



First Presbyterian Church

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

March 3, 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

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

Psalm 99:1-3

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

☞ **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

☞ **Christ is Mine Forevermore**

Corporate Confession of Sin

From Psalm 51

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Minister: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

All: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

☞ Corporate Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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.

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

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.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6

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

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

⌘ 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 Megaphone of Mercy"
Hosea 2:2-13 (pew Bible p.751)

The Lord's Supper

Passing of the Bread

The Church's One Foundation

Passing of the Cup

Yet Not I, But Christ in Me

⌘ Closing Hymn

Nothing But the Blood

⌘ Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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

Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder John Twibell

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

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Sermon Notes
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(Pew Bible p. 751)

*When we stray from our God our heavenly Husband,
his mercy calls us home!*

I. The Voice of God's Mercy Is Urgent! (vv. 1-4)

The cure for our _____

- Based on our formal _____
- Based on our outward _____

II. The Voice of God's Mercy Is Severe!

The cure for our _____

- The belief that false "gods" can _____ us
(vv. 6-7)
- The belief that false "gods" can _____ us
(vv. 5, 8-13)
- The belief that false "gods" can _____ us
(v. 10b)

III. The Voice of God's Mercy Is Humble!

The cure for our _____

- He still wants us, though we _____ him
(cf. v13; 3:1; 11:8-9).
- He still welcomes us, though we make him our last _____ (v. 7b; cf. Lk 15:17-19).

Announcements

This Week

Today	11:45 am	State of the Church Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Wed.	6:30 pm	Student Ministries - Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
		Women's Evening Study	Women's Classroom
Thurs.	10:00 am	Women's Morning Study	Women's Classroom
	6:00 pm	Music Team Practice	Sanctuary



Events

State of the Church Town Hall | We will have our annual "State of the Church" Town Hall immediately after the worship service today. There will be no LIFE Groups this evening.

Lilies for Easter | Once again, we are decorating the church with lilies for Palm Sunday and Easter. You can purchase a lily in honor or memory of someone by filling out the form in the bulletin, or by clicking the link in the newsletter tomorrow.

Student Ministries | Wednesday night study meets this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. The youth 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. Contact Maggie Banks at admin@firstprespooler.com if you have any questions.

5:11 Group | Meets next Monday, March 11th at 6pm at the Gleasons' house.

Front Porch Society | Meets next Thursday, March 14th at 6:30am at the Hardens' house.

Ministry Opportunities

Savannah Care Center's Baby Bottle Campaign | This is an easy way to participate in the ministry of Savannah Care Center. Just pick up a bottle as you leave today and fill it with coins, cash, and/or checks payable to Savannah Care Center, then bring it back to the church in three weeks. You can also give to the campaign on our homepage. Scroll down and you'll see a banner where you can sign up and/or donate. The money we collect allows SCC to provide free services to women and men in our community facing unplanned pregnancy decisions. We pray they will be transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and empowered to choose life for their preborn children and abundant life for their families.

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.