

# The Lord’s Day

October 15, 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..... “Andante in C” ..... Cesar Franck

Call to Worship..... Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come  
**People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.  
**People: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
**People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**  
Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
**All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

## \*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn 122 ... “God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory” ..... ODE TO JOY

Call to Confession.....Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 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.

## Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon..... Hebrews 4:14-16

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.

\*Hymn ..... Bancroft/Cook  
“Before The Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea;  
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable "I AM,"  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

## 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 .....Robert Hebble  
“Jesus Loves 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 ..... “I Choose You” .....Deborah Govenor  
*Sanctuary Choir  
Galit Kaunitz, Oboe*

When I am weak and heavy-laden, Christ comes to me and I can hear Him say, “Lean on Me, I am your refuge; Trust in Me and do not be afraid. I choose you to be My beloved, I choose you to be My joy. I choose you to live with Me forever; I choose you, I choose you.” When days are dark, and nights seem endless, when I am lost and cannot find my way, Christ is my light, my comfort, I call on Him and then I hear Him say, “I choose you to be My beloved, I choose you to be My joy, I choose you to live with Me forever, I choose you, I choose you. I choose you, My beloved, I choose you My joy; I choose you to live with Me forever, I choose you, I choose you.”

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Scripture Reading ..... 1 John 2:17 ..... Pew Bible p. 1021

Sermon..... Dr. Michael McKelvey  
“Passing Away and Abiding”

\*Hymn 402 ..... EVENTIDE  
“Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide”

\*Benediction ..... Dr. McKelvey

## \*Choral Response

\*Postlude ..... “Rondeau in D” ..... J. J. Mouret

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

Presiding Minister - Rev. Ben Griffith  
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Wes Curry

Missionary of the Week - Jack and Nell Chinchon with African Bible Colleges

Flower - The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of C. L. Dews III by the Dews Family.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Fall Bible Conference *with Dr. Dan Doriani*

this coming weekend, October 21-22

*We will have a Reformation Celebration  
during the Bible Conference for children ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.*

**Sunday Evening Service**, tonight, 6 p.m., Rev. Ben Griffith  
preaching.

*No Wednesday night supper or activities this week due to Fall Bible Conference.*

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

**Upcoming Communicant's Class.** *Contact Kathy to register for upcoming  
Communicant's Class.*

### Sanctuary Choir Schedule

- **Rehearsal**, today, 8:45 a.m., Choir Room.
- **Sanctuary Choir Christmas Rehearsal**, tonight, 7:15 p.m., Choir  
Room.

### Meetings

- **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.
- **Women's Ministry Thursday Bible Study**, Thursday, October 19,  
9:15-10:45 a.m., F. Hall.

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).

## 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 CHURCH OFFICERS

### *The Session*

<u>CLASS OF 2017</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2018</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2019</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2020</u>
Grant Bennett	Matthew Boyd	Dan Didier	Louis Benton
Hugh Bolton	Robert T. Jackson, Jr.	Ken Gunnufsen	Wes Curry
Keith Easterling	Bill Stanway	Wyche McMullan	Randy Henderson
Matthew Wiggins		Shea McNease	John Kosko

### *Elders Emeriti*

Frank Aderholdt	James (Pat) Chambliss	James L. Duncan II
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David Shull		

### *The Diaconate*

<u>CLASS OF 2017</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2018</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2019</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2020</u>
Josh Blair	Kevin Arnold	Jeremy Cooper	Tony Claytor
Robert Dews	Bobby Blass	Mark Kolvites	Brian Smith
Jarrold Gray	Drew McMullan	Adam Pennebaker	Trey Sutton
Andrew Harwell	Gene Smith	Keith Reeves	Joseph Tullos
Eric Jordan	Schaeffer Smith		
B.J. Null			
Nathan Starns			
Craig Thieling			
Wade Wicht			

### *Church Treasurer*

Jarrold Gray

### *Assistant Treasurers*

Adam Pennebaker  
Ron Keller  
Schaeffer Smith

### Thanks to those serving today:

#### **Duty Deacons for October:**

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

#### **Nursery Volunteers for Today:**

Delaney Dukes, Terri Wilson,  
Haley Woodward

#### **Ushers for October:**

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

#### **Nursery Volunteers for October 22:**

Christi Dyess, Addison Blair Dyess



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*Grace Transforms*