

First Presbyterian Church

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Under Construction- Unanticipated Joys

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10:30 A.M

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)

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

For you, the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees shall clap their hands.

To you, kings and rulers shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise. Amen.

*HYMN "Ye Servants of God"

#38 GREEN

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,

And publish abroad His wonderful Name;

The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol: His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still He is nigh, His presence we have;

The great congregation His triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

3 "Salvation to God, Who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,

Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give Him His right –

All glory and power, all wisdom and might,

All honor and blessing, with angels above,

And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

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)

"You have made us to be free,

But we crave the cheap comforts of our chains.

You have made us to serve others,

But we have eyes only for ourselves.

You have made us to love,

But we only want to care for ourselves.

You provide, that we may be generous,

But we greedily hoard as if your well will run dry.

You forgive time and again,

But we hold fast to the sins of others.

You offer light for our path,
But we insist on making our own way.

You are the God who saves.

Lord, save us from ourselves. In your great mercy, restore and heal us, and grant us your peace."

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.

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***HYMN "My Worth is Not in What I Own" #383 BLUE**

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

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

R 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.

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

I will not boast in wealth or might Or human wisdom's fleeting light

But I will boast in knowing Christ At the cross (R)

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

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 "Joyful, Joyful" #384 BLUE**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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 1:12-30

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that my situation has actually turned out to advance the gospel: The whole imperial guard and everyone else knows that I am in prison for the sake of Christ, and most of the brothers and sisters, having confidence in the Lord because of my imprisonment, now more than ever dare to speak the word fearlessly. Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. The latter do so from love because they know that I am placed here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, because they think they can cause trouble for me in my imprisonment.

What is the result? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is being proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

My confident hope is that I will in no way be ashamed but that with complete boldness, even now as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, whether I live or die. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. Now if I am to go on living in the body, this will mean productive work for me, yet I don't know which I prefer: I feel torn between the two, because I have a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far, but it is more vital for your sake that I remain in the body.

And since I am sure of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for the sake of your progress and joy in the faith, so that what you can be proud of may increase because of me in Christ Jesus, when I come back to you. Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ so that— whether I come and see you or whether I remain absent— I should hear that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, by contending side by side for the faith of the gospel, and by not being intimidated in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of their destruction, but of your salvation— a sign which is from God.

For it has been granted to you not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for him, since you are encountering the same conflict that you saw me face and now hear that I am facing.