

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 25, 2018

Prelude

Laura Neff, Piano

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” by Elvey, arr. by Renfrow

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

Children's Choir

“Listen to God” by Joanne Brown LeDoux

*“I Am Thine, O Lord” by Pete Butler, arr. by Mark Patterson

Sung Call to Worship

Cherub Choir

“I Will Praise God” by Vicki Hancock Write

†Hymns

“Here I Am to Worship”

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No. 648 (vv. 1,2,4)

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

†Prayer of Adoration

Steve George

†Hymn

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

bulletin

Affirmation of Faith *(To be read responsively)*

Steve George

New City Catechism Q&A #26

Leader: What else does Christ's death redeem?

People: Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as He powerfully directs all things for His own glory and creation's good.

All: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

– Colossians 1:19–20

Prayer for God's People

Steve George

Offertory

Children's Choir

“I Am Thine, O Lord” by Pete Butler, arr. by Mark Patterson

*Ladies' Trio and Adult Choir

“There Is a Fountain” arr. by John Hudson

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day, and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

E're since, by grace, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping stammering tongue lies silent in the grave, then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy power to save. Redeeming love has been my theme, for my sins are washed away.

†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. 731

†Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Ehlers

Hosea 5:15-6:6 (pg. 754 in pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Chris Ehlers

“God's Love Song: What Does Repentance Really Look Like?”

Confession of Sin *(To be read in unison)*

Rev. Chris Ehlers

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number and been guilty of pride and unbelief. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Purge me from every false desire, every base aspiration, everything contrary to Your rule. I thank You for Your wisdom and Your love, for sometimes putting me into the furnace to refine my gold and remove my dross. Deliver me from every evil habit and everything that prevents me taking my delight in You. Then I shall give praise to Your name, O God.

†Closing Hymn

No. 441 (vv. 1,4,5)

“Jesus Shall Reign”

To our King be high - est praise Ris - ing through e - ter - nal days.

Just and faith - ful - He shall reign: Je - sus shall reign!

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†The Benediction

Rev. Chris Ehlers

Postlude

Judy Glass

“The Heavens Declare” by Marcello

†The Congregation will please stand.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia Gault by Bill Gault and sons, Jim, Rob, and their families. (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.

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;

last time to CODA ☉

22 G Am7 G/B C C D

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

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

fast.

2. D.S. al Coda

☉ CODA

28 Cadd9 G

fast.

This Week at FPCC

Sunday, February 25

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

Monday, February 26

- 10:00 AM Women's Prayer Time Session Room
- 3:15 PM English Conversation Class Student Center
- 5:30 PM Session Meeting Session Room
- 6:00 PM Instrumental Ensemble Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal SS 208

Tuesday, February 27

- 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 Fireside Dinner Nell Davis
- 6:30 PM Fireside Bible Study

Wednesday, February 28

- 10:00 AM M.O.P.S. Leaders' Meeting Poindexter
- 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch Tower 402/3
- 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
- (Lasagna. Crustables meal available for 6 & under.)
- 6:15 PM Midweek Ministry Various
- Children's Activites Junior Dept.
- Prayer Service Poindexter
- Rapha Fellowship Classes Tower 3rd Floor
- Youth Group Student Center
- 6:25 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

Thursday, March 1

Friday, March 2

- 8:30 AM Salvation Army Ministry
- 12:00 PM Card-E-Ology Tower 10th Floor
- 6:30 PM First Friends Student Center

Saturday, March 3

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