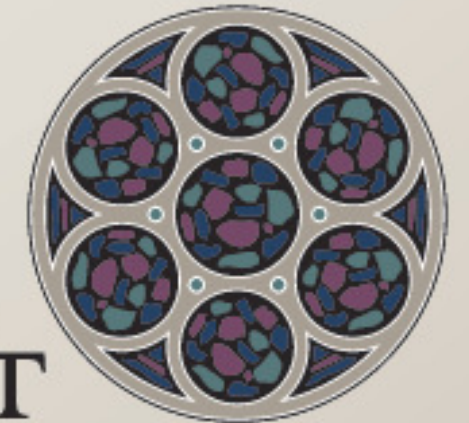
Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Subrina Johnson, Christi Dyess,
 Addison Blair Dyess

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

Nursery Volunteers for May 7:

Lisa Gunnufsen, Brad & Amanda Farris



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