



# First Presbyterian Church

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

March 10, 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**

Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!

### **Psalm 117**

*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**

**O Worship the King**

**There is a Fountain Filled with Blood**

**Be Unto Your Name**

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to you; we humbly confess our sins and implore your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure and fervent heart; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit in us. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with your free Spirit. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

**Micah 7:19**

He will again have compassion on us  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

## ⌘ Corporate Confession of Faith

## WSC Questions 43-44

Q. Which is the first commandment?

**A. The first commandment is, You shall have no other gods before me.**

Q. What is required in the first commandment?

**A. The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.**

Q. What is forbidden in the first commandment?

**A. The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.**

Q. What are we specially taught by these words, before me, in the first commandment?

**A. These words, before me, in the first commandment teach us, that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.**

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

"...give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

**Luke 6:38**

*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

**Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

## ⌘ 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. Martin Antoon**

**"An Encounter with the Risen King"**  
Acts 9:1-23

## ⌘ In Christ Alone

## ⌘ 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: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason**

**Preaching: Rev. Martin Antoon**

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*Sermon Notes*  
**Encountering the Risen King**  
Acts 9:1-23

An Encounter with Jesus is:

1) Overwhelming

2) Transformational

3) Loving

*Life Group Discussion Guide*  
**March 10, 2024**

**Have someone in the group read aloud Acts 9:1-23**

**Some Questions to Discuss**

- 1) What does it mean to be overwhelmed by something? Why is Saul overwhelmed by Jesus in the text?
  
- 2) In what ways have you been overwhelmed by Jesus?
  
- 3) What evidences of transformation do you see in Saul's life after this encounter (either in this passage or the rest of Scripture)?
  
- 4) Where have you seen evidences of transformation in your union with Christ? What is the difference between surface level change and heart change?
  
- 5) We talk/hear often that Jesus is love - what exactly does that mean according to this text?

**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>Mon.</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	5:11 Group	Edna Gleason's house
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Women's Ministry Team Meeting	FPCP
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
		Women's Bible Study	Women's Classroom
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>6:30 am</b>	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room
		Front Porch Society	Clay Harden's house
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Women's Bible Study	Women's Classroom
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Music Team Practice	FPCP
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room



## Events

**Lilies for Easter** | We are decorating the church with lilies for Easter again. You can dedicate a lily (or lilies) in honor or memory of someone. There are forms next to the bulletins in the Fellowship Hall, and online which can be accessed through the Newsletter. The deadline is next Sunday, March 17th. Thank you for helping to decorate our sanctuary.

**5:11 Group** | 5:11 group meets this Monday at 6 pm at Edna's home. This group is for women over 55, and the theme is from I Thessalonians 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." By all accounts, not only do they do a great job with encouraging and building up, it's great fun too! For further information contact Edna.

**The Front Porch Society** | The Front Porch Society's next meeting is this Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 am, at Clay Harden's home. They are currently discussing *The Way of Ignorance* by Wendell Berry.

**SCC Baby Bottle Campaign** | Remember the baby bottle you picked up last week? Keep filling it with coins, cash, and checks payable to Savannah Care Center. The money we collect allows SCC to provide free services including Pregnancy Testing, Ultrasounds, Educational Classes on Pregnancy, Childbirth, Breastfeeding, Parenting, Life skills, and Fatherhood. SCC also offers Spiritual guidance, Mentoring, and Post-abortion support and healing groups. Please pray for their clients to be transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and empowered to choose life for their pre-born children and abundant life for their families. Thank you - your filled bottles change lives!

**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.