



# First Presbyterian Church

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

February 25, 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**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the LORD  
with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

#### **Psalm 98:4-6**

*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**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

**Yet Not I, But Christ Through Me**

**Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

## ⌘ Corporate Confession of Faith

Q. What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

**A. The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.***

Q. What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

**A. The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.**

## WSC Questions 43-44

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism is a catechism written in 1646 and 1647 by the Westminster Assembly, a synod of English and Scottish theologians and laymen intended to bring the Church of England into greater conformity with the Church of Scotland.*

*The purpose of the Shorter Catechism is to educate people in the basic doctrines of the Reformed faith.*

## Pastoral Prayer

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## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

## 1 Timothy 6:17-19

*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

Speak, O Lord

## ⌘ 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

*God of the Guilty: STUDIES IN HOSEA*  
**"The Things We Do for Love"**  
Hosea 1:1-2:1

## ⌘ O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

## ⌘ Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder Kelly Larson**

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

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*Sermon Notes*  
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**The Things We Do for Love**  
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*The LORD loves the children of Israel, though they  
turn to other gods .... (Hosea 3:1)*

**God's love will stop at nothing to reclaim his wandering people!**

**I. His Love Pursues Us in the Words He Speaks (1:1-2)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Words (vv. 4-6)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Words (vv. 10-11; 2:2)

**II. His Love Pursues Us in the Pictures He Paints**

- A Heartbreaking \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2)
  
- A Heartbreaking \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 4-9)

**III. His Love Pursues Us in the Pain He Endures**

- Through the Faithlessness of His \_\_\_\_\_
  - When we \_\_\_\_\_ him
  
  - When he \_\_\_\_\_ us
  
- Through the Shame of His \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Through the Suffering of His \_\_\_\_\_

*Life Group Discussion Guide*  
**February 18, 2024**

**Have someone in the group read aloud Romans Hosea 1:1-2:1**

**Some Questions to Discuss**

1. Why has Hosea 3:1 been called the theme verse of the entire book?  
*The LORD loves the children of Israel, though they  
turn to other gods .... (Hosea 3:1)*
2. What is "idolatry?"
3. What forms of idolatry were God's people guilty of in Hosea's day? What forms do we tend to engage in today?
4. What are some of the ways you see God's relentless love pursuing his wayward people in this text?
4. What is the dominant "tone" of the text – judgment, mercy, or both?
5. How does the Gospel ultimately resolve the tension between the justice of God and the grace of God?

**Some Things to Pray About**

1. For vibrant, joyful, and challenging times of gathered worship on Sunday mornings
2. For the fruitful ministry of the word – in Sunday School, morning worship, men's and women's studies, and youth fellowship
3. For unsaved family members and friends – that they would come to know the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ
4. For those struggling with illness and other challenges
5. Share and pray about needs and praises in your group.

# 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>Wed.</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
		Women's Bible Study	Women's Classroom
		Men's Bible Study	Conference Room
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Women's Bible Study	Women's Classroom
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Music Team Practice	
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Annie's Bridal Shower	Mary Michael's house



## Events

**Bridal Shower for Annie** | FPCP women check your email and the newsletter for details about Annie's bridal shower on March 2nd at 10am. If you are not receiving emails please contact Maggie Banks at [admin@firstprespooler.com](mailto:admin@firstprespooler.com).

**State of the Church Lunch** | Our annual State of the Church lunch will be held Sunday, March 3rd after the service. Please make plans to attend, as this is an opportunity to hear from leadership about the coming year at FPCP, as well as to hear ministry updates from 2023.

**Lilies for Easter** | We are decorating the church with lilies for Easter again. Be on the lookout for details coming soon about how you can participate by purchasing a lily in honor or memory of a loved one.

**Midweek Studies** | All midweek Bible Studies will meet at their regular times. See above.

## 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.