



# First Presbyterian Church

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

April 21, 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**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble.

#### **Psalm 107:1-2**

*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**

**Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

#### **Covenant Baptism of Millie Margaret Douglas**

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lover of our souls, your will for us is to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. But we're not sufficient for these things. There's no pure love in our souls by nature, but only through your grace. Unless you continue to pardon and help us, our affections wander from you, we're bound like slaves to our own selfish desires, and we use others as means to our own ends. Your grace has set us free, for we believe that Christ has redeemed us and removed the guilt of all our sin. But on our own, we can no more walk in love to you and others now, than we could when your mercy first laid hold on us. Forgive us, Father. And may your Spirit make us like the loving Jesus. Work in his holy temper; give us his eyes of compassion; for Christ's sake, use us as instruments of your peace in the midst of a broken world; to the blessing of others, and to the glory of your name. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

**Psalm 103:8-12**

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## ⌘ Corporate Confession of Faith

**WSC Questions 43-44**

Q. How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from worldly employments and recreations that are lawful on the other days; and spending the whole time in public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Q. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment forbids the omission, or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning of the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works about our worldly employments or recreations.

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

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are: God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day.

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

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

[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

**Mr. Alex Sutherland**

### "Humility and Exaltation"

Luke 14:7-11

## ⌘ [I Surrender All](#)

## ⌘ Benediction

**Romans 15:33**

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

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

**Preaching: Mr. Alex Sutherland**

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# Sermon Notes

Colossians 2:6-15

**Proposition:** *In this sinful and fallen world, be a testimony of Jesus.*

**1. Remember that \_\_\_\_\_.**

a. World's \_\_\_\_\_.

b. World's \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Remember what \_\_\_\_\_.**

a. You \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Your \_\_\_\_\_.

c. You \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Remember to \_\_\_\_\_.**

a. Live \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Live \_\_\_\_\_.

# *Life Group Discussion Guide*

**April 7, 2024**

Colossians 2:6-15

*Have someone read Colossians 2:6-15*

## **Some questions to discuss:**

1. What examples do you see that show that this world is sinful and fallen?
2. What examples from your life show how Jesus has transformed you?
3. What specifically did Jesus accomplish by going to the cross and rising from the dead?
4. What do you think eternal life (Heaven) will be like?
5. How does your life testify about Jesus?

## **Some things to pray about:**

1. Pray that you would be in the world but not of it.
2. Pray that you will constantly preach the Gospel to yourself.
3. Pray that the Gospel will continue to spread to the ends of the earth.
4. Pray for revival in the places where the Gospel used to thrive.
5. Pray that your life would draw others to Jesus.

# Announcements

## This Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversations	Fellowship Hall
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	LIFE Groups	Homes in the area
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Men's Evening Study	Conference Room
		Youth Group	Youth Room
		Women's Evening Study	Women's Classroom
		Music Team Practice	Sanctuary
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>6:30 am</b>	Front Porch Society	Clay Harden's home
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	Men's Morning Study	Conference Room



## Events

**Men's and Women's Bible Studies** | Bible studies will meet this week. See Bill for questions about the men's study, or Kaye Wimberly or Maggie Banks for questions about the women's study.

**Front Porch Society** | Men's literary discussion group meets next Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 am at the Hardens' house. They are currently reading Wendell Berry's book of essays, *The Way of Ignorance*.

**VBS Registration** | VBS Registration is now open to the public. This event is a primary outreach opportunity for our church. Please invite your friends and neighbors! There are QR codes on a table in the fellowship hall with a link to sign up. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so soon. Paper forms are on the back table in the Fellowship Hall for those who prefer them. Please fill one out for each student, and place it in the folder on the table. Volunteer sign ups are also ongoing. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered!

**LIFE Groups** | Meet this Sunday at the usual time in various homes.

## Ministry Opportunities

**Volunteers needed** | We need volunteers in a variety of capacities specifically in the nursery, bringing snacks after service, and ushers. Please see Melissa Miles to find out how you can help.