



# First Presbyterian Church

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## *A service of praise and worship of Almighty God on the Lord's Day*

February 11, 2024 ∞ 10:30 in the morning

### *Order of Worship*

(☞-Please Stand)

#### **Preparation for Worship**

*We invite you to use this time to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

#### **☞ Call to Worship**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

#### **Psalm 96:7-9**

*The one true God graciously invites us into his presence to worship him in spirit and in truth, and we eagerly respond in faith. This begins a dialogue which will continue to the end of the service as God initiates with us, and we respond to him.*

#### **☞ Prayer of Invocation & Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### **☞ Worship in Song**

☞ **All Creatures of Our God and King**

☞ **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Minister: Oh Lord, even when your people sit weeping by the waters of Babylon, you're still our guard and guide in every exile and captivity. Have mercy on us, we pray.

**People: Have mercy on us, for we've wandered from your purposes. We never intended to stray so far, but we did, and now our seemingly innocent wandering has taken us far from you.**

Minister: Father, have mercy on us, for we too easily took for granted your pleasant courts, the fellowship of your house, and the light of your presence; but now we hang our harps on the weeping willows, and long to return to our spiritual home.

**People: Receive us again, O God, for in Jesus Christ we're your sons and daughters, and we turn again to you from all the ways of sin, trusting in the merit and righteousness of Jesus alone.**

**All: And for your promised mercy, O Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we give you thanks and praise! Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

**Romans 8:1-2, 38-39**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## ✠ Corporate Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## Apostles' Creed

*Although it was not actually written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.*

*\*suffered separation from God*

*\*\*universal*

## Pastoral Prayer

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*Seeking to glorify God by holding out the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community, our country, and our world to impact others to do the same.*

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## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?”

## Hebrews 13:6

*With grateful hearts for God's extravagant mercy and blessing, we joyfully present our offerings to the Lord for the ministry of our church and community.*

## Offertory Song

[The King of Love My Shepherd Is](#)

## ⌘ The Doxology

*The word “doxology,” coined in the 17th century, is a combination of the words “glory” and “word.” A doxology is a “word of glory,” a hymn of praise to the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), who is one divine nature in three Persons.*

## Sermon

**Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason**

Series – Romans

**Total Immunity**

Romans 8:31-39

## The Lord's Supper

Passing of the Bread

[Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery](#)

Passing of the Cup

[How Deep the Father's Love for Us](#)

## ⌘ Closing Hymn

[O Love That Will Not Let Me Go](#)

## ⌘ Benediction

**Numbers 6:24-26**

May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

**Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder Marshall Davis**

**Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason**

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*Sermon Notes*  
**Total Immunity**  
Romans 8:1-2, 33-34

**I. A Great Truth**

***No one can ever (successfully) accuse or condemn a believer in Jesus!***

**II. A Great Problem: Those Who Attempt to Shake Our Confidence in Christ**

- Charges brought against us by \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Jn 3:20)
  
- Charges brought against us by others
  - People in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 3:1-8; Mt 5:11)
  
  - People in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 5:15; Rom 14:4,13; Col 2:16)
  
- Charges brought against us by \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 12:10)

**III. A Great Remedy: The Gospel Blessing of Total Immunity**

- Because of the God who justifies us (v. 33; cf. Rom 5:1)
  
- Because of the Christ who defends us (v. 34)
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ for us!
  
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# *Life Group Discussion Guide*

**February 11, 2024**

**"Total Immunity"**

Have someone in the group read aloud Romans 8:1-2,33-34

## **Some Questions to Discuss**

1. What is the "great truth" of these verses from Romans 8?
2. What is the "great problem" we face that sometimes leads us to wonder whether there really is "no condemnation" for us in Christ?
3. If you are willing, share with your Life Group an experience where you felt judged and condemned, and how you handled it.
4. Is there an indirect word for us here about the way we should speak to/about our fellow Christians?
5. What has God the Father done to insure that there is "no condemnation" for us?
6. What has God the Son done (and what does he still do) to defend us against condemnation?
7. Is there anything you found particularly helpful about this message? Anything that raises questions or uncertainties in your mind?

## **Some Things to Pray About**

1. For God's ongoing provision for our congregation in our time of pastoral transition.
2. For those who are struggling with illness or relational issues
3. For unsaved family members – that they would come to know the Lord
4. Share needs and praises within the group and pray about these

# Announcements

## This Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversation	Fellowship Hall
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	LIFE Groups	Various homes
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	5:11 Group	The Gleason's
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Student Ministries - Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
		Men's Evening Study	Conference Room
		Women's Evening Study	Women's Classroom
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Women's Morning Study	Women's Classroom
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Music Team Practice	Sanctuary
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	Men's Morning Study	Conference Room



## Events

**State of the Church Town Hall** | We will have our annual "State of the Church" Town Hall on March 3rd. Please make plans to join us, as this is an important meeting for the life of the church.

**5:11 Group** | Our 5:11 group will meet this Monday February 12, at 6:00, at the home of Edna Gleason. This group is for women over 55, and our theme is from I Thessalonians 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." We have such fun and are getting to know, love, and serve each other. For further information contact Edna at 662-302-2452.

**Student Ministries** | Wednesday night study meets this Wednesday at 6:30 pm, they are working through a new series on the Minor Prophets. Dinner will be provided.

**Women's Bible Studies** | Wednesday evening and Thursday morning Bible studies meet this week. They will continue working through the book of Acts. Contact Maggie Banks at [admin@firstprespooler.com](mailto:admin@firstprespooler.com) if you have any questions.

**Men's Bible Studies** | Wednesday and Friday men's studies meet this week. Contact Bill at [bill@firstprespooler.com](mailto:bill@firstprespooler.com) with any questions.

## Ministry Opportunities

**Volunteers needed** | We need volunteers in a variety of capacities specifically in the nursery, bringing snacks after service, and ushers. Please see Crystal Twibell to find out how you can help.