

# The Lord's Day

August 6, 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**.....“Rejoice in God's Saints”..... David Cherwien

**Call to Worship**.....John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

## \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Hymn 179**..... THINE THE GLORY  
“Hallelujah! Thine the Glory”

**Call to Confession**..... 1 John 1:6-9

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Private Confession of Sin

**Assurance of Pardon** ..... Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
**Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah**

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.

**You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

**Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

**\*Hymn 460** .....AMAZING GRACE  
“Amazing Grace!”

## Sacrament of Baptism

Charlotte Rose Hightower, covenant child of Taylor and Kerrin Hightower,  
by Rev. Ben Griffith with Ruling Elder Matthew Boyd assisting.

## 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** ..... Keith Kolander  
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

**(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.

**Duet** ..... Dan Forrest  
“The God of Love My Shepherd Is”  
*Taylor & Kerrin Hightower*

**Scripture Reading** ..... 1 John 1:5-7 ..... Pew Bible p. 1021

**Sermon**..... Dr. Michael McKelvey  
“Light and Darkness”

**\*Hymn 644** ..... ST. LEONARDS  
“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

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

**\*Postlude** ..... “O Day Full of Grace” ..... Wayne Wold

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

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Presiding Minister - Rev. Ben Griffith  
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Matthew Wiggins

Missionary of the Week - Jack & Gayle Kennedy with United Christian Ministries, Inc.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

**Sunday Evening Service**, tonight, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall,  
Rev. Ben Kappers preaching.

**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**

- **Senior Adult Dominos**, Tuesday, August 15, 10 a.m., F.Hall.

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

## 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 August:**

Bobby Blass, Drew McMullan,  
Joseph Tullos, Josh Blair, Mark Kolvites,  
Robert Dews, Wade Wicht

**Nursery Volunteers for Today:**

Natalie Wiggins, Carolyn Wiggins,  
Zeke Wiggins

**Ushers for August:** Brian Aehnlich,  
Bob Satcher, Ed Allegretti, Doug Munn,  
Jeremy Van Slyke, Bailee Hickman,  
Tony Powell, Sam Powell, Davis Woodward

**Nursery Volunteers for August 13:**

Rob Acord, Nikki Acord, Lucy Jussely



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*Grace Transforms*