

**First Presbyterian Church**

March 23, 2025

# The Banquet



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10:30 A.M

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### PRELUDE –

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

--- Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

**For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.**

He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

**He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

**God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.**

The nobles of the nations assemble, along with the people of the God of Abraham,

**For God has authority over the rulers of the earth. He is highly exalted!**

### \*INVOCATION (*Opening Prayer*)

We praise you for creating this world in all beauty, for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord, and for sending us the gift of your Spirit to encourage, instruct, and sustain us. We long for your Spirit to work among us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth, and to equip us for service in your world **Amen.**

### \*HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

#487 BLUE

1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

2 Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky  
From depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song  
Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

### CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O Lord, you live in light and call us to live in your light.

**We confess that so often we choose to live in darkness, hiding from you in our guilt and shame over our sin.**

But you call us to be free of our shame and guilt, dying so that we might be free.

**O God, may we trust in your love that we bring our sins to you, knowing as we do, you will take our sin from us.**

*(Time of silent personal confession)*

O Gracious Lord and Savior, you are our ruler.

**Though we often hide this from others and ourselves.**

You give us so much -

**Yet we squabble and fight over your generous gifts.**

We are to speak your words,

**Yet most often choose to be silent.**

We are your hands and feet,

**But are often slow to move and swift to do nothing.**

Forgive us, O Lord,

**For going our own way,**

For rebelling against your rule

**For thinking our ways are in anyway superior to your way of love.**

O God, help us seek first you and your rule.

**That others will want to know you and love in their lives.**

Hear the good news of God's amazing grace. In Christ we are loved and made new.  
**Therefore, rejoice because we are forgiven through God's grace!**

**HYMN "Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken" INSERT**

Listen to the word that God has spoken; Listen to the One who is close at hand;  
Listen to the voice that began creation; Listen even if you don't understand.

**MESSAGE "The Banquet"**

**\*HYMN "Jesus, I Come" #491 GREEN**

1 Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my want and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

2 Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

3 Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

4 Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus I come; Jesus I come;  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostle's Creed" PAGE 14 BLUE**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Lord Jesus Christ - INSERT**

**The 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.***

**\*HYMN "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" INSERT**

1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live Myself to Thee, entirely give.

2 O, grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but Thy pure love alone;  
O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

3 O love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away, where'er Thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire or seek, but Thee.

### **Ordination and installation of Jay Stoneman as a Ruling Elder**

Opening remarks, questions for Jay

Questions for the congregation:

1) Do we the members of the church accept Jay as one of our elders,  
chosen by God to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

2) Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow  
as they guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?

**We do.**

**Prayer of ordination and installation**

### **CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

#### **BENEDICTION**

*--- Romans 11:33-36 NIV*

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

**How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!**

Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?

**Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?**

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

**To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

#### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE –**

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#### **Deacon of the Month:**

March: Liz Sweeney

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Good Friday April 18 6:00 PM

**Worship Leaders:** Hannah Mergen, Jay Stoneman, and Pastor Tim Dyck

### **Luke 14:16-24**

But Jesus said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time for the banquet he sent his slave to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, because everything is now ready.' But one after another they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going out to examine them. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I just got married, and I cannot come.'

So the slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the master of the household was furious and said to his slave, 'Go out quickly to the streets and alleys of the city, and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'

Then the slave said, 'Sir, what you instructed has been done, and there is still room.'

So the master said to his slave, 'Go out to the highways and country roads and urge people to come in, so that my house will be filled. For I tell you, not one of those individuals who were invited will taste my banquet!'"

### **Matt. 22:1-14**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven can be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to summon those who had been invited to the banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Look! The feast I have prepared for you is ready. My oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet."

But they were indifferent and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest seized his slaves, insolently mistreated them, and killed them. The king was furious! He sent his soldiers, and they put those murderers to death and set their city on fire.

Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but the ones who had been invited were not worthy. So go into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

And those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all they found, both bad and good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the wedding guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' But he had nothing to say.

Then the king said to his attendants, 'Tie him up hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!' For many are called, but few are chosen.

### **Sermon Themes (Journey to Jerusalem)**

Date	Sermon Theme	Scripture
23	The Banquet	Luke 14:16-24, Matthew 22:1-14
30	Rich Man and Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31
April 6	Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1 - 10
13	Palm Sunday	Luke 29:37-48
18	Good Friday	"Who is This?"
20	Easter	Luke 24:1-12