



# First Presbyterian Church

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

June 30, 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 give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.

#### **Psalm 138:1-2**

*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**

**Behold Our God**

**All Sufficient Merit**

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

You, O Lord, have promised that if we will confess our sins, you're faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And so, we come in faith and repentance, seeking your forgiveness, that we may know the joy of your presence and the light of your face. You alone know how often we've offended you and hurt the lives of others. Forgive us, O Lord, for every unkind thought; every untrue word; every wrong act. Forgive us, for we've been selfish, and haven't thought of the needs of others. Forgive us for our ingratitude; our neglect of prayer; our carelessness in the use of money; our forgetfulness of our covenant with you. O gracious Father, have mercy upon us. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us; for the joy of our souls, and for the sake of your Son. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

**John 3:16**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

## ⌘ Corporate Confession of Faith

## WSC Questions 85-87

Q. 85. What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

**A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.**

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

**A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.**

*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**

Honor the LORD with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;  
then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

## **Proverbs 3:9-10**

*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**

**Jesus, Strong and Kind**

## **☞ 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. Dr. Bill Gleason**

### **THE UNCONVENTIONAL KINGDOM: STUDIES IN MARK'S GOSPEL**

#### **I. The King in the Wilderness**

Mark 1:1-15

## **☞ Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

## **☞ Benediction**

**Romans 15:33**

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

**Assisting in Worship: RE Stephen Mullis**

**Preaching: Rov. Dr. Bill Gleason**

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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.*

## *Mark 1:1-15*

[1] The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

[2] As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

[3] the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

[4] John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [5] And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. [6] Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. [7] And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. [8] I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

[9] In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. [10] And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. [11] And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

[12] The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. [13] And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

[14] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

*Sermon Notes*

THE UNCONVENTIONAL KINGDOM: STUDIES IN MARK'S GOSPEL

I. The King in the Wilderness

Mark 1:1-15

*God's Kingdom comes with a "strangeness" that's divinely designed!*

I. **A Strange Place: The \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 3,4,12,13)**

- The Place Described

- The Place Explained

II. **A Strange Rite: The \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9-11)**

- The Rite Described

- The Rite Explained

III. **A Strange Contest: The \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 12-13)**

- The Contest Described

- The Contest Explained

IV. **A Strange Command: The \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 14-15)**

- The Command Described

- The Command Explained

# Announcements

## This Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversations	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	SUMMER FUN: Youth Game Night and Ice Cream Sundaes	Fellowship Hall
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Music Team Practice	Sanctuary
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Men's Study	Via Zoom



## Events

**Student Ministries** | The next Summer Fun event will be **TUESDAY** July 2nd @ 6:30 pm. This was incorrect in last week's bulletin. 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!

**New Men's Study** | Bill is leading a men's book study, using the book *Jesus on Every Page* by David Murray. This group meets on **Friday mornings at 8 am** via zoom. Please reach out to Bill if you'd like to participate.

**Women's Book Club** | Our women's book club will meet *in two weeks*, **Wednesday, July 10th @ 6:30 pm** or **Saturday, July 13th @ 9:30 am** at the church. It's not too late to join, if you missed the first week! See Maggie Banks for directions, any questions, or to RSVP.

**Town Hall Lunch** | Next week is our monthly church-wide Town Hall Lunch, immediately after worship Sunday.

**Church Work Day** | Save the date for our quarterly church work day on Saturday morning, 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.