



First Presbyterian Church

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

November 3, 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

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.

☞ Response of Praise in Song

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Trinity Hymnal #92

☞ 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

Isaiah 43

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

Minister: *Gracious God, we know that your law is spiritual, but we, your people, are of the flesh, sold under sin.*

People: We don't understand our own actions. For we don't do what we want, but the very things we hate.

Minister: *When we do what we don't want, we agree with the law, that it is good. So it's no longer we who do it, but sin that dwells within us.*

People: We have the desire to do what's right, but not the ability to carry it out. For we don't do the good we want, but the evil we don't want is what we keep on doing.

Minister: *We delight in the law of God in our inner being, but we see in our members another law waging war against the law of our mind and making us captive to the law of sin that dwells in our members.*

All: Who will deliver us from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

✠ Corporate Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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

Christ is Mine Forevermore
(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

XIII. "The Parable of the Sower"

Mark 4:1-20

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

⌘ Closing Hymn

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

⌘ Benediction

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder John Twibell

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason

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Announcements

This Week

Today	11:45 am	Town Hall Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Mon.	6:00 pm	5:11 Group	@ the Gleasons'
Wed.	12:00 pm	Women's Leadership Team	@ the church
	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Women's Classroom
		Music Team Practice	Sanctuary
		Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
Thu.	6:30 am	Front Porch Society	@ the Hardens'
Fri.	8:00 am	Men's Study	In Conference Room or On Zoom



Women's Events

5:11 Group | The women's monthly 5:11 group will meet on **Mon. Nov. 4th at 6:00 pm**, at the Gleasons' house. This group is for women over 55, and the theme is from I Thessalonians 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." We have such fun and are getting to know, love, and serve each other. For further information contact Edna Gleason.

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.

Youth Events

Youth Group | Youth Group will meet *this Wed.*, Nov. 6th, as well as the 20th, at 6:30 pm for a study and fellowship time. Dinner is provided.

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 Events

Front Porch Society | Men's literary group meets this Thursday at 6:30 am at Clay Harden's house (156 Carrie Rd, Bloomingdale).

Men's Study | This group meets this week, Friday at 8 am, in the conference room or over zoom.

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

Ministry Opportunities

Baby Food & Formula Drive | We are collecting baby food, formula, and other items for the Pregnancy Care Center of Rincon. The diaconate will set up collection boxes in the Fellowship Hall the Sundays of 11/3, 11/10, and 11/17, 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

Sermon Notes

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Mark 4:1-20

I. Listening to the Earthly Story (vv. 3-9)

1. The Accessibility of the Parable

- Tells the story in categories that are familiar and _____
- The accessibility of this story reflects the _____ of Christ

2. The Realism of the Parable

- In the details of the _____
- In the details of the _____ and what becomes of it
- The realism of this story reflects the _____ of Christ

II. Considering Its Heavenly Meaning

1. At the "Kingdom" Level

- The *word* of Christ is _____ (vv. 3,14; cf. Rom 1:17; 10:17)
- The *kingdom* of Christ is _____ (vv. 8, 20; cf. Col 1:6-7)
- The *triumph* of Christ is _____ (vv. 8, 20; cf. Mt 3:11-12)

2. At the Personal Level

- *Attitudes* to embrace
 - A holy, word-based _____ (Lk 8:15; Gal 5:22)
 - A cheerful, word-based _____ (Phil 1: 6; 1 Cor 15:24-25)
- *Actions* to pursue
 - Insist on a word-centered _____ (2 Tim 4:2; Acts 17:11)
 - Cultivate a word-centered _____ (Col 3:16; 1 Pet 2:2; Ps 1)