

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, APRIL 8, 2018

Prelude Sigrud Luther, Piano
"Jesus Loves Me, Clair de Lune" arr. by Fred Bock

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. – 2 Chronicles 7:14

Judy Glass and Sigrud Luther
*Adult Choir

"Grace Medley" arr. by Camp Kirkland

†Call to Worship (*To be read responsively*) Rev. Chris Ehlers
Based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

Leader: God invites us into His healing presence with these words: "I am the Lord, Who heals you."

People: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide.

Leader: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward Him, the Great Physician.

People: We bow before Him in faith and expectancy!

†Prayer of Adoration Rev. Chris Ehlers

†Hymns No. 498 (vv. 1-4)
"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!"
bulletin
"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Affirmation of Faith (*To be read responsively*) Rev. Chris Ehlers
Westminster Shorter Catechism #87

Leader: What is repentance unto life?

People: Repentance leading to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner having truly realized his sin and grasped the mercy of God in Christ, turns from his sin with grief and hatred and turns to God with full resolve and effort after new obedience.

Hymn No. 479 (vv. 1,2,4)
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Confession of Sin (*To be read in unison*) Rev. Chris Ehlers
O Lord, our God, help us and heal us. We are a stubborn, blind people who repeatedly and willfully stray from You. In our blindness, even our ability to confess has been distorted. Some of us are emotionally unaffected by the fact that we are helpless sinners without Your mercy, indifferent to the cost of our rebellion. We speak words of confession out of principle, out of duty, or out of habit, but rarely out of a deep awareness of our need and helpless state. Others of us are so undone by our habitual falls into sin that we can barely look up to You for help. We speak words of confession out of fear, out of desperation, out of hopelessness, but seldom out of confidence that You love us and have invited us into the blessedness of repentance and forgiveness.

Loving Father, create in us clean hearts that are truly broken for our remaining struggles with sin. Help us to sing now with confidence that Jesus truly is our only boast, and when He returns to take His ransomed children home, let us sing anew, "Hallelujah, what a Savior!" Amen

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever! – Psalm 30:11-12

Prayer for God's People

Offertory Mark McCommon
*Adult Choir and Mark McCommon
"Were It Not for Grace" by David Hamilton

Time measured out my days; life carried me along. In my soul I yearned to follow God, but knew I'd never be so strong. I looked hard at this world to learn how heaven could be gained, just to end where I began—where human effort is all in vain.

Chorus: Were it not for grace, I can tell you where I'd be—wandering down some pointless road to nowhere, with my salvation up to me. I know how that would go, the battles I would face, forever running, but losing the race, were it not for grace.

So here is all my praise, expressed with all my heart; offered to the Friend Who took my place and ran the course I couldn't even start. And when He saw in full just how much His love would cost, He still went the final mile between me and heaven, so I would not be lost.

Chorus

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within. Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Chorus

***Presentation of New Members** Rev. Chris Ehlers
Tim Alexander West and Suzanne Breedlove
Michael and Beka Caney Jim and Cheryl Fox
David and Ashton Freeman Chris and Megan Henegar
Lois Killebrew Turner Phillips

†Greeting of Peace & Dismissal of Children
**Children's church for 4 years old through 1st grade is available during the late worship service in the PreK-K room. Leaders will meet children at the left front doors of the Sanctuary.*

†Doxology No. 731

†Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Bowen
Hosea 14:1-9 (pg. 759 in pew Bible)

Sermon Rev. Chris Bowen
"Lavish Grace for Wayward Sinners"

†Closing Hymn No. 498 (vs. 5)
"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!"

†The Benediction Rev. Chris Bowen

Postlude Judy Glass, Organ
"Psalm 75" by Bolt

†The Congregation will please stand.
*10:55 service

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin O. Moore and Alvin O. Moore Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore. (Flowers will be arranged and delivered today following the late worship service by the Acts Sunday School class.)

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

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your

Friend; who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the
 brace; You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly
 own; here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be -

souls of men? Oh, You res - cue the souls of men. *(to verse 2)*
 lost the way; oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way. *(to Refrain)*
 fore Your throne; oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne. *(to Refrain)*

Refrain

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we a -

dore, You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger

for, oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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Sermon Notes:

This Week at FPCC

Sunday, April 8

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

Monday, April 9

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| 9:30 AM | Women's Prayer Time | Session Room |
| 10:00 AM | Women's Monday Morning Bible Study | |
| 3:15 PM | English Conversation Class | Student Center |
| 6:00 PM | Instrumental Ensemble | Choir Room |
| 6:30 PM | Children's Ministry Team Leaders | Junior Dept |
| 7:00 PM | Handbell Rehearsal | SS 208 |

Tuesday, April 10

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| 9:30 AM | Precept Bible Study | Tower 402/3 |
| | Women of the Covenant | Poindexter |
| 12:00 PM | Beatitude Living | Tower 404 |

Wednesday, April 11

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| 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>(Angus Burgers. Crustables meal available for 6 & under.)</i> | |
| 6:15 PM | Midweek Ministry | Various |
| | Children's Activites | Junior Dept. |
| | Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| | Prayer Service | Poindexter |
| | Rapha Fellowship Classes | Tower 3 rd Floor |
| | Youth Group | Student Center |

Thursday, April 12

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| 10:30 PM | It's a Wonderful Life! | Fellowship Hall |
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Friday, April 13

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| 12:00 PM | Card-E-Ology | Tower 10 th Floor |
| 6:00 PM | China Partnership Dinner | Fellowship Hall |

Saturday, April 14

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