

# The Lord's Day

November 26, 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** ..... “He Comes to Us As One Unknown” .....David Cherwien

**Call to Worship** ..... Psalm 108:1-4

Minister: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

**People: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

**All: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

## \*Prayer of Adoration

**\*Hymn 80** ..... RIPLEY  
“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

## Private Confession of Sin

**Assurance of Pardon** .....John 3:16-18

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

**\*Hymn** ..... “How Deep the Father’s Love” ..... Stuart Townend

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss -  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart -  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**..... The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell<sup>†</sup>. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church<sup>††</sup>, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>†</sup>i.e., Christ remained dead for three days    <sup>††</sup>i.e., the universal Christian Church

## 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**..... “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” .....John Leavitt

**(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** ..... “An Advent Prayer” ..... Allen Pote  
*Sanctuary Choir*

Come holy Jesus, come to free us from our sin. Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within. Inspire each heart with illumined surprise, enkindle a flame anew. Increase our faith and strengthen our lives, show us the joy of living life in you. Come holy Jesus, come to free us from our sin. Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within. Amen.

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**Scripture Reading** ..... 1 John 3:1 ..... Pew Bible p. 1022

**Sermon** ..... “What a Love!” .....Dr. Michael McKelvey

**Hymn 703** (verses 1-2) ..... EVERLASTING LOVE  
“Loved with Everlasting Love”

## The Lord’s Supper

**\*Hymn 703** (verses 3-4) ..... EVERLASTING LOVE  
“Loved with Everlasting Love”

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

## \*Choral Response

**\*Postlude** ..... Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
“Now Thank We All Our God”

\*Please stand if you are able.

+The ushers may seat worshipers.

## 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 - Dr. David Jussely  
Assisting Elder - Ruling Elder Louis Benton

Flowers - The flowers in the west transept are given to the glory of God and in honor of all Christian fathers and in memory of Howard Heiden. Serene and strong in faith of our Lord, are fathers who provide a safe harbor for their children. Thank you Christian fathers for giving us this very great gift.

The flowers in the east transept are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Katherine Bagby by Jimmy & Frances Alston and the Michael Griffin family.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

**Sunday Evening Worship**, tonight, 6 p.m., Rev. Knox Baird preaching. Sharing spirituals and hymn arrangements will be "The Singing Men," under the direction of Larry Smith, their former teacher.

**Children's Choir (2nd-6th grade) Final Rehearsal**, Wednesday, November 29, 6:00- 6:45 p.m., Sanctuary. (\*Please note the time change since our regular Wednesday programs ended on 11/15 for the year!)

## Sanctuary Choir Schedule

- **Rehearsal**, today, 8:45 a.m., Choir Room.

## Meetings

- **Book Club**, Thursday, November 30, 12 noon, Parlor.
- **Hope for Hattiesburg Meeting**, Sunday December 3, 4:30 p.m., Library.
- **Women's Ministry Council Meeting**, Tuesday, December 5, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall
- **Fellowship Dominos**, Tuesday, December 5, 10 a.m., F. Hall.

## Contribution Summary for October 31, 2017

General Fund Contributions-October	\$132,904.34
Building Fund Contributions-October	\$1,800.00
Year to Date Actual Revenue	\$1,221,128.62
Year to Date Budgeted Revenue	\$1,558,175.00
Difference	\$(337,046.38)

### DECEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

<b>December 3<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	AM – Rev. Ben Griffith preaching PM – White Gift Service
<b>December 10<sup>th</sup>:</b>	AM – Rev. Ben Griffith preaching PM – Lessons and Carols service
<b>December 17<sup>th</sup>:</b>	AM – Rev. Ben Griffith preaching PM – Christmas Hymn Sing
<b>December 24<sup>th</sup>:</b>	AM – Service at 10:30 with Dr. David Jussely preaching; No Sunday School PM – Christmas Eve communion service
<b>December 31<sup>st</sup>:</b>	AM – Service at 10:30 with Rev. Knox Baird preaching; No Sunday School PM – No evening service

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

### 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 November:**

Joseph Tullos, Robert Dews, Wade Wicht,  
Drew McMullan, Bobby Blass,  
Mark Kolvites, Josh Blair

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

Renee Mangum, Teresa Mangum,  
Lauren Satcher

#### **Ushers for November:**

John Davis Woodward, Ed Allegretti,  
Lance Mangum, John Patrick Garriga,  
Charles Greer, V, Charlie Greer, VI,  
Chuck Jakab, Andrew Jakab,  
Russ Middleton, Alex Hudson

#### **Nursery Volunteers for December 3:**

Audie Shook, Hailey Shook, Olivia Shook



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*Grace Transforms*