

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

Jesus says, “I am the vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes so that it may bear more fruit.” Perhaps you come after a week of seeing much fruit in your life. Give praise to your Father for blessing and using you in His grace. Perhaps you come having felt the shears of the Pruner. Whether His hand has removed “deadwood” in your life, or pruned areas of apparent productivity, know that the hand which prunes you is that of an infinitely good and loving Father, who is blessing you even in this. In all these things, let us come together as His vineyard, praising Him for the way He “dresses” and prepares us for the glory that is ours to come!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

Sing to the Lord

Call to Worship

Acts 17:24-27

The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.

§ Hymn

This Is My Father’s World

No. 111

§ Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 37:1-26

Do not fret because of evildoers, be not envious toward wrongdoers. For they will wither quickly like the grass and fade like the green herb. Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light and your judgment as the noonday.

Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out wicked schemes. Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret; it leads only to evildoing. For evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land. Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more; and you will look carefully for his place and he will not be there. But the humble will inherit the land and will delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes at him with his teeth. The Lord laughs at him, for He sees his day is coming. The wicked have drawn the sword and bent their bow to cast down the afflicted and the needy, to slay those who are upright in conduct. Their sword will enter their own heart, and their bows will be broken.

Better is the little of the righteous than the abundance of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD sustains the righteous. The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their inheritance will be forever. They will not be ashamed in the time of evil, and in the days of famine they will have abundance. But the wicked will perish; and the enemies of the LORD will be like the glory of the pastures, they vanish—like smoke they vanish away. The wicked borrows and does not pay back, But the righteous is gracious and gives. For those blessed by Him will inherit the land, but those cursed by Him will be cut off.

The steps of a man are established by the LORD, and He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the LORD is the One who holds his hand. I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his descendants begging bread. All day long he is gracious and lends, and his descendants are a blessing.

§ Psalm

Forever Trusting in the Lord

No. 671

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Be Still

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you, and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed. Come unto Me, My child, be still, and know that I will give you rest. I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend. My peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. Peace. Be still and know that I am God. Be still. ~CCLI111347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Andrew Newman

§ Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

No. 561

(stanzas 1, 2 & 4)

Scripture Reading

Acts 18:1-17

Pew Bible page 1110

¹After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth. ²And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them, ³and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers. ⁴And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” ⁷Then he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized. ⁹And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, “Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; ¹⁰for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city.” ¹¹And he settled there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹²But while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat, ¹³saying, “This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.” ¹⁴But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you; ¹⁵but if there are questions about words and names and your own law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters.” ¹⁶And he drove them away from the judgment seat. ¹⁷And they all took hold of Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and began beating him in front of the judgment seat. But Gallio was not concerned about any of these things.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Martin

Paul at Corinth

§ Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

No. 580

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introduction of Candidates

Call to Worship

Psalms 66:1-5

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious. Say to God, “How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will give feigned obedience to You. “All the earth will worship You, and will sing praises to You; they will sing praises to Your name.” Come and see the works of God, who is awesome in His deeds toward the sons of men.

§ Hymn

Lord, My Weak Thought in Vain Would Climb

No. 109

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Pastor Marty Martin

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:18-25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

§ Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

No. 345

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Steve and Cathy Lawton

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (stanzas 1, 2 & 5)

No. 343

Scripture Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

Pew Bible page 1225

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— ⁶and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Andrew Newman

To the Church

§ Hymn

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

No. 383

Questions to the Candidates

Pastor Martin

Questions to the Congregation

Pastor Martin

Laying on of Hands

Mr. Kelly Peterson

Exhortation to the Officers

Elder Craig Bouvier

Exhortation to the Church

Elder Tim Taylor

§ Hymn

The Church’s One Foundation (stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 4)

No. 347

§ Benediction

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 Night Supper & Service:

**5:30 PM: Catered Supper—\$3.50/ adult (ages 11 & up);
\$2.50/child (ages 10 & under) \$15 max/family; sign-up is required.**

***Please indicate on a pew card the number of adults & children attending this week’s supper;**
the menu is chicken pot pie, salad & dessert. **Food is served until 6:10 pm.**

6:30 PM: Devotional & Prayer Time (adults); Catechism (children); High Point (youth).

Tonight!

Ordination and Installation Service, 6:00 pm

Chili Supper, following the Ordination & Installation Service:

Please bring a pot of chili, cornbread or your favorite dessert.

*The **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** will be celebrated
next Sunday, January 22, during evening worship.*

Children’s Choir resumes rehearsals **this Sunday afternoon, 4:45 pm**; for more information, please contact Sheryl Farquhar.

Women’s Evening Bible Study (1 Peter) meets **Thursdays, 7:00 pm**; contact Barbara Wilder for details.

Women’s Tuesday Evening Bible Study (“Esther” by Lydia Brownbeck); this study, led by Meghan Newman, will meet 6:30 pm, at the church on: January 24; February 7 & 21; March 7.

Early Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Philippians) begins **January 24, 6:30—7:30 am**. Pastor Martin will lead this early morning study; please sign up in the narthex on online.

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 on **January 22, 4:45 PM**.

*If you would like to be added to either the **FPC Announcement** and/ or **Prayer Request list**, please **email** the church office.*

*To **send** prayer requests or announcements, please **DO NOT SEND TO THE OFFICE**, but email all prayer requests or announcements to the following:*

Send prayer requests to: prayer@fellowshippres.org.

Send announcements to: announcements@fellowshippres.org.

Friday, March 31, 2023 ~ Discipleship Building Kick-Off Banquet ~ Save the date!



FELLOWSHIP

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

January 15, 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: Brian Medlin

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
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