

# The Lord's Day

October 1, 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**..... “Two Variations on ‘Beach Spring’” .....Gary Smoke

**Call to Worship**..... Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**People: Put not your trust in princes; in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**People: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

**All: The Lord will reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

## \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Hymn 57** ..... RIPLEY  
“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of

temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** ..... Psalm 103:8-11

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

**\*Hymn 649**.....MORE LOVE TO THEE  
“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

## 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** ..... S. Karg-Elert  
“Prayer”

**(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** ..... arr. Laura Bergquist  
“It Is Well with My Soul”  
*Laura Broughton*

**Scripture Reading** ..... 1 John 2:15-17 ..... Pew Bible p. 1022

**Sermon**..... Dr. Michael McKelvey  
“Do Not Love the World”

**\*Hymn 481**..... LEMMEL  
“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

**\*Benediction**..... Dr. McKelvey

**\*Postlude** ..... Michael Burkhardt  
“Toccata on ‘All Glory, Laud and Honor’”

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

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Presiding Minister - Rev. Ben Griffith  
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Robert T. Jackson, Jr.

Missionary of the Week - Betsy Christiansen, medical missionary with MTW Disaster Response Team

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## 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

Dr. Larry D. Smith ..... Choir Director  
Dr. Samuel Porter ..... Organist  
Mrs. Loleeta Rhett ..... 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

## 2017 SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

**Worship Committee:** Oversees the worship activities of the congregation, especially Sunday services and special worship meetings, and use of the sanctuary.

Members are Dan Didier (Session Chairman), Andrew Harwell (Diaconate representative);  
*Class of 2017* - Grant Bennett, Mary Ann Scruggs, Louis Young; *Class of 2018* - Claudia Powell,  
J. P. Culpepper, Marion Curry; *Class of 2019* - Dan Didier, Grace Jennings;  
*Class of 2020* - Wes Curry, Betty Arnold, Claire Kolvites

**Christian Education Executive Committee:** Coordinates the regular Christian Education activities of the church for all ages from nursery to adult.

Members are Robert Jackson, Jr. (Session Chairman), Brian Smith (Diaconate representative);  
Caroline Grubbs (WIC representative); *Class of 2017* - Matthew Wiggins, Heather Starns;  
*Class of 2018* - Rob Jackson Jr., Allison Smith, Bill Stanway; *Class of 2019* - Kristin Parsons,  
Whitney McMullan, Marge Crowe; *Class of 2020* - Louis Benton

**Congregational Committee:** Encourages, plans, and oversees evangelism, outreach, assimilation, and shepherding for the congregation.

Members are Ken Gunnufsen (Session Chairman), Trey Sutton (Diaconate representative);  
*Class of 2017* - Hugh Bolton; *Class of 2018* - Trey Sutton, Brian & Bridgett Aehnlich;  
*Class of 2019* - Ken Gunnufsen, Schaeffer Smith, Wyche McMullan; *Class of 2020* - John Kosko,  
Brad Farris, Amanda Farris

**Missions & Benevolence Committee:** Coordinates and encourages involvement with and support of local, national, and international missions and benevolences.

Members are Shea McNease (Session Chairman), Mark Kolvites (Diaconate representative);  
*Class of 2017* - Keith Easterling, Molly Blass, Lynn French; *Class of 2018* - Tim Crowe, Charles  
Wilson, Terri Wilson, Kim Palermo, Matthew Boyd; *Class of 2019* - Shea McNease, Mary Ann  
Easterling, India Smith, Haley Shook, Nate Thornton; *Class of 2020* - Randy Henderson

### Thanks to those serving today:

#### Duty Deacons for October:

Trey Sutton, Schaeffer Smith,  
Andrew Harwell, Eric Jordan,  
Adam Pennebaker, Keith Reeves,  
Gene Smith, Tony Claytor

#### Nursery Volunteers for Today:

Lisa Gunnufsen, Elizabeth Gregg

#### Nursery Volunteers for October 8:

Shea & Bethany McNease

#### Ushers for October:

Graham Hightower, David French,  
Russ Middleton, John Spencer,  
Dennis McLaughran, Bob Neill,  
Steve Seales, Stephen Tucker,  
Stewart Williford

## Fall Bible Conference with Dr. Dan Doriani

October 21-22

**Sunday Evening Service**, tonight, 6 p.m., Dr. David Jussely preaching.

**RUF Sunday Night Fellowship**, tonight, 7:30 p.m., hosted by Adam & Laura Pennebaker (101 Danbury Lane). All college students welcome.

**Sunday Night Youth Fellowship**, tonight, 7-8:30 p.m., in Mac Hall.

**Fifth Sunday Services**, October 22, 6 p.m., at First Pres.

### Committee Meetings

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

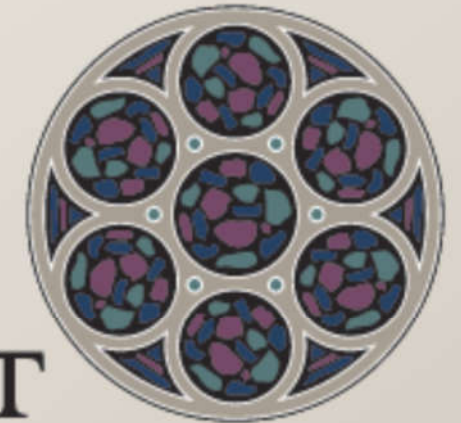
### Meetings

- **Women's Ministry Morning Bible Study**, Tuesday, October 10, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Women's Ministry Thursday Bible Study**, Thursday, October 12, 9:15-10:45 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Women's Ministry Monday Evening Bible Study**, Monday, October 16, 6 p.m.
- **Fellowship Dominos**, Tuesday, October 17, 10 a.m., F. Hall.
- **Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting**, Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m., CH 206.

### Wednesday Night Supper & Activities Resume

- **Supper** at 5:30 p.m. Menu: roasted lemon chicken with thyme, green beans, roasted carrots, homemade mac and cheese, green salad service. Dessert choice of lemon cake or tiramisu.
- **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.

If you would like a copy of today's service, visit our website, [www.fpcpca.net/sermons](http://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).



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HATTIESBURG, MS 39402

*Grace Transforms*