

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, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Prelude

Barb Storm, Clarinet

“Grace Medley” arr. by David Clydesdale

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

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.

– Hebrews 4:15

Judy Glass and Sigrid Luther

*Adult Choir

“Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out” arr. by Mark Hayes

†Call to Worship (To be read in unison)

Rev. Robert Row

Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.

†Hymn

No. 457 (vv. 1-3)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

†Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Robert Row

†Hymn

No. 500 (vv. 1-4)

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Affirmation of Faith (To be read responsively)

Rev. Chris Ehlers

New City Catechism Q&A #25

Leader: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

People: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

All: For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21

Prayer for God's People

Rev. Chris Ehlers

Offertory

Ian Hassevoort, Stuart Brown, William Reynolds

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Adult Choir

“Mercy” by Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame. And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.

Chorus: Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity. Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with Your pardon, purity.

Chorus

In equal measure of Your love You promise mercy, tender compassion to the one who seeks Your face. A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit, together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace. Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight. Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.

Chorus

Have mercy, have mercy.

†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.*

†Doxology

No. 733

†Scripture Reading

Rev. Robert Row

Hosea 4-5 (pp. 752-754 in pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Robert Row

“God's Love Song: Victory in the Middle of the Muck!”

†Hymn of Preparation

No. 726

“Spirit of the Living God”

†Confession of Sin (To be read responsively)

Rev. Chris Ehlers

Exodus 20; Matthew 15, 22; Mark 7; John 14

Leader: Jesus said, “If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments.”

People: “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet.

People: (Jesus) said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” And He said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Private Confession of Sin

Prayer of Assurance & Thanksgiving

Rev. Chris Ehlers

Ministry of the Lord's Table

Please hold the elements until everyone has been served. The pastor will lead us to partake together, symbolizing our unity in Christ with God and one another.

†Closing Hymn

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“Before the Throne of God Above”

†The Benediction

Rev. Robert Row

Postlude

Judy Glass

“Fugue in C” by Buxtehude

†The Congregation will please stand.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ by Chrissi and George Vieth. Psalm 121 (Flowers will be arranged and delivered today following the late worship service by the Inklings Sunday school class.)

Announcement sheets are available at the entrances or www.FPCChatt.com.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863

Music and alt. lyrics by Vicki Cook

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
 3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea: a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
 in, up - ward I look and see Him there, whomade an end of all my
 ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glor - y and of

me. My name is grav - en on His hands. My name is
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful
 Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die; my soul is

writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tonguecan
 soul is count - ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part; no tonguecan bid me thence de - part.
 Him and par - don me; to look on Him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God; with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Sermon Notes:

This Week at FPCC

Sunday, February 18

8:30 AM	Early Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Sunday School	
10:55 AM	Fellowship Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
	Late Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 PM	Coffee/Coke Fellowship	Library/Lounge
	Flower Arranging/Delivery	Nell Davis
3:00 PM	Middle School Girls' Small Group	
6:00 PM	High School Small Group	

Monday, February 19

Church Offices Closed

5:15 PM	Deacons' Meeting	Session Room
6:00 PM	Instrumental Ensemble	Choir Room
7:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	SS 208

Tuesday, February 20

9:30 AM	Precept Bible Study	Tower 402/3
	Women of the Covenant	Poindexter
9:45 AM	GAP Bible Study	Junior Dept.
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
5:45 PM	Bonded/Fireside Dinner	Nell Davis
6:30 PM	Bonded in Fellowship	
	Fireside Bible Study	

Wednesday, February 21

9:30 AM	M.O.P.S.	Nell Davis
3:15 PM	English Conversation Class	Student Center
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call Appts.	Deacon Office
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 404
5:30 PM	Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
	<i>(Bar-B-Que. Crustables meal available for 6 & under.)</i>	
6:15 PM	Midweek Ministry	Various
	Children's Activites	Jr. Dept.
	Prayer Service	Poindexter
	Rapha Fellowship Classes	Tower 3 rd Floor
	Youth Group	Student Center
6:25 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, February 22

Friday, February 23

8:30 AM	Salvation Army Ministry	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 10 th Floor

Saturday, February 24

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