

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

God has called His people to be worshippers. In fact, to glorify God in worship is our chief purpose, both in this life and the one to come. Prepare your hearts to come before the Triune God actively rather than passively, as a congregation rather than an audience, offering up that which is pleasing to Him. The pastor and other leaders will help guide you, but worship is yours to do! Lift your voices in songs of praise, bow your hearts in corporate prayer, listen attentively as God speaks to you through the reading and preaching of His Word; and may our worship, by the enabling of the Holy Spirit, be pleasing to Christ our LORD and nourishing to our very souls!

Welcome and AnnouncementsPastor Andrew Newman

Call to WorshipPsalm 100

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the LORD Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.

§ HymnAll Creatures of Our God and KingNo. 115

§ Prayer of AdorationPastor Peter Spink

Old Testament ReadingPsalm 35

Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me. Take hold of buckler and shield and rise up for my help. Draw also the spear and the battle-axe to meet those who pursue me; say to my soul, “I am your salvation.” Let those be ashamed and dishonored who seek my life; let those be turned back and humiliated who devise evil against me. Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the Lord driving them on. Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the Lord pursuing them. For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my soul. Let destruction come upon him unawares, and let the net which he hid catch himself; into that very destruction let him fall.

And my soul shall rejoice in the LORD; it shall exult in His salvation. All my bones will say, “Lord, who is like You, who delivers the afflicted from him who is too strong for him, and the afflicted and the needy from him who robs him?” Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know. They repay me evil for good, to the bereavement of my soul. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting, and my prayer kept returning to my bosom. I went about as though it were my friend or brother; I bowed down mourning, as one who sorrows for a mother. but at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered themselves together; the smiters whom I did not know gathered together against me, they slandered me without ceasing. Like godless jesters at a feast, they gnashed at me with their teeth.

Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue my soul from their ravages, my only life from the lions. I will give You thanks in the great congregation; I will praise You among a mighty throng. Do not let those who are wrongfully my enemies rejoice over me; nor let those who hate me without cause wink maliciously. For they do not speak peace, but they devise deceitful words against those who are quiet in the land. They opened their mouth wide against me; they said, “Aha, aha, our eyes have seen it!”

You have seen it, O LORD, do not keep silent; O Lord, do not be far from me. Stir up Yourself, and awake to my right and to my cause, my God and my Lord. Judge me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness, and do not let them rejoice over me. Do not let them say in their heart, “Aha, our desire!” Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up!” Let those be ashamed and humiliated altogether who rejoice at my distress; let those be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves over me.

Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; and let them say continually, “The Lord be magnified, who delights in the prosperity of His servant.” And my tongue shall declare Your righteousness and Your praise all day long.

§ PsalmOur God, Our Help in Ages PastNo. 30  
(stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7)

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

OffertoryGesu Bambino  
Lynn Tate, flute; Cathy Lawton, piano

When blossoms flowered amid the snows upon a winter night, was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of love and light. Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell, from paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell. ~CCL111347461

Prayer of Petition and SupplicationElder Craig Bouvier

§ HymnFather of Mercies, in Your WordNo. 144

Scripture ReadingActs 17:16-21Pew Bible page 1110

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he was reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present. <sup>18</sup>And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him. Some were saying, “What would this idle babbler wish to say?” Others, “He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities,”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is which you are proclaiming?” <sup>20</sup>For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; so we want to know what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>(Now all the Athenians and the strangers visiting there used to spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new.)

Proclamation of God’s WordPastor Newman  
Paul in Athens

§ HymnBreathe on Me, Breath of GodNo. 334

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

§ DoxologyNo. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to WorshipI Timothy 1:17

§ HymnImmortal, Invisible, God Only WiseNo. 38

§ Prayer of Praise and AdorationPastor Peter Spink

New Testament ReadingRomans 7

§ HymnFairest Lord JesusNo. 170

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

OffertorySee, Amid the Winter’s Snow  
Michael Weaver, violin; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and IntercessionPastor Spink

§ HymnBe Thou My Vision (stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5)No. 642

Scripture ReadingGenesis 38Pew Bible page 41

<sup>1</sup>And it came about at that time, that Judah departed from his brothers and visited a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. <sup>2</sup>Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua; and he took her and went in to her. <sup>3</sup>So she conceived and bore a son and he named him Er. <sup>4</sup>Then she conceived again and bore a son and named him Onan. <sup>5</sup>She bore still another son and named him Shelah; and it was at Chezib that she bore him.

<sup>6</sup>Now Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. <sup>7</sup>But Er, Judah’s firstborn, was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD took his life. <sup>8</sup>Then Judah said to Onan, “Go in to your brother’s wife, and perform your duty as a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother.” <sup>9</sup>Onan knew that the offspring would not be his; so when he went in to his brother’s wife, he wasted his seed on the ground in order not to give offspring to his brother. <sup>10</sup>But what he did was displeasing in the sight of the LORD; so He took his life also. <sup>11</sup>Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, “Remain a widow in your father’s house until my son Shelah grows up”; for he thought, “I am afraid that he too may die like his brothers.” So Tamar went and lived in her father’s house.

<sup>12</sup>Now after a considerable time Shua’s daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and when the time of mourning was ended, Judah went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. <sup>13</sup>It was told to Tamar, “Behold, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep.” <sup>14</sup>So she removed her widow’s garments and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gateway of Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah had grown up, and she had not been given to him as a wife. <sup>15</sup>When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, for she had covered her face. <sup>16</sup>So he turned aside to her by the road, and said, “Here now, let me come in to you”; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, “What will you give me, that you may come in to me?” <sup>17</sup>He said, therefore, “I will send you a young goat from the flock.” She said, moreover, “Will you give a pledge until you send it?” <sup>18</sup>He said, “What pledge shall I give you?” And she said, “Your seal and your cord, and your staff that is in your hand.” So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. <sup>19</sup>Then she arose and departed, and removed her veil and put on her widow’s garments.

