



First Presbyterian Church

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

November 10, 2024 ∞ 10:30 in the morning

Order of Worship

(☞-Please Stand)

Preparation for Worship

"The LORD is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him." - Habakkuk 2:20

☞ Call to Worship

Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Psalm 113:1-3

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.

☞ Response of Praise in Song

Amazing Grace

Trinity Hymnal #460

☞ 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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Trinity Hymnal #499

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Trinity Hymnal #605

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

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⌘ Corporate Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Confession Q.15-17

Q15. What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?

A. One who is a true and righteous man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is at the same time true God.

Q16. Why must He be a true and righteous man?

A. He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.

17. Q. Why must He at the same time be true God?

A. He must be true God so that by the power of His divine nature He might bear in His human nature the burden of God's wrath, and might obtain for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

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, I am Resting, Resting

⌘ 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

XIV. "The Parable of the Lamp"

Mark 4:21-23

⌘ Closing Hymn

All Must Be Well

⌘ Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder Marshall Davis III

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

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Announcements

This Week

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| Today | 11:45 am | Coffee, Cakes, & Conversation | Fellowship Hall |
| | Evening | LIFE Group | Homes in the area |
| Wed. | 6:30 pm | Women's Bible Study | Women's Classroom |
| | | Music Team Practice | Sanctuary |
| Fri. | 8:00 am | Men's Study | In Conference Room or On Zoom |
| | 5:30 pm | Youth - Bowling | Meet at Frames N Games |



**LIFE Group Times

Gleason - 5:30
Campbell - 5:00
Davis - 5:00
Harden - 5:30
Larson - 5:00

Events

LIFE Groups | Tonight is the last LIFE Group meeting until January. Check with your hosts & leaders about whether your group is planning a Christmas party.

Women's Bible Study | Women's Bible Study is **Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00** in the Women's Classroom. The women are studying the book of Job. This study wraps up on Nov. 20th. Info on the Spring study coming soon!

Youth Bowling Night | The youth will meet at Frames N Games on Fri. **Nov. 15th at 5:30 pm** to go Bowling. Let Graham or Jamie know you're coming. Plan to bring \$5 for shoes.

Men's Study | This group meets this week, **Friday at 8 am**, in the conference room or over zoom. This study will take a break, starting on Nov. 22nd.

"An Evening at the Symphony" | **Church-wide prayer meeting & fellowship meal** is next **Sunday, Nov. 17th at 5:30 pm**. Childcare is provided.

Ministry Opportunities

Baby Food & Formula Drive | We are collecting baby food, formula, and other items for the Pregnancy Care Center of Rincon. The diaconate have set up collection boxes in the Fellowship Hall during the next two Sundays: **Nov. 10th & 17th**, then will deliver what we have collected the week before Thanksgiving.

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. crystal@firstprespooler.com

Celebrating the Christmas Season at FPCP

Thanksgiving Brunch - Dec. 1 at 9:30 am

Women's Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party - Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm

Church-wide Christmas Party and Carol Sing - Dec. 8 at 5:30 pm

Youth Christmas Party - TBD

Christmas Sunday School on break from Dec. 22

Sermon Notes

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Mark 4:21-23

I. Listening to the Earthly Story (v. 21)

1. The *Brevity* of the Parable

- Not a full-length story, but rather a crisp, _____ saying
- "Parables" can refer to teaching material of differing _____

2. The *Centerpiece* of the Parable

- The focal point is the _____
- By definition, the purpose of a lamp is to _____
- Lamps were therefore placed where their light could be _____

II. Considering Its Heavenly Meaning (v. 22)

1. The Lamp Points to God's Nature as a *Revealer* of His Glory

- It shines through the _____ (Ps 19:1)
- It shines through the _____ (Ps 119:105)
- It shines through the _____ (Jn 1:14)

2. The Revelation of His Glory in Jesus Unfolds *Incrementally*

- In the ministry of his _____ (Mt 17:1-3; Jn 15:13; Rom 1:4; Acts 1:9)
- In the hearts of his _____ (2 Cor 4:6)
- In the day of his _____ (Mk 14:62; Rev 19:11-16; 21:23)

III. Putting Its Truth to Work (v. 23)

1. If You're *Committed* to Christ: Hear and _____!

2. If You're Still *Undecided*: Hear and _____!

Life Group Discussion Guide:
"The Parable of the Lamp "
November 10, 2024

READ: Mark 4:21-23

DISCUSS:

1. What is the focal point of the "earthly story?"
2. What was the purpose of a lamp, and what does that purpose imply about where one would place it?
3. How is light an appropriate metaphor for God?
4. What are three main ways God reveals himself?
5. What does it mean to say that the glory of Jesus unfolds "incrementally?" Give some examples.
6. How should someone who is committed to Christ put the truth of this parable to work? How should someone who is still undecided?

PRAY:

1. For our nation in the wake of this past week's election.
2. Praise for those who are in the process of becoming new members of our church.
3. For healing for Adeline Hayes as she undergoes treatments for a tumor. For healing for others who are facing illnesses and surgeries.
4. For helpful insights into the biblical health of our congregation as the Church Health Assessment continues to unfold.
5. For joyful, God-honoring Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations in our families and in our "forever family" here at FPCP.
6. Thanks for the current Life Group "season" that concludes this evening.
7. Pray about needs and give thanks for answers to prayer within your group.