

First Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2024



Under Construction- Being Like Jesus

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10:30 A.M

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

-- Psalm 66:1-4

Shout out praise to God, all the earth!

Sing praises about the majesty of his reputation! Give him the honor he deserves!

Say to God: "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power your enemies cower in fear before you.

All the earth worships you and sings praises to you! They sing praises to your name!"

INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)

O Lord, you know everything about us and still you astound us with your love. You pursue us out and call us to be in relationship with you. Through the Holy Spirit, awake in us a desire to seek you out and follow you so that we will love you with our body, mind, soul and spirit. **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

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

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us for our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Let us confess our sins to God for he will abundantly pardon. *(Based on Psalm 103:8-12)*

(Time of silent personal confession)

O Lord Jesus Christ, because you love us, you tell us the truth about ourselves and you.

But because we often are afraid of the truth, we want to listen to voices that tell what we want to hear.

O God, in our foolishness, we trust the lies of liars rather the truth that saves us.

Forgive us our stupidity and self-deception.

Help us to admit to you our sin, telling you what you already know about us.

Give us the courage to confess the wrong we do and the right we don't do so that we can have fellowship with you and with each other.

Hear the Good News. Our sins, though many, are insignificant compared to God's grace and love. We are forgiven through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN "Open Our Eyes, Lord"**

#633 GREEN

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

MESSAGE *“Under Construction – Being Like Jesus”*

***HYMN** **“We Are Called to Be God’s People”** #415 **GREEN**

1 We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race
Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own
Let us share our life together as we shall around His throne

2 We are called to be God's servants working in His world today
Taking His own task upon us all His sacred words obey
Let us rise then to His summons dedicate to Him our all
That we may be faithful servants quick to answer now His call

3 We are called to be God's prophets speaking for the truth and right
Standing firm for godly justice bringing evil into light
Let us seek the courage needed our high calling to fulfill
That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will

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

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 **“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”** #568 **GREEN**

1 May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

2 May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only thro' His pow'r.

3 May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

4 May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing - This is victory.

5 May I run the race before me strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

6 May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win;
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION —based on 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22; 1 Peter 2:17

Go out into the world in peace: have courage;

Hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil;

Help the suffering; honor all;
Love and serve the Lord,
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

With God's help we will.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be upon us and remain with all God's people forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE –

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Up Coming Events:

May 8 6:00 PM Community Prayer – FPC

Deacon of the Month:

April: Mary Ellen Richards

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

Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort provided by love, any fellowship in the Spirit, any affection or mercy, complete my joy and be of the same mind, by having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one purpose.

Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself. Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well.

You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature. He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death– even death on a cross!

As a result God exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow– in heaven and on earth and under the earth– and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.