

The Lord’s Day

February 25, 2018
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**..... “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Dale Wood

Call to Worship..... Isaiah 6:1-3

Minister: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
All: And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Prayer of Adoration

***Hymn 100** NICAEA
“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Call to Confession..... Isaiah 6:4-5

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.
And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon.....Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.
And he touched my mouth and said:
“Behold, this has touched your lips;
your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

***Hymn 308** ALL TO CHRIST
“Jesus Paid It All”

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 Craig Phillips
“Meditation on ‘Ole Rockingham’”

(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 Martin Shaw
“With A Voice of Singing”
Sanctuary Choir

With a voice of singing
Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth:
"The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God all ye lands!
O sing praise to the honor of His Name!
Make His praise to be glorious!"

With a voice of singing
Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Scripture Reading Psalm 3 Pew Bible p. 448

Sermon..... Rev. Ben Griffith
“Praying in Trouble”

Hymn 246 (verses 1-3)HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!
“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

The Lord’s Supper

***Hymn 246** (verses 4-5)HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!
“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

***Benediction** Rev. Griffith

*Choral Response

***Postlude** “Lift High the Cross” Craig Phillips

*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 John Kosko

Missionary of the Week - Dr. Paul Chinchén with African Bible Colleges

COMMUNITY LIFE

Sunday Evening Worship, tonight, 6 p.m., with Matthew Wiggins preaching.

Church Officer Nomination Period, March 1 to April 8. Elder and Deacon candidates for the class of 2022 may be nominated by the congregation during this time. Please speak to a current elder or pastor if you would like more information about this process.

Inquirer’s Class, Saturday, March 3, 8:15 a.m. - 12 noon. *Please join us if you are interested in church membership here at FPC. Nursery childcare will be provided. Visit our church website for more information and to register for the class: www.fpcpca.net.*

Meetings

- **Diaconate Meeting**, Wednesday, February 28, 7:30 p.m., CH 207.
- **Women’s Thursday Morning Bible Study**, Thursday, March 1, 9:15-10:45 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Women’s Ministry Council Meeting**, Tuesday, March 6, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Book Club**, Thursday, March 8, 12 noon, Parlor.

Wednesday Night Supper & Activities

- **Supper** at 5:30 p.m. (*Menu: Lasagna Night – homemade sausage and ricotta cheese lasagna, green beans, sweet corn, garlic bread sticks, green salad service with homemade dressings, fresh baked cookies.*)
- **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** at 6:15 p.m. in Adult Choir Room.
- **Children’s Choir & Activities** at 6:15 p.m.
- **Adult Bible Studies** at 6:30 p.m.
 - 📖 Christian Worldview, led by Tim Crowe and Steve Brown.
 - 📖 “Getting to the Heart of Parenting”, led by Dr. David Jussely, Grant & Leah Claire Bennett, and Louis & Kathy Young
 - 📖 Connections with United Christian Ministries.

Contribution Summary for January 31, 2018

General Fund Contributions	\$102,228.42
Building Fund Contributions	\$470.00
Year to Date Actual Revenue	\$103,969.74
Year to Date Budgeted Revenue	\$145,833.37
Difference	\$(41,863.63)

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

Mr. Jesse Noote Director of Music Ministries
Mrs. Loleeta Rhett Organist, 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

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.

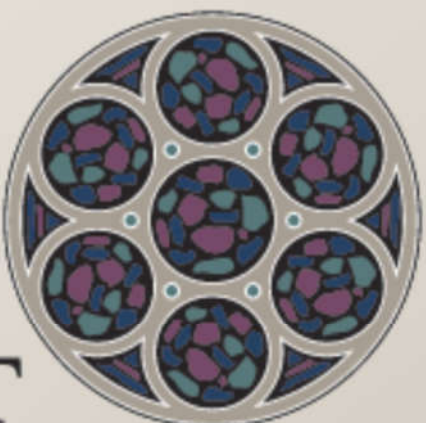
Grace transforms our callings
We believe that God’s grace not only calls us to be saved, but calls us into a variety of vocations. We are workers with God in our homes, careers, church, and city to seek the flourishing of God’s world and the extension of Christ’s Lordship through work done well.

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 February: Drew McMullan, Bobby Blass, Warren Flynt, Mark Kolvites, Tommy Shook, Joseph Tullos, Robbie Johnson	Nursery Volunteers for Today: Michelle Didier, Merrill Didier
	Nursery Volunteers for March 4: Robin Reeves, Anita Henderson

Ushers for February:
Glenn Mangum, Ed Allegretti,
Brian Aehnlich, Ethan Bolton,
Gunnar Bolton, Doug Munn, Wes Crider



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