

First Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2025



Climbing Trees

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10:30 A.M

PRELUDE –

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

--- Psalm 145:1-10

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful bless you.

***INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)**

God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world.

You formed us, loved us, and gave us all that we need.

God, our Redeemer, you rescued us from sin.

You have given us new life and hope of healing to the world.

God, our Comforter, you are with us always.

You comfort us, renew us, and guide us into your truth.

Almighty God, for your gracious love for us,

We praise you. Amen.

***HYMN “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”**

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1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been granted in what He ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again, gladly for aye we adore Him.

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 God, we love your generosity and blessings in our lives.

We bask in your love, rejoice in your grace and depend on your mercy.

Yet, O Lord, when it comes to sharing your generosity

We fail miserably.

We want to pretend that we deserve your love.

But we forget it is only your grace that brings us to you.

We grab onto your blessings forgetting to share them with others.

We forget that your mercies are new every morning.

That your love is endless and all in-compassing.

O God forgive us not being generous like you.

Change our hearts so that we share your grace.

In our insecurity, help us to be sure of your abundance.

In Christ by the power of the Spirit because of the Father's love, we are forgiven.

God loves us with a love that is everlasting and unceasing. Thanks be to God.

***HYMN "Speak, O Lord" INSERT**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of your holy word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

MESSAGE "Climbing Trees"

***HYMN "Just as I Am" #488 BLUE**

1 Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

2 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4 Just as I am, Thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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 "My Worth is Not in What I Own" INSERT**

1 My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

2 My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Refrain: I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

3 As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

4 I will not boast in wealth or might, Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross (Refrain)

5 Two wonders here that I confess. my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed – my ransom paid at the cross. (Refrain)

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

--- Based on 1 Thess. 5

May the Spirit who lives in us through the power of God

So work in our lives that we willing follow the God's call on our lives.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

Keeping your spirit whole and complete, blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will complete his work in your life.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the power of the Spirit and the love of God protect you in all ways – now and forever Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE –

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Deacon of the Month:

April: Pam Gallagher

Upcoming Events:

Good Friday April 18 6:00 PM

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

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. Now a man named Zacchaeus was there; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to get a look at Jesus, but being a short man he could not see over the crowd. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, because Jesus was going to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to that place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, because I must stay at your house today."

So he came down quickly and welcomed Jesus joyfully. And when the people saw it, they all complained, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, half of my possessions I now give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone of anything, I am paying back four times as much!"

Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this household, because he too is a son of Abraham!"

Future Sermon Themes

Date	Sermon Theme	Scripture
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
27	The Plan	Luke 24:13-48
May 4	Being Forgiven	John 21:1-25