



First Presbyterian Church

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

April 28, 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

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Psalm 108:3-4

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The Power of the Cross

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we bow our heads before you and we confess that we've too often forgotten that we're yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God and we fall short of being credible witnesses to you. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds, open hearts, and obedient steps, that we might shine with your light in the darkness of our world. Remind us to be who you'd have us to be each day of the coming week, regardless of what we're doing or who we're with. Lord Jesus, hold us in the palm of your hand and strengthen our relationship with you and with those you've given us on earth; in your worthy name we pray; Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

⌘ Corporate Confession of Faith

WSC Questions 63-66

Q. *What is the fifth commandment?*

A. **The fifth commandment is, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."**

Q. *What is required in the fifth commandment?*

A. **The fifth commandment requires that we preserve the honor and perform the duties appropriate to everyone in their various places and relations, whether in authority over us, under our authority, or equals.**

Q. *What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?*

A. **The fifth commandment forbids the neglect of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty that belongs to everyone in their various places and relations to us.**

Q. *What is the reason added to the fifth commandment?*

A. **The reason added to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it serves for God's glory and their own good) to all who keep this commandment.**

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. Jonas Brock

"Your First Love"

Revelation 2:1-7

☞ Jesus Paid it All

☞ 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. Jonas Brock

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Sermon Notes
"Your First Love"
Revelation 2:1-7

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

Life Group Discussion Guide

April 28, 2024

Revelation 2:1-7

Some questions to discuss

Have someone read Revelation 2:1-7

1. How does Christ introduce Himself to the Church? What does it teach us about our Savior?
2. What commendation(s) does Christ give to the Church of Ephesus? How are these commendations significant and wonderful commendations for Christ's people?
3. What correction does Christ give to the Church of Ephesus?
How severe are the warning(s) and what can we learn about the importance and preeminence of love to the Savior in the life of Christ's people?
4. What promises does Christ give here? What role do the promises of God play in the life of the Christian?

Some Things to Pray About

1. Upcoming VBS: That it would be a blessing to our children and to our community.
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

Today	11:45 am	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversations	Fellowship Hall
	5:00 pm	LIFE Groups	Homes in the area
Mon.	6:30 pm	Women's Game Night	
Wed.	6:30 pm	Youth Group	Youth Room
		Women's Evening Study	Women's Classroom
		Music Team Practice	Sanctuary



Events

Women's Bible Study | This week is the last women's bible study until fall. We will have a summer book club that starts in June, however. Those details are available on the Women's Ministry page on the church website.

Women's Game Night | Tomorrow night at 6:30, join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Just bring yourselves, and maybe some belly laughs. We will play some kind of party game. You won't want to miss it.

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

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!

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.