



First Presbyterian Church

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

November 17, 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

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Psalm 96:7-9

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

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Trinity Hymnal #302

☞ 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

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Trinity Hymnal #498

Speak, O Lord

Corporate Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Then we will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

⌘ Corporate Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Confession Q.18-20

Q.18. *But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?*

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Q.19. *From where do you know this?*

A. From the holy gospel, which God Himself first revealed in Paradise. Later, He had it proclaimed by the patriarchs and prophets, and foreshadowed by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law. Finally, He had it fulfilled through His only Son.

Q.20. *Are all men, then, saved by Christ just as they perished through Adam?*

A. No. Only those are saved who by a true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all His benefits.

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

The Goodness of Jesus
(Instrumental)

⌘ 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

XV. The Parable of the Measure

Mark 4:24-25

⌘ Closing Hymn

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

⌘ Benediction

Romans 15:33

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

Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder Marshall Davis III

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

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.

Announcements

This Week

Today	11:45 am	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversation	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 pm	An Evening at the Symphony	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
Wed.	6:30 pm	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
		Music Team Practice	Sanctuary



Events

An Evening at the Symphony | Church-wide prayer meeting & fellowship meal is **tonight, at 5:30 pm**. Childcare is provided.

Baby Food & Formula Drive | This is the **last Sunday** to drop off donations for the Pregnancy Care Center drive. There is a table in the Fellowship Hall, where donations can be placed. The table will be up through the Prayer Meeting this evening.

Youth Group | **This Wed.** at **6:30 pm**. The youth will meet for a study, fellowship, and a meal.

Men's & Women's Studies | Both the men's and women's studies are on break until January. The newsletter and last week's bulletin had the incorrect end dates.

Celebrating the Christmas Season at FPCP

Thanksgiving Brunch | The annual Thanksgiving Brunch will be Sunday, **Dec. 1 at 9:30 am** during the Sunday School hour. Please bring a brunch item to share.

Women's "Progressive" Dinner and Christmas Party | The women are having a Christmas Fellowship event on **Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm**. We will "progress" around the Fellowship Hall for various courses and activities. You won't want to miss it. Stay tuned for a sign up coming soon.

Church-wide Christmas Party and Carol Sing | We are celebrating the joy of our Savior's coming with a church-wide party and carol sing on **Dec. 8 at 5:30 pm**. There will be surprises!

Youth Christmas Party - TBD - Stay tuned for details coming soon on this, as well as other youth events in December.

Christmas Sunday School on break from Dec. 22 until early January.

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. crystal@firstprespooler.com

Sermon Notes
THE UNCONVENTIONAL KINGDOM: STUDIES IN MARK'S GOSPEL
XV. "The Parable of the Measure"
Mark 4:24-25

I. The Warning Jesus (v. 24a)

"Pay attention to what you hear"

1. Not an alarm, but a _____

2. Be careful who you hear

- The voice of _____ (e.g., Scribes, Mk 2:7; 3:22)
- The voice of _____ (e.g., Pilate, Jn 18:38)
- The voice of _____ (Jesus! Jn 10:11;14:6)

3. Be careful how you listen!

- Faith means _____ the truth (Rom 10:7)
- Faith means _____ the truth (Lk 24:27)
- Faith means _____ the truth (Acts 17:11)
- Faith means _____ the truth (Rom 1:5; Jas 1:22)

II. The Measure Jesus Uses (vv. 24b-25)

"With the measure you use, it will be measured to you"

1. The amount of blessing and truth we receive from Jesus in the future will be according to what we've done with what we already have

- Those who "improve" the truth more will receive _____
- Those who "improve" it less will receive _____
- Those who "waste" the truth will receive _____

2. The mysteries of the measure

- Christ is sovereign and we are _____
- Christ rewards faith but his rewards are all of _____