



First Presbyterian Church

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

June 23, 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

All Creatures of Our God and King

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Yet Not I, But Christ in Me

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 God, you who are rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins, and asking your mercy and forgiveness. We've broken your holy laws by our words and deeds, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We admit before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward our fellow men. Father, have mercy on us, and in your great goodness grant that from now on we may serve and please you in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. 82. *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*

A. No mere man, since the fall, is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

Q. 83. *Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?*

A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

Q. 84. *What does every sin deserve?*

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

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WSC Questions 82-84

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

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19-21

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

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

☞ 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

"The Nature of God's Grace"
Galatians 3:3-7

RE John Twibell

☞ O, Love that Will Not Let Me Go

☞ Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Assisting in Worship: RE Stephen Mullis

Preaching: RE John Twibell

Galatians 3:1-9

[1] O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. [2] Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? [3] Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? [4] Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? [5] Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—[6] just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

[7] Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. [8] And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” [9] So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Announcements

This Week

Today	11:45 am	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversations	Fellowship Hall
Wed.	6:30 pm	Women's Book Club	Women's Classroom
		Music Team Practice	Sanctuary
Thurs.	6:30 am	Front Porch Society	Clay Harden's Home
	6:00 pm	Joint Officers' Meeting	
Sat.	9:30 am	Women's Book Club	Women's Classroom



Events

Women's Book Club | Our women's book club will meet this week, Wednesday, June 19th @ 6:30pm or Saturday, June 22nd @ 9:30 am at the church. **Wednesday night group, please note that we are meeting at the church just this meeting.** We are reading *Impossible Christianity* by Kevin DeYoung. Light snacks and coffee will be provided. Books are available in the Women's classroom for \$10, and the audio is also available through the public library. See Maggie Banks for directions, any questions, or to RSVP.

Front Porch Society | The men's discussion group, Front Porch Society meets this Thursday morning at 6:30 am, at Clay Harden's house.

Student Ministries | The next Summer Fun event will be July 3rd @ 6:30 pm. Youth will meet at the church for game night and FPCP's biggest Ice Cream Sundae ever. It sounds like an event not to be missed!

Church Work Day | Save the date for our quarterly church work day on the morning of July 20th. Details will be forthcoming as the day gets closer.

Ministry Opportunities

Volunteers needed | We need volunteers in a variety of capacities, including nursery helpers, after-worship snack providers, and ushers. Please contact Crystal Twibell to find out how you can help.