

The Lord’s Day

August 13, 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.....J. Bert Carlson
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Call to Worship..... Isaiah 55:1-2; Matthew 11:28

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Prayer of Adoration

***Hymn 302**..... MADRID
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Call to Confession..... Psalm 28:1-2

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon.....Psalm 28:6-8

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

***Hymn** “In Christ Alone” Getty/Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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 Gregory Hamilton
“Beautiful Savior”

(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 Mack Wilberg
“My Song is the Night”
Sanctuary Choir

O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with Thy tender love, my soul’s delight, unto Thee O Lord in affliction I call, My comfort by day and my song in the night. O why should I wander an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see, my comfort and joy, my soul’s delight, O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, my comfort and joy, my soul’s delight, O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.

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Scripture Reading1 John 1:8-10..... Pew Bible p. 1021

Sermon..... Dr. Michael McKelvey
“The Reality of Sin”

***Hymn 498** HYFRYDOL
“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

***Benediction** Dr. McKelvey

*Choral Response

***Postlude**“Lead On, O King Eternal”Michael Helman

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

Presiding Minister - Rev. Ben Griffith
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Dan Didier

Missionary of the Week - Jack Kennedy with United Christian Ministries

COMMUNITY LIFE

Sunday Evening Service, tonight, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, Rev. Knox Baird preaching.

Creation Exploration, Wednesday night kickoff, August 16.

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.*

RUF Sunday Night Fellowships. If you are interested in hosting RUF for one of our Sunday Night Fellowships please contact Ben Shaw 601-540-3624 bshaw@ruf.org.

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.

- Committees**
- **Congregation Comm. Mtg.**, Sunday, August 20, 4:30 p.m., Parlor.

- Sanctuary Choir Schedule**
- **Rehearsal**, today, 8:45 a.m., Choir Room.

- Meetings**
- **Senior Adult Dominos**, Tuesday, August 15, 10 a.m., F. Hall.
 - **Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting**, Wednesday, August 23, 7:30 p.m., CH 206.

- Wednesday Night Supper & Activities Resume**
- **Supper** at 5:30 p.m. (*Menu: School House Spaghetti, sweet corn on the cob, green beans, garlic Italian bread sticks, Lunch Lady peanut butter corn flake bars, green salad service with homemade dressings. Paleo Option: spaghetti Squash with meat sauce, green beans, green salad service. Ms. Aubrey’s Paleo chocolate mousse. (If you desire Paleo option please let us know on FB.)*)
 - **Children’s Creation Exploration** at 6:10 p.m.
 - **Adult Bible Studies** at 6:30 p.m. Select from one of the following:
 - 📖 A Survey of the Reformation, led by Rev. Wayne Herring.
 - 📖 Prayer Meeting, led by Elders and Deacons.
 - 📖 Connections with United Christian Ministries. *See Rev. Knox Baird or Rob Jackson Jr. for more information.*

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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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.

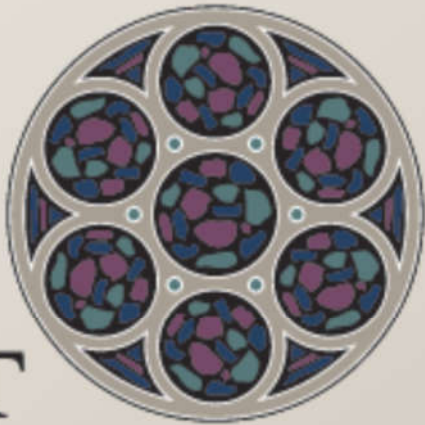
Grace transforms our communities
We believe that God’s grace enables us to extend the same patient, sacrificial pursuit of relationship which God demonstrates toward us to our various spheres of community—our families, small groups, neighborhoods, work place, volunteer associations, and civic organizations.

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 August: Bobby Blass, Drew McMullan, Joseph Tullos, Josh Blair, Mark Kolvites, Robert Dews, Wade Wicht	Nursery Volunteers for Today: Rob & Nikki Acord, Lucy Jussely
Ushers for August: Brian Aehnlich, Bob Satcher, Ed Allegetti, Doug Munn, Jeremy Van Slyke, Bailee Hickman, Tony Powell, Sam Powell, Davis Woodward	Nursery Volunteers for August 20: Mary Ann Scruggs, Pam Bolton, Caden Zaremba



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