

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (Hymn 447)

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your attendance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will provide contact information, especially your email address, so that we may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

OLD TESTAMENT READING # (Pew Bible, p. 64 OT) Exodus 17:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING # (Pew Bible, p. 94 NT) John 4:4-26
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (8:45) *Who Crucified My Lord* Ralph Betcher
Chancel Choir
(11:00) *Pie Jesu* arr. Sanders
Jubilate Ringers

THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:00) — *Adeline Hazel Aynes*
Daughter of Amanda and Ronnie Aynes

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

At the 11:00 service, when this time is concluded, children pre-school through 2nd grade are invited to join the leader to go to children's church. The rest may return to sit with their family in the sanctuary.

*HYMN 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SERMON *Situation Normal* Harry C. Meissner

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:45) 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; 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; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SILENT PRAYER, CONCLUDING PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Herbert Colvin

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (8:45) *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace* American folk melody
Chancel Choir

VOLUNTARY *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* Franz Lubrich

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Ron Bettis,, (11:00) Clarence Greer
** Deacon - (8:45) Karen Hunt, (11:00) Barbara Follansbee
Acolyte - MacKenzie Aynes (11:00)

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of **Frances Hair**, whose memorial service is today.

Today's Schedule - March 19

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir
9:45 a.m. - Alleluia Singers
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:15 p.m. - Youth Bells
3:00 p.m. - Frances Hair Memorial Service

Monday

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday - Wednesday Night Live Schedule

4:45 p.m. - Alleluia Chimes
5:45 p.m. - Dinner in Wilbanks Hall
6:30 p.m. - Classes and Activities
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday - March 26

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
9:45 a.m. - Alleluia Singers
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

A large group of FPC women will be away at the Women's Retreat **next weekend**. Several of our youth and sponsors will be at Youthquake that same weekend.

The Interim Pastor will be away this next week **end** through Tuesday. He will return to the office on Wednesday, March 29.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Harry C. Meissner—Interim Pastor
Casey McCollough—Director of Music
B. J. Mauldin—Organist/Keyboard Musician
Renee Stormer—Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks—Pastor Emeritus



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March 19, 2017

Third Sunday in Lent

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Large print hymnals or music sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *There In God's Garden* Robert Buckley Farley

CHORAL INTROIT *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Southern Harmony, 1835
Chancel Choir (8:45), Solo (11:00)

This is a "call and response" song. When the choir (or soloist) has sung the verse (call), the congregation is invited (to remain seated) to join in with the refrain (response).

**I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2, Ezekiel 36:26*
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and a new mind. I will take away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart.

*HYMN 8 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.