



First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Fugue in C Major"
(The "Fanfare" Fugue)
J.S. Bach

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Maintain justice, and do what is right.

God our Savior is coming soon.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord; we have allowed this world to shape our expectations. You give us far better than we have earned, but we still grumble that our pay is inadequate and unfair. You call us to prefer others, but we strive to be first. You call us to freedom and rest, yet we toil at endless tasks and impose such

labor on others. You call us to love and serve you, yet we serve gods of profit and production; they swallow us alive. Redeem us, O Lord. Transform and renew us, that we might discern your will--what is good and acceptable for all.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:1-16 (p. 801)

ANTHEM "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"
setting by David Dahl

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***Children ages 4-3rd grade leave for Children's Worship*

ORGAN INTERLUDE "Light Dawns on A Weary World"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:17-28 (p. 922)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Wacky Payroll"
Rev. Dr. Robert Lueck

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #847 "Our Hope, Our Life"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Westminster
Confession of Faith*
(Chapter III, Of God's Eternal Decrees)

Those predestined unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to his eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of his will, hath chosen in Christ, unto everlasting glory, out of his free grace and love alone, without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving him thereunto; and all to the praise of his glorious grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"
J.S. Bach

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #774 "There Is Now a New Creation"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

WORSHIP NOTES

Tom Presler is today's liturgist.

Will Arrington is today's audio visual specialist.

***Please stand if you are able.**

****Children's Worship is located in the Chapel outside of the church office.**

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, August 20

9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

Young Children's Music (until 9:15)

Monday, August 21 ECLIPSE! OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, August 22

5:30pm Yoga

Wednesday, August 23

11:15am Prayer Circle in the library

6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A

7:00pm Adult Choir

Thursday, August 24

9:00am Yoga

10:30am Staff Meeting

Wifi

To connect and use Wifi while you are in the building:

Network: FPCGuest
Password: Welcome2fpc

Service Notes

Pastor Greg is beginning to experiment with the use of on-screen enhancements to our worship service. If you wish to participate online today, connect to nearpod.com and enter the code for the service when it is provided.



LOOKING AHEAD:

August 27 Preschool Open House

August 28 PW Dinner and Fun Night (see announcement)

September 4 Office Closed for Labor Day

September 6 New Testament in Greek (see announcement)

September 10 Church Picnic (see announcement)

October 7 Louisiana Saturday Nite (see announcement)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG CHILDREN'S MUSIC begins today from 9:00-9:15am. Talk with Beth Glover for more information.

PW DINNER is August 28 at 6pm. Ladies come join us in the fellowship hall, when we will kick off the school year together. Laura Black and Emily Vaughn have planned another entertaining game night for us. Dinner is \$11.00. Three ways to register (choose one, one time): 1) Call the office 2) Check RSVP Box for PW Dinner on Information Tear-Off Card 3) Bulletin Board sign-up sheet.

INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT GREEK

Pastor Greg will begin a two-semester introductory Greek class on Wednesdays, beginning **September 6 in the FPC Library, 6-8pm.** The course will include reading and analysis of selected New Testament texts and will explore the nature of biblical translation. This class is free and open to the public (a \$50 contribution made out to FPC) per semester is recommended to non-members.

The Annual Congregational Potluck Picnic will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 10, from 3-5 pm** at the Hudson Farm on Rosson Road. The picnic takes the place of the 2nd Sunday Lunch. The Fellowship Committee will grill hamburgers and hot dogs and provide potato chips, drinks, plates, cups, & eating utensils. You are asked to bring a large picnic-type dish that will serve 10-12 (i.e. baked beans, deviled eggs, potato salad, slaw, casseroles, fruit or veggie plates, brownies, pies, cookies, etc.). We will have hayrides and volleyball games. Bring quilts and/or lawn chairs to sit on plus old shoes/towels for creek-wading. You are invited to bring sports equipment such as Frisbees, badminton, kick balls, gloves & balls, etc. Maps to the farm are available in the vestibule and on the table outside the church office. Please join us for an old-fashioned dinner-on-the-grounds congregational picnic!



MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate
10:00am Service

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

- Member(s) Visitor(s)
 I will attend PW Dinner I need child care
 Members please indicate any changes in info.

Are You Interested In (circle as many as you like):

Fellowship Sunday School Small Group Study

Meet with Pastor Baptism Membership Choir

Other: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

LOAVES & FISHES Save the Date!

The major fundraiser for Loaves & Fishes, LOUISIANA SATURDAY NITE, is **October 7th from 4:30-7:00pm** at the L&F Soup Kitchen located at the FPC Activities Center (corner of Foster and Third). There will be a delicious Louisiana Cajun meal along with music. Dinner includes Chicken and Andouille Sausage Gumbo with rice, slaw, roll, praline and a drink. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the church office, Eventbrite or through Charlie Keene, Tam Long, Issac Wright, Jill Crow or Diane Miner. We will be available before and after church service *the first and second Sunday of September and first Sunday of October outside the church* to buy tickets. For more ticket and sponsor information go to loavesandfishestn.org or eventbrite.com Remember you can dine in or carry out!