<sup>20</sup>When Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman’s hand, he did not find her. <sup>21</sup>He asked the men of her place, saying, “Where is the temple prostitute who was by the road at Enaim?” But they said, “There has been no temple prostitute here.” <sup>22</sup>So he returned to Judah, and said, “I did not find her; and furthermore, the men of the place said, ‘There has been no temple prostitute here.’” <sup>23</sup>Then Judah said, “Let her keep them, otherwise we will become a laughingstock. After all, I sent this young goat, but you did not find her.”

<sup>24</sup>Now it was about three months later that Judah was informed, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the harlot, and behold, she is also with child by harlotry.” Then Judah said, “Bring her out and let her be burned!” <sup>25</sup>It was while she was being brought out that she sent to her father-in-law, saying, “I am with child by the man to whom these things belong.” And she said, “Please examine and see, whose signet ring and cords and staff are these?” <sup>26</sup>Judah recognized them, and said, “She is more righteous than I, inasmuch as I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not have relations with her again.

<sup>27</sup>It came about at the time she was giving birth, that behold, there were twins in her womb. <sup>28</sup>Moreover, it took place while she was giving birth, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, “This one came out first.” <sup>2</sup>But it came about as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out. Then she said, “What a breach you have made for yourself!” So he was named Perez. <sup>30</sup>Afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet thread on his hand; and he was named Zerah.

Proclamation of God’s WordPastor Andrew Newman  
Judah and Tamar

§ HymnThe Church’s One Foundation (stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6)No. 347

§ Benediction

§ The congregation will please stand.

**Sermon Notes:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Pew Cards:** If you are new to Fellowship, please help us get to know you by filling out a pew card and dropping it in the offering plate. ~Thank you!*

**Wednesday Supper, Prayer Service, Catechism and High Point will resume January 11.**

**Women’s Tuesday Evening Bible Study (Esther) resumes this Tuesday, January 3, 6:30 pm:** This study, led by Meghan Newman, will meet on January 3 & 24; February 7 & 21; March 7.

**Women’s Evening Bible Study (1 Peter) resumes this Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm:** Please contact Barbara Wilder for details.

**Men’s Bible Study (Galatians) will meet Thursday, January 5, 7:00 PM;** contact John Kuhfuss for more information.

**Ladies’ Precepts Bible Study of Hebrews resumes Tuesday, January 24, 9:45 AM** (childcare is available), **Book cost is \$12** (In & Out version) or **\$17** (Precepts). Please contact Wendy Richards for more information.

**Men’s Sunday Afternoon Discussions will resume January 22, 4:45 PM.**



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

January 1, 2023

*Our purpose is to glorify the Triune God by reconciling the lost to Him through faith in Jesus Christ and equipping the saints to serve Him in every area of life.*

2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20

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**THE SESSION:**

Teaching Elder: Pastor Martin H. Martin  
Ruling Elders: Craig Bouvier, John Kuhfuss, Terry Richards,  
Tim Taylor, Jeff Wayne, Sr., Jeff Wayne, Jr.  
Elder of the Month: Craig Bouvier

**THE DIACONATE:**

Deacons: Pat DeJong, Jared Farquhar, Dave Frengel,  
Brian Medlin, Philip Triplett, Kevin Worley  
Deacon of the Week: Jared Farquhar

**ASSISTANT PASTOR:** Pastor Andrew Newman

**COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE:** Pastor Peter Spink

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Michael Weaver

**CHURCH INTERN:** Vinicius Pimentel

**ACCOMPANISTS:**

Piano, Beverly Brouwer & Cathy Lawton; Organ, Sheryl Farquhar

**MISSIONARIES & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES:**

Rev. & Mrs. Albert Kona—Albania	Rev. & Mrs. Will Traub—Scotland
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Rev & Mrs. Miguel D’Azevedo—Okinawa	Rev. & Mrs. Michael Romer—Poland/ Ukraine
Gospel Reformation Network	Greenville Theological Seminary
Greer Community Ministries	Covenant College

*Having been nominated, trained and sustained in their examination, the **Session presents to the congregation, the following as eligible for election** (to the four year term of 2023-2027) in a **congregational meeting** on **Sunday, January 8**, following morning worship:*

**Ruling Elder: Terry Richards, Jeff Wayne, Sr.**  
**Deacon: Jared Farquhar, Kelly Peterson, Philip Triplett**

*Praise the Lord for His goodness in raising up these men  
and pray for His guidance in the elections to be held **January 8**.*

**Sunday Evening, January 15—Chili Supper!**

*Plan to join us on **Sunday, January 15**, following evening worship,  
for a bowl of chili and time of fellowship.*

**Please sign-up in the narthex or online (fellowshippres.org/calendar)**

***Bible Reading plans (“180 Days: A Guided Tour of the Bible” and a one year  
“Chronological Bible Reading Plan”) are available in the narthex.***

*In the event of inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.), look for closing information  
for **Fellowship Presbyterian Church** on **WYFF Channel 4 (or wyff4.com)**,  
our website (**fellowshippres.org**) or our facebook page.*

*The office will be closed Monday, January 2, for the holidays.*