

The Lord's Day

March 18, 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 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”David Cherwien

Call to WorshipHebrews 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-18

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Prayer of Adoration

***Hymn 173**..... “Praise Him! Praise Him!” JOYFUL SONG

Call to ConfessionHebrews 4:13-16

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Colossians 1:19-22

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,
in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

***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..... “The Lord's My Shepherd” Charles Callahan

(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..... “Be Still, My Soul”Jesse Noote

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Author: Kathrina von Schlegel; translated Jane Borthwick (1855); tune Finlandia/Sibelius 1899

Scripture ReadingPsalm 5..... Pew Bible p. 449

Sermon Rev. Ben Griffith
“Praying In Tension”

***Hymn 629** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”WHAT A FRIEND

***Benediction**..... Rev. Griffith

***Postlude** “Trumpet Tune in D” Henry Purcell

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

Presiding Minister - Rev. Ben Griffith
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Shea McNease

Missionary of the Week - Beginning Again in Christ, Inc.

COMMUNITY LIFE

EASTER SERVICES

No Wednesday Night Supper or Activities on March 28.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, March 29, 7 p.m.

Good Friday, Church office closed.

Easter Sunday Schedule:

7 a.m. - Sunrise Service at Canebroke 18th Green

10 a.m. - Morning Worship Service in Sanctuary

No Sunday School or Evening Worship Service.

Sunday Evening Worship, tonight, 6 p.m., with Rev. Scott Moore preaching.

Against The Flow Retreat, March 23-25, junior and senior high retreat at Twin Lakes Conference Center.

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.

Save the Dates: Rally Night is May 6th, VBS is June 4-8. To find out more about attending Twin Lakes Summer Camp or a scholarship to assist, contact Kathy by email.

Committees

- **Missions Committee Meeting**, today, 5:15 p.m., Parlor.
- **Congregational Committee Mtg.**, Sunday, March 25, 4:45 p.m., Parlor.

Meetings

- **Women's Ministry Evening Bible Study**, Monday, March 19, 6 p.m.
- **Fellowship Dominos**, Tuesday, March 20, 10 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Session Meeting**, Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., CH 205.
- **Women's Ministry Thursday Morning Bible Study**, Thursday, March 22, 9:15-10:45 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Diaconate Meeting**, Wednesday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., CH 207.

Wednesday Night Supper & Activities

- **Supper** at 5:30 p.m. (*Menu: County Breakfast! Sausage and bacon, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs and grits, frosted cinnamon rolls, fruit salad.*)
- **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.

Contribution Summary for February 28, 2018

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| General Fund Contributions | \$142,126.37 |
| Building Fund Contributions | \$407.65 |
| Year to Date Actual Revenue | \$246,149.97 |
| Year to Date Budgeted Revenue | \$291,666.70 |
| Difference | \$(45,516.73) |

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

2018 CHURCH OFFICERS

The Session

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| <u>CLASS OF 2018</u> Matthew Boyd Robert T. Jackson, Jr. Bill Stanway | <u>CLASS OF 2019</u> Dan Didier Ken Gunnufsen Wyche McMullan Shea McNease | <u>CLASS OF 2020</u> Louis Benton Wes Curry Randy Henderson John Kosko | <u>CLASS OF 2021</u> Robert Jackson, Sr. Arrington Rhett |
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| Frank Aderholdt John M. Faust Robert T. Jackson, Sr. David Shull | James (Pat) Chambless Henry Hawes Richard A. Johnson | James L. Duncan II John R. Jackson Jr. William C. Scruggs |
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The Diaconate

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| <u>CLASS OF 2018</u> Kevin Arnold Bobby Blass Drew McMullan Gene Smith Schaeffer Smith | <u>CLASS OF 2019</u> Jeremy Cooper Michael Griffin Robbie Johnson Mark Kolvites Drew Middleton Adam Pennebaker Keith Reeves Stuart Rich | <u>CLASS OF 2020</u> Josh Bellew Tony Claytor D Palermo Troy Russell Tommy Shook Brian Smith Trey Sutton Joseph Tullos | <u>CLASS OF 2021</u> Brad Bailey Warren Flynt Rob King Quentin Parsons Rob Robertson Charles Wilson |
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Church Treasurer
Schaeffer Smith

Assistant Treasurer
Rob King

Thanks to those serving today:

Duty Deacons for March:

Kevin Arnold, Josh Bellew,
 Jeremy Cooper, Quentin Parsons,
 Troy Russell, Brian Smith, Charles Wilson

Ushers for March:

Jack Boyd, Will Purser, Charles Greer V,
 Charlie Greer VI, Steve Seales,
 Jimmy Alston, Ed Wallace, Keith Satcher,
 Bob Satcher, Quentin Nichols

Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Sarah Spencer, Sarah Spencer, John Spencer

Nursery Volunteers for March 25:

Jenny Jackson, Katherine Jackson,
 Elizabeth Jackson



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