

First Presbyterian Church

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort,
to all who struggle and desire victory, to all who sin and need a Savior,
to all who are strangers and want fellowship,
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Day SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

Prelude Barbara Mindeman, Flute
“How Great Thou Art” arr. by John Purifoy

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

– 1 Peter 1:13

Adult Choir

“Holy Is the Lord” by Franz Schubert

†Call to Worship (*To be read responsively*) Rev. Chris Ehlers
Psalms 92:1-5

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name,
O Most High;

People: To declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

People: For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

Leader: How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

†Hymns No. 100 (vv. 1,2,4)
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

No. 30 (vv. 1,2,3,4,7)
“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

†Prayer of Adoration Rev. Robert Row

†Hymn bulletin (vv. 1,2)
“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Affirmation of Faith (*To be read responsively*) Rev. Robert Row
New City Catechism Q&A #18

Leader: Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

People: No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against His righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in His just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

All: For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

– *Ephesians 5:5-6*

Public Confession of Sin (*To be read in unison*) Rev. Robert Row
Adapted from Valley of Vision

Lord, we come to You this morning aware of our need for Your grace. We have fallen short of Your glory and not lived as kings and queens under Your lordship. We have sought to build our own kingdoms rather than Yours; to run after pleasures apart from Your presence; to desire fame from others rather than honor from You. We call out for Your mercy. Forgive us of our sins.

Private Confession of Sin

Song of Assurance bulletin (vs. 3)
“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Prayer for God's People Rev. Chris Ehlers

Offertory Adult Choir with Kelly McClanahan
“Press On” by Dan Burgess

When the valley is deep, when the mountain is steep, when the body is weary,
when we stumble and fall, when the choices are hard, when we're battered
and scarred, when we've spent our resources, when we've given our all—

Chorus: In Jesus' name we press on, in Jesus' name we press on. Dear Lord,
with the prize clear before our eyes, we find Your strength to press on.

Repeat

†Greeting of Peace & Dismissal of Children

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

**Children's church for 4 years old through 1st grade is available at this time in the PreK-K room. Leaders will meet children at the left front doors of the Sanctuary.*

†Gloria Patri No. 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

†Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Ehlers
Philippians 3:12-13 (pg. 981 in pew Bible)

Sermon Rev. Chris Ehlers
“The Pursuit of Holiness”

†Closing Hymn No. 100 (vs. 4)
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

†The Benediction Rev. Chris Ehlers

Postlude David Stultz, Organ
“Fugue in D Major” by J. S. Bach

†The Congregation will please stand.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Leroy Smith by his family, to the praise and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Flowers will be arranged and delivered today following the late worship service by the GAP Bible Study. God's people served so beautifully throughout the month!)

Announcements are available at the entrances or www.FPCChatt.com.

Sermon Notes:

He Will Hold Me Fast

(When I Fear My Faith Will Fail)

Words vv. 1-2 by Ada Habershon (1861-1918)

Alt. words vv.1-2, words v.3, and Music by Matt Merker

Full of Hope (♩ = 66)
(v3:Em7)

G G/B C C D G

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

(v3:Em7)

5 G G/B C C D G

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

9 Em D/F# G C C B Em

I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

13 Em D/F# G/B C C D G

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

♩ Refrain

18 C D Em Em D/F# G

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

22 G Am7 G/B C C D

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me

last time to CODA ♪

25 1. Gadd9 G/B Cadd9 Gadd9 G/B

fast.

28 Cadd9 G

fast.

2. D.S. al Coda

♩ CODA

He Will Hold Me Fast (When I Fear My Faith Will Fail)
(Hymnal: Key of G)

This Week at FPCC

Sunday, December 31

- 10:30 AM Fellowship Worship Service
- Worship Service
- 12:15 PM Coffee/Coke Fellowship
- Flower Arranging/Delivery

Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary
Library/Lounge
Nell Davis

Monday, January 1

Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 2

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Wednesday, January 3

- 3:15 PM English Conversation Class
- 4:30 PM Deacon-on-Call Appts.
- 5:00 PM World Missions Prayer Time
- 5:30 PM Rapha Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 PM Rapha Fellowship Classes

Student Center
Deacon Office
Tower 404
Nell Davis
3rd Floor Tower

Thursday, January 4

Friday, January 5

- 12:00 PM Card-E-Ology

Tower 10th Floor

Saturday, January 6

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