

The Lord’s Day

October 14, 2012
Ten Fifty O’clock

“And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD his God.” (Micah 5:4)

Please switch all communications devices to silent mode. Thank you.

Welcome and Announcements

+Prelude..... “God of Grace and God of Glory”Paul Manz

Call to Worship..... Isaiah 44:1-5

Minister: But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!
Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you:
People: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, the one whom I have chosen.
For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Minister: They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, ‘I am the LORD's,’ another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, ‘The LORD's,’ and name himself by the name of Israel.”

All: Amen! Let us worship our God!

Choral Introit Douglas Wagner
“Let Us Make a Joyful Noise”
Sanctuary Choir

*Ascription of Praise (Hymn 735) GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Prayer of Adoration Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

*Hymn No. 340 FEDERAL STREET
“Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell”

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 44:21-22

All too often our guilt and shame from our love of sinning covers us like a dark cloud. But the Good News tells us that God has dealt with our sins: “Remember these things, O Jacob, for you are my servant, O Israel. I have made you, you are my servant; O Israel, I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.” Thanks be to God that his redemption blows our sins away and allows the light of his love to shine through to us!

Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 88: What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?

Answer: The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Question 89: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

Answer: The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

Question 90: How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

Answer: That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Sacrament of Baptism

Nell Gipson Pennebaker, covenant child of Adam and Laura Pennebaker, Caden Lane Engleman and Chandler Edward Engleman, covenant children of Ms. Tyler McGraw Engleman, by Dr. Sean Michael Lucas with Dr. Joel G. Payne, Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, and Ruling Elder Dr. Louis Benton 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 Friedrich Marpurg
“From God Shall Naught Divide Me”

(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 Howard Helvey
“King of Glory, King of Peace”
Sanctuary Choir

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou has spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee; and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; even eternity’s too short to extol thee.

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Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Text 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Pew Bible p. 957

Sermon..... Rev. Michael Campbell
“Transforming Grace and the Mandate of the Gospel”

*Hymn No. 263.....“Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER

*Benediction

Choral Response

*Postlude “Ceremonial March” Herbert Sumsion

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

Presiding Minister - Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Visitors - Visitors are encouraged to pick up a copy of the First Presbyterian Church newsletter in the Narthex or at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

Notes on the Service

This morning is the second service in our annual Bible conference. We are so pleased to have with us the Rev. Michael Campbell, senior pastor of Redeemer Church, PCA, Jackson, Mississippi. A graduate of King College and Covenant Theological Seminary, the Rev. Campbell served as pastor of Pinelands Presbyterian Church, Miami, Florida, before coming to Jackson. He and his wife, Keren, have three children. The Redeemer Church is a multi-ethnic congregation committed to glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ and proclaiming his Gospel in Jackson and around the world.

Our service this morning is framed around Isaiah 44. Our call to worship tells us that God’s covenant promise is to pour out his Spirit upon his people—it is his electing purpose that grounds his covenant promise to be a God to us and our children. He here promises to pour out his Spirit upon our children, a promise which Peter references in Acts 2:38-39.

And our assurance of pardon also comes from Isaiah 44. Our sins and transgressions often feeling overwhelming; they “threaten hard to bear us down.” But God’s Gospel promise is to blow away the clouds and mists caused by our sin. Like a strong north wind, he blows away the clouds and fog, the heat and humidity, caused by our failings, so that we might rejoice in him afresh, knowing the light of his countenance. No wonder we cry out, “Thanks be to God!”

These covenant promises—that God will pour out his Spirit on us and our children and that God will redeem us in such a way that our sins will be no more—give us hope as we bring our children to be baptized. As Adam and Laura Pennebaker and Tyler Engleman claim God’s covenant promises for their children, they do so in the sure confidence that God will keep those promises; he will honor his Word; he will look at this covenant sign and remember.

As we respond to God’s Word this morning, let us hear the call of God’s Word to become all things to all men in order to win some as a call to lift high Christ’s cross. As we do, we express a longing for God’s Kingdom to come and for men and women to know the glories of Christ’s mercy, joy, and forgiveness. May this hymn express your heart’s deepest aspiration: “Lift high the cross! The love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name!”

If you would like a copy of today’s sermon, please call the church office (601-268-0303). The entire service, as well as just the sermon, is available on CD. You may also download the sermon only from our website at www.fpcpc.net.

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	Mugger for today: Ken Gunnfusen

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