



# First Presbyterian Church

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

January 7, 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**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

#### **Psalm 105:1-3**

*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.

#### **☞ How Firm a Foundation**

#### **☞ Yet Not I But Christ in Me**

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Based on Psalm 32

Minister: Merciful God and compassionate Father, how often we devalue the blessedness of the one whose transgression has been forgiven, and whose sin has been covered. Forgive us for denigrating your grace, we pray.

**People: Forgive us for deceiving ourselves about our sin; for keeping silent instead of admitting our faults, so that you find it necessary to lay a heavy hand upon us in order to turn our hearts back to you.**

Minister: How often we fail to trust in your Word, refusing to believe your promise of forgiveness to all who acknowledge their sin instead of covering it up.

**People: Teach us, with the Psalmist, to pray to you at a time when you may be found. Enlarge our trust that you are a hiding place for us. Remind us that, since the great rushing waters of judgment fully overwhelmed your Son, crucified for us, therefore they will not reach us, and we are safe forever in him.**

**All: O Lord, help us to hate and repent of everything that displeases you. Cause us, through Jesus, to know your steadfast love surrounding us always, that we may be glad and rejoice in you. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are 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 does he remove our transgressions from us.

## ☩ Corporate Confession of Faith

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*Although it was not actually written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.*

*\*suffered separation from God*

*\*\*universal*

## Pastoral Prayer

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## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

**Acts 20:35**

*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

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

## ⌘ 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

### **"What's in a Name: Glorified"**

Romans 8:28-31, 5:1-2

## The Lord's Supper

**Passing of the Bread**

**All Sufficient Merit**

**Passing of the Cup**

**There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood**

## ⌘ He Will Hold Me Fast

## ⌘ Benediction

**Assisting in Worship: Ruling Elder Marshall Davis III**

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

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# Sermon Notes

## What's in a Word: Glorified

Romans 8:28-31; 5:1-2

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<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

### Romans 5:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

## Why Christians Can Rejoice in the "Hope of Glory"

### I. Because of Its Certainty

- Glory is guaranteed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 30; Phil 1:6)
- Glory is guaranteed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Jn 17:24)
- Glory is guaranteed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Heb 9:12)

### II. Because of Its Quality

#### WSC 38

#### 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.*

- Glory will satisfy our longing for \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 25:23)
- Glory will satisfy our longing for \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 13:43)

### III. Because of Its Eternity

- The glory of this present world is \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 6:28-30; Is 40:6-7)
- The glory of the world to come is \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet 1:4,6; 5:10)

# Announcements

## This Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	Town Hall Lunch	Fellowship Hall
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	5:11 Group (women)	The Gleason's home
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Men's Evening Study	Conference Room
		Women's Evening Study	Women's Classroom
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>6:30 am</b>	Front Porch Society (men)	Three Tree at the Porch 215 W Collins St
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Women's Morning Study	Women's Classroom
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	Men's Morning Study	Conference Room



## Events

**LIFE Groups** | Life groups will resume January 21st. If you have not been in a group, and would like to sign up, there are sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please see Crystal Twibell.

**5:11 Group** | The next 5:11 group will be at 6:00 pm, January 8th at the Gleasons' home.

**Front Porch Society** | The next Front Porch Society men's group will meet on January 11th at 6:30 am at Three Tree at the Porch.

**Sunday School** | Sunday school for all ages will resume next Sunday, January 14th, at 9:30 am.

**Prayer Meeting** | Our monthly prayer meeting and fellowship dinner is on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30.

**Student Ministries** | Wednesday night study will resume January 24th, with a new series.

**Men's and Women's Bible Studies** | Bible studies will resume the week of January 10th. See Bill for questions about the men's study, or Maggie Banks or Kaye Wimberly for questions about the women's study.

## Ministry Opportunities

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

## *Contact Info*

### **Pastoral Staff**

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## *Meet the Staff:*

Our longstanding Ministry Coordinator, Melissa Miles, begins her nurses' training this week! We are proud of her and pray the Lord's blessings on her in this endeavor! As a full-time student, she will not be able to remain as full-time staff in our church. Although she is remaining Treasurer and Hospitality Coordinator, her other responsibilities are being entrusted to other capable hands. In light of these changes, we want to "introduce" you to the new lineup and make sure you have the correct contact information.

### **Crystal Twibell - Ministry Coordinator**

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Crystal is transitioning from the Administrative Assistant position to become the Ministry Coordinator. If you have questions about LIFE groups, Bible studies, or want to volunteer to help in any way, Crystal is your point of contact.

### **Melissa Miles - Treasurer and Hospitality Coordinator**

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Melissa is our wonderful chef for most events, and is the point of contact to find out recipes and compliment the cooking or to sign up to help with meals. She is also the person to turn in receipts for LIFE groups, and other reimbursements. Other finance related questions should, however, be directed to one of the elders.

### **John Miles - Student Ministry Leader**

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John is continuing to lead our Student Ministry. If you have children from 6th to 12th grade, he and Melissa can answer any questions and get you connected with Youth Sunday School and Wednesday night study.

### **Annie Twibell - Children's Ministry Coordinator**

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Annie is stepping into the role of Children's Ministry Coordinator, and is your point of contact for any questions regarding nursery and children's ministry (up through 5th grade).

### **Amelia Twibell - Music Ministry Director**

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Amelia is continuing as our Music Director. She leads music and plays piano on Sunday mornings. She is your point of contact for music related things, such as how to join the praise team.

### **Maggie Banks - Admin. Assistant & Women's Ministry Coordinator**

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Maggie is stepping into the Admin Assistant role, and is responsible for the newsletter, bulletin, calendar, and other church communications as well as heading up our Women's ministry team. If you have any questions about the newsletter, bulletin, calendar, or women's ministry, she is your point of contact.