

The Lord’s Day

July 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..... “When Love Is Found”Emma Lou Diemer

Call to Worship..... Psalm 148

Leader - Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him
in the heights above!

**People - Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly
hosts!**

Leader - Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.
Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

**People - Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded
and they were created. He set them in their place forever and
ever. He gave a decree that they will never pass away.**

Leader - Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all
ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds
that do his bidding.

**People - Kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all
rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.**

**All - Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is
exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. He has
raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of
Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord!**

*Prayer of Adoration

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

Call to Confession..... Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they
were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up
into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax
collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank
you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or
even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I
get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his
eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a

sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather
than the other.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Romans 3:21-24

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the
law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it - the
righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory
of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus.

***Hymn 305**..... “Arise, My Soul, Arise”LENOX

***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[†]. 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^{††}, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†]i.e., Christ remained dead for three days ^{††}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 “Simple Gifts”J. Wayne Kerr

(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.

Solo “Were You There” arr. H. T. Burleigh
Lynn Sheppard

Scripture Reading 1 John 1:1-4 Pew Bible p. 1021

Sermon..... Dr. Michael McKelvey
“The Word of Life”

Hymn 264 (verses 1-2) NEAR THE CROSS
“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross”

The Lord’s Supper

***Hymn 264** (verses 3-4) NEAR THE CROSS
“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross”

***Benediction** Dr. McKelvey

***Postlude** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!” John Leavitt

*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. Ben Griffith
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Randy Henderson

Missionaries of the Week - Stephen and Berenice with MTW in Australia

COMMUNITY LIFE

Fifth Sunday Night Service, tonight, 6 p.m., at Bay Street Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday Night Supper and Activities Resume, August 16.

Adult elective classes for the fall semester:

- A Survey of the Reformation - led by Rev. Wayne Herring
- Prayer Meeting - led by Elders and Deacons
- Connections with United Christian Ministries

Inquirer's Class, Saturday, August 26, 8:30am till noon. *This is for anyone interested in church membership here at FPC. Please call the church office or Ben Griffith for more information.*

Mercy Ministry Opportunity. For the next few weeks, we are partnering with four local churches to be a collection site for supplies that are needed in the local Hattiesburg and Forrest County schools. The Fellowship Hall will be the drop-off point for items such as Kleenex, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, #2 pencils, notebook paper, pens, disinfectant spray, paper towels, erasers, and dry erase markers.

Sanctuary Choir Schedule

No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal today .

Meetings

- **Women’s Ministry Council Meeting**, Tuesday, August 1, 9:30 a.m., F.Hall. Childcare will be available by reservation to kyoung@fpcpca.net.
- **Senior Adult Dominos**, Tuesday, August 1, 10 a.m., F.Hall.
- **Senior Adult Luncheon**, Tuesday, August 1, 12 noon, at Movie Star.

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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2017 CHURCH OFFICERS

The Session

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Thanks to those serving today:

Duty Deacons for July: Schaeffer Smith, Adam Pennebaker, Gene Smith, Keith Reeves, Tony Claytor, Trey Sutton	Nursery Volunteers for Today: Betty Arnold, Sarah Arnold, Jamie Arnold
Ushers for July: Wes Crider, David Purser, Will Purser, Troy Russell, Camden Russell, Ben Rester, Will Rester, Jody Norris, Andrew Rogers, Stephen Brown	Nursery Volunteers for August 6: Natalie Wiggins, Carolyn Wiggins, Zeke Wiggins



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