



# First Presbyterian Church

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

March 24, 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**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

### **Psalm 136:1**

*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**

**Amazing Grace**

**Ancient of Days**

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

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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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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Then we will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

**Isaiah 43:25**

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

## ☞ Corporate Confession of Faith

Q. Which is the third commandment?

**A. The third commandment is, You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain.**

Q. What is required in the third commandment?

**A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.**

Q. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

**A. The third commandment forbids all profaning and abusing of anything whereby God makes himself known.**

Q. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

**A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.**

## WSC Questions 53-56

*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

**Acts 20:35**

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

*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. Tim Shaw**

**"Deception is Easy, Obedience is Hard"**

*James 1:22-25*

## ⌘ In Christ Alone

## ⌘ Benediction

**Psalm 121:7-8**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Assisting in Worship: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason**

**Preaching: Rev. Tim Shaw**

*Sermon Notes*  
**"Deception is Easy, Obedience is Hard"**  
James 1:22-25

- I. Deception is Easy
  - a. Various "Ism's" Throughout the History of the church
  
- II. Obedience is Hard
  - a. Delay
  
  - b. Forgetfulness
  
  - c. Foolishness
  
- III. But It's Worth It-- Why?
  - a. The Lord says so
  
  - b. Blessed Self-forgetfulness
  
  - c. Law of Liberty

*Life Group Discussion Guide*  
**March 24, 2024**

Have someone in the group read aloud James 1:22-25

**Some questions to discuss**

1. What are other ways in which we deceive ourselves?
2. What else makes obedience hard?
3. What difference does Jesus make in our ability to obey?
4. How can we be doers through him?

**Some Things to Pray About**

1. For the joint meeting of our Elders and Deacons on Monday, March 25th.
2. For our church staff members: Maggie, Crystal, John & Melissa, Millie, Annie, & Abbi Cate.
3. For the salvation of family members and friends who do not know the Lord.
4. For those struggling with illness or recovering from surgery.
5. 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>	Officers' Meeting	
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room
		Women's Bible Study	Women's Classroom
		Youth Group & Dinner	Youth Room
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Music Team Practice	FPCP
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room



## Easter Sunday Updates

**Coffee, Cakes, and Conversation** | We will have our Coffee, Cakes, and Conversations next week during the Sunday School hour, from 9:30-10:15, in lieu of Sunday School.

**LIFE Groups** | There will be no LIFE Groups on Easter.

## Events

**SCC Baby Bottle Campaign** | Please turn in your bottles today. Savannah Care Center will count all of the change, cash, and checks collected and let us know within two weeks how much we've contributed to this beautiful ministry. If you forgot to bring your bottle today or haven't had a chance to fill it, please bring your bottle back to church or drop it off at the Center as soon as possible so it can be used again next year.

**VBS Volunteers** | Calling all youth and adults. VBS will be here before we know it (June 3-7). If you can volunteer in any way, please fill out the form in the newsletter or let Annie Twibell know (preferably on paper so she doesn't have to remember). Even if you can only help one day, or bring snacks, we need your help! We would love to open VBS to the public on some level this year, if possible.

**Women's Bible Study Update** | Our Thursday morning study has been combined with our Wednesday evening study for the rest of the semester. Only our Wednesday study will meet going forward this spring.

## 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.