



First Presbyterian Church

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

March 17, 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, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.

Psalm 135:3-4

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Blessed Assurance

Be Thou My Vision

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful God; we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We beseech you, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and in your mercy to direct what we shall be; so that we may henceforth walk in the way of your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

⌘ Corporate Confession of Faith

Q. Which is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, You shall not make for yourself any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water below the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Q. What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.

Q. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbids the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Q. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he has to his own worship.

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

Psalm 112:5-6

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. Nathanael Miller

"The Right King"
2 Samuel 5:1-5

⌘ Be Unto Your Name

⌘ Benediction

Romans 15:33

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

Assisting in Worship: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

Preaching: Rev. Nathanael Miller

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Sermon Notes

The Right King

2 Samuel 5:1-5

I. Relationship

II. Salvation

III. Appointment

Life Group Discussion Guide

March 17, 2024

"The Right King"

2 Samuel 5:1-5

Some Discussion Questions

1. Why did God use the office of Kingship in the first place? How might a King ruling over God's people serve His purposes?
2. Saul and his son Ish-Bosheth had been kings over Israel in ways that were not in keeping with God's law. How did they fall short and what were some of the negative consequences of their reigns?
3. What are the reasons Israel gives for crowning David king in 2 Samuel 5? How do those reasons connect to another king?
4. What does it mean for something or someone to rule you? To be king over you?
5. We are called to serve and worship Jesus as King, yet often we are tempted by the false kings of idolatry. How have you seen the struggle between idolatry and serving Jesus work itself out?
6. How does the victory of Jesus over sin and death make Jesus' kingship more amazing?

Some things to pray about:

1. For the advance of the gospel on the mission field; and perhaps particularly on the campus of Georgia Southern through Reformed University Fellowship- that the Lord would provide for our ministry and many non-Christians would come to know Jesus.
2. For the worship of Jesus' church- for vibrant, sanctifying, encouraging worship and fellowship.
3. For those struggling with illness, loneliness, and other trials.
4. For the lost and unbelievers in our communities- for family, friends, neighbors and coworkers, and that they would know the saving love and grace of Jesus.

Announcements

This Week

Today	11:45 am	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversation	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 pm	LIFE Groups	Various homes
Mon.	6:00 pm	5:11 Group	Edna Gleason's house
Wed.	6:30 pm	Church-wide Prayer Meeting and Fellowship Meal	FPCP
Thurs.	6:00 pm	Music Team Practice	FPCP
		Session and Diaconate meetings	Please pray for our leadership.



Events

Lilies for Easter | Today is the last day to dedicate a lily that will decorate our sanctuary on Easter. There are forms next to the bulletins in the Fellowship Hall, and online which can be accessed through the Newsletter. . Thank you for helping to decorate our sanctuary.

SCC Baby Bottle Campaign | Please remember to bring your baby bottle back next week! The Baby Bottle Campaign for Savannah Care Center ends next Sunday. The money we collect allows SCC to provide Material Assistance including: diapers, formula, clothing, and baby furnishings for free to women and men in our community facing an unplanned pregnancy. Savannah Care Center is funded solely through individual, church and corporate donations.

New Church App | Please check your email for an email inviting you to sign up for *Breeze ChMS*. Follow the prompts and once done, we would love for you to add a photo! If you need help, Crystal and Maggie would be happy to walk you through it.

Prayer Meeting | Our monthly church-wide prayer meeting and fellowship meal is this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. This is a sweet time of prayer and fellowship each month. Childcare is available.

Adult Sunday School | Our adult Sunday school has moved to a new location this week. Their new home is the double classroom off of the Fellowship Hall (the one where Town Hall lunch is laid out) directly across from the entrance doors.

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.

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.