

The Lord’s Day

Baccalaureate Sunday

May 7, 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..... “Aria”James Biery

Call to Worship..... Psalm 100

Minister: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
Minister: Know that the Lord is God.
People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
People: Give thanks to him and praise his name.
Minister: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.
All: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Choral Introit arr. Howard Helvey
“I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”
Sanctuary Choir
Loleeta Rhett and Dr. Ellen Elder, Pianists

***Ascription of Praise** (Hymn 76, verses 1 and 3) LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Father like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes; praise him,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

*Prayer of Adoration

***Hymn 580**.....LANCASHIRE
“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of PardonPsalm 103:8-13

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Charge to Graduates Rev. Ben Griffith

Alex Borganelli, Matthew Caulfield, Luke Hudson, Grace Jennings, Rebecca Lewis, Elizabeth Lucas, Ruth Ann Reeves, Sarah Lane Rester, Hunter Rich, Erin Smith, India Smith, Mason Starns, Carlisle Washburne

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 Gerald Near
“Deep River”

(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 arr. Craig Courtney
“I Am Bound for the Promised Land”
Sanctuary Choir
Loleeta Rhett and Dr. Ellen Elder, Pianists

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie. I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; Oh, who will come and go with me: I am bound for the promised land. Oh, the transporting, rapturous scene that rises to my sight! Sweet fields arrayed in living green, and rivers of delight! I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land. Filled with delight my raptured soul would here no longer stay; Though Jordan’s waves around me roll, fearless, I’d launch away. I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land. Oh, who will come and go with me: I am bound for the promised land.

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Scripture ReadingIsaiah 52:13-15 Pew Bible p. 613

Sermon..... Dr. Michael McKelvey
“Exaltation & Humiliation”

***Hymn 647** (verses 1-4) ST. PETER
“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

***Benediction** Dr. McKelvey

***Choral Response**Peter C. Lutkin
“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

***Postlude** “Laus Deo” Theodore Dubois

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

Presiding Minister - Rev. Ben Griffith
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder John Kosko

Missionary of the Week - Dan & Becky Young with the Center for Church Planting

COMMUNITY LIFE

Rally Night, tonight, 6 p.m. *Please join us for this special worship celebration and reception. (5:30p—K-6th Currie 205 and 206; 5:40p—2s through 4s: Currie classrooms)*

VBS registration: www.fpcpca.net. *Contact Allison Smith or Kathy Young to volunteer.*

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

Twin Lakes Camp, June 26-July 2. For more information go to www.twinlakescamp.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 16, 10 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting**, Wednesday, May 17, 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. 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

2017 SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Worship Committee: *Oversees the worship activities of the congregation, especially Sunday services and special worship meetings, and use of the sanctuary.*
Members are Dan Didier (Session Chairman), Andrew Harwell (Diaconate representative);
Class of 2017 - Grant Bennett, Mary Ann Scruggs, Louis Young; *Class of 2018* - Claudia Powell,
J. P. Culpepper, Marion Curry; *Class of 2019* - Dan Didier, Grace Jennings;
Class of 2020 - Wes Curry, Betty Arnold, Claire Kolvites

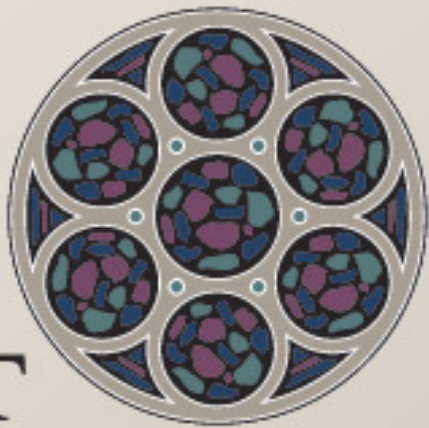
Christian Education Executive Committee: *Coordinates the regular Christian Education activities of the church for all ages from nursery to adult.*
Members are Robert Jackson, Jr. (Session Chairman), Brian Smith (Diaconate representative);
Caroline Grubbs (WIC representative); *Class of 2017* - Matthew Wiggins, Heather Starns;
Class of 2018 - Rob Jackson Jr.. Allison Smith, Bill Stanway ; *Class of 2019* - Kristin Parsons,
Whitney McMullan, Marge Crowe; *Class of 2020* - Louis Benton

Congregational Committee: *Encourages, plans, and oversees evangelism, outreach, assimilation, and shepherding for the congregation.*
Members are Ken Gunnufsen (Session Chairman), Trey Sutton (Diaconate representative);
Class of 2017 - Hugh Bolton; *Class of 2018* - Trey Sutton, Brian & Bridgett Aehnlich;
Class of 2019 - Ken Gunnufsen, Schaeffer Smith, Wyche McMullan; *Class of 2020* - John Kosko,
Brad Farris, Amanda Farris

Missions & Benevolence Committee: *Coordinates and encourages involvement with and support of local, national, and international missions and benevolences.*
Members are Shea McNease (Session Chairman), Mark Kolvites (Diaconate representative);
Class of 2017 - Keith Easterling, Molly Blass, Lynn French; *Class of 2018* - Tim Crowe, Charles Wilson, Terri Wilson, Kim Palermo, Matthew Boyd; *Class of 2019* - Shea McNease, Mary Ann Easterling, India Smith, Haley Shook, Nate Thornton; *Class of 2020* - Randy Henderson

Thanks to those serving today:

Duty Deacons for May: Mark Kolvites, Bobby Blass, Drew McMullan, Joseph Tullos, Josh Blair, Robert Dews, Wade Wicht	Nursery Volunteers for Today: Lisa Gunnufsen, Brad & Amanda Farris
Ushers for May: Brandon Powell, Caden Zaremba, Mo Karnes, Carter Smith, Brad Bailey, Brad Farris, Andrew Jakab, Chuck Jakab	Nursery Volunteers for May 14: Erin Smith, Olivia Shook, Trey Sutton, Melissa Neill



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