

The Lord's Day

September 24, 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..... “Thee We Adore, O Savior” Everett Titcomb

Call to Worship..... Isaiah 6:3; Psalm 130:5; Revelation 22:13

Minister: And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

All: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

*Prayer of Adoration

***Hymn 55** TO GOD BE THE GLORY
“To God Be the Glory”

Private Confession of Sin..... Psalm 30:10

Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!

Assurance of Pardon..... Mark 1:15; John 3:17

And saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

***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

***Hymn 600** HE LEADETH ME
“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

Receiving of New Member: Madeleine Case, Wesley Saunders, Luke Sheppard

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 Josef Rheinberger
“Abide, Dearest Jesus”

(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 “Just As I Am” K. Lee Scott
Sanctuary Choir

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt

welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because my promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, height and depth to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come.

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Scripture Reading 1 John 2:12-14 Pew Bible p. 1021

Sermon..... Dr. Michael McKelvey
“Encouragement for All”

Hymn 460 (verses 1-3) AMAZING GRACE
“Amazing Grace!”

The Lord's Supper

***Hymn 460** (verses 4-6) AMAZING GRACE
“Amazing Grace!”

***Benediction** Dr. McKelvey

*Choral Response

***Postlude** “Fugue in C” J. S. Bach

*Please stand if you are able.

+The ushers may seat worshipers.

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. Knox Baird
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Keith Easterling

Missionary of the Week - Seth Starkey, RUF leader at Belhaven

COMMUNITY LIFE

Sunday Evening Service, tonight, 6 p.m., Rev. Knox Baird preaching.

RUF Sunday Night Fellowship, tonight, 7:30 p.m., hosted by the Griffith's and the Jussely's (109 Greenwood Place). All college students welcome.

Committee Meetings

- **Administrative Committee Meeting**, Wednesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m., Loft.

Sanctuary Choir Schedule

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

Meetings

- **Women's Weekly Bible Study**, Thursday, Sept. 28, 9:15-10:45 a.m., F.Hall.
- **Book Club**, Thursday, September 28, 12 noon, Parlor.
- **Fellowship Dominos**, Tuesday, October 3, 10 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Senior Adult Luncheon**, Tuesday, October 3, 12 noon, Movie Star Restaurant.
- **Women's Ministry Morning Bible Study**, Tuesday, October 10, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall.

Wednesday Night Supper & Activities Resume

- **Supper** at 5:30 p.m. *Menu: Dreaming Caribbean Night, jerk roasted pork tenderloin, spicy rice and black beans, CooCoo cornbread, green salad service, Island pineapple parfait. Paleo option: tenderloin, spicy black beans, green salad.*
- **Children's Choir & Activities** at 6:15 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.*

Contribution Summary for August 31, 2017

General Fund Contributions-August	\$104,795.52
Building Fund Contributions-August	\$701.00
Year to Date Actual Revenue	\$971,448.26
Year to Date Budgeted Revenue	\$1,246,540.00
Difference	\$(275,091.74)

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
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 Mrs. Kathy C. Young Director of Children's Ministry

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 Mrs. Kerrin Hightower Children's Choir Director

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 Mr. Don Hill Custodian
 Mrs. Pat Hill Custodian

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 September:

Brian Smith, Nathan Starns,
 Craig Thieling, Kevin Arnold,
 Jeremy Cooper, B. J. Null, Jarrod Gray

Ushers for September:

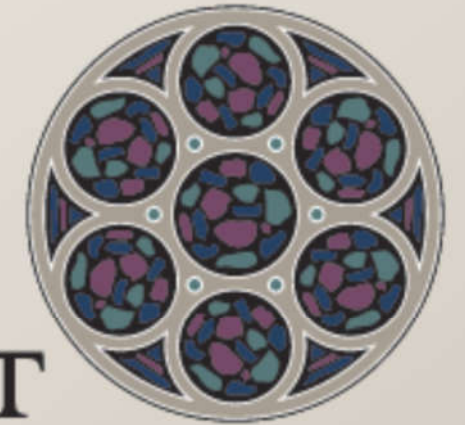
Anderson Thieling, Davis Woodward,
 John Davis Woodward, Gunnar Bolton,
 Ethan Bolton, Brandon McKenzie,
 Rob Shillito, Brandon Powell,
 Jonathan Easterling

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Joel & Sarah Bolton, Ethan Bolton,
 Piper Bolton, Gunnar Bolton

Nursery Volunteers for October 1:

Lisa Gunnufsen, Elizabeth Gregg



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