



# First Presbyterian Church

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

January 28, 2024 ∞ 10:30 in the morning

### *Order of Worship*

(☞-Please Stand)

#### **Preparation for Worship**

*We invite you to use this time to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

#### **☞ 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.*

#### **☞ 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.

#### **☞ The Power of the Cross**

#### **☞ Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Trinity #172

#### **☞ Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lover of our souls, your will for us is to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. But we're not sufficient for these things. There's no pure love in our souls by nature, but only through your grace. Unless you continue to pardon and help us, our affections wander from you, we're bound like slaves to our own selfish desires, and we use others as means to our own ends. Your grace has set us free, for we believe that Christ has redeemed us and removed the guilt of all our sin. But on our own, we can no more walk in love to you and others now, than we could when your mercy first laid hold on us. Forgive us, Father. And may your Spirit make us like the loving Jesus. Work in us his holy temper; give us his eyes of compassion; for Christ's sake, use us as instruments of your peace in the midst of a broken world; to the blessing of others, and to the glory of your name. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

## ⌘ Corporate Confession of Faith

Q. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

## WSC Questions 36-38

The Westminster Shorter Catechism is a catechism written in 1646 and 1647 by the Westminster Assembly, a synod of English and Scottish theologians and laymen intended to bring the Church of England into greater conformity with the Church of Scotland.

The purpose of the Shorter Catechism is to educate people in the basic doctrines of the Reformed faith.

## Pastoral Prayer

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## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.

## Proverbs 3:9

*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

## Jesus, Strong and Kind

## ⌘ 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**

Series—Romans  
**Resting in Our "All Things" God**  
Romans 8:31-39

## ⌘ All Must Be Well

## ⌘ 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 Kelly Larson**

**Preaching: Rev. Dr. Bill Gleason**

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## Sermon Notes

### Resting in Our "All Things" God Romans 8:31-39

What are the grounds for confidence that God will supply all our needs?

#### I. The Nature of Our "All Things" God

- *The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and **everything**.* (Acts 17:24-25)

#### II. The Promises of Our "All Things" God

- *Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and **all these things** shall be added to you.* (Mt 6:33)
- *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places ....* (Eph 1:3)
- *"**All things** are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future – **all** are yours ...."* (1 Cor 3:21-22)
- *God is able to make **all grace** abound to you, so that having **all sufficiency** in **all things** at **all times**, you may abound in **every** good work.* (2 Cor 9:8)
- *"My God shall supply **all your need** according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."* (Phil 4:19)
- *The Lord is my shepherd; **I shall not want.**"* (Ps 23:1)

#### III. The Logic of Our "All Things" God

*He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"* (Rom 8:32)

- God has already given us the single \_\_\_\_\_ gift

**And therefore ...**

- He will also give us every \_\_\_\_\_ gift as well!

#### IV. What Are The "All Things" Promised?

- Everything we need for our \_\_\_\_\_
- Everything we need for our \_\_\_\_\_

# *Life Group Questions*

**January 28, 2024**

Have someone in the group read aloud Romans 8:31-39

## **Some Questions to Discuss**

1. On a scale of 1-10, what's your "worry factor" over whether your needs will be met? Which area of provision do you tend to worry over most?
2. What does Acts 17:24-25 tell us about the nature of God, and how should we apply that to the problem of worry?
3. What are some of God's "all things" promises, and how might we use them to build our confidence in him and his provision?
4. What does the fact that God "reasons" with us in Romans 8:32 tell us about the Christian faith? About the character of God?
5. What is the "logic" of Paul's question in Romans 8:32? Do you find it persuasive? Why or why not?
6. What are the "all things" promised in v. 32? What is not promised here?
7. How will the truth of God's word in v. 32, and Bill's exposition of it in the morning sermon impact the way you deal with worry and fear? Do you agree that Romans 8:32 can serve as fuel for our praise? Why or why not?

## **Some Things to Pray About**

1. For God's ongoing provision for our congregation in our time of pastoral transition.
2. For the spiritual and numerical growth of our Church.
3. For the parents and children of the congregation.
4. For those struggling with illness or recovering from surgery.
5. Share needs and praises within the group and pray about these.

# Announcements

## This Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	Coffee, Cakes, & Conversation	Fellowship Hall
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	LIFE Groups	Various homes
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Student Ministries - Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
		Women's Evening Study	Women's Classroom
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Women's Morning Study	Women's Classroom
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Women's Galentines Party	Fellowship Hall



## Events

**LIFE Groups** | Life groups meet on Sunday evenings in homes around our area. This is an excellent opportunity to grow in your faith and deepen relationships within the church. If you have not been in a group, and would like to sign up, there is a link in this week's newsletter. If you have questions, please see Crystal Twibell (crystal@firstprespooler.com).

**Student Ministries** | Wednesday night study will resume this week on January 24th at 6:30 pm, with a new series on the Minor Prophets. Dinner will be provided.

**Women's Bible Studies** | Wednesday evening and Thursday morning Bible studies meet this week. They will continue working through the book of Acts. Contact Maggie Banks at admin@firstprespooler.com if you have any questions.

**Women's "Galentines" Party** | February 2nd at 6:30 pm at the church. We hope you can join us for a fun evening of snacks and painting. Dress is casual (something you might get paint on). Childcare is available, but feel free to bring your daughters if they are old enough to paint a simple canvas. Please, please RSVP by Jan 31, so that we have enough materials for everyone.

## Ministry Opportunities

**Volunteers needed** | We need volunteers in a variety of capacities specifically in the nursery, bringing snacks after service, and ushers. Please see Crystal Twibell to find out how you can help.