

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 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 Announcements Pastor Andrew Newman

Introit Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Call to Worship Revelation 11:15-17

§ **Hymn** Come, Christians, Join to Sing No. 302

§ **Prayer of Adoration** Pastor Newman

Confession of Faith WLC, 191 & 196

Leader: *What do we pray for in the second request?*

People: In the second request (which is, “May Your kingdom come”), acknowledging ourselves and all mankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan, we pray the following: that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed; that the Gospel may be propagated throughout the world, with the Jews called and the fullness of the Gentiles brought in; that the church may be furnished with all of its needed Gospel officers and structures, purged from corruption, and accepted and supported by the civil government; that the ordinances of Christ may be enacted purely and may be effectual to convert those who are still in their sins and to confirm, comfort, and build up those who are already converted; that Christ would rule in our hearts here and hasten the time of His second coming and our reign with Him forever; and that He would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of His power in all the world as may be most conducive to these purposes.

Leader: *What does the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?*

People: The conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer (which is, “For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”) teaches us to reinforce our petitions with arguments which are taken, not from any worthiness in ourselves or in any other creature, but from God; and to join praises with our prayers, ascribing to God alone eternal sovereignty, omnipotence, and glorious excellency. In light of this, because He is able and willing to help us, we are emboldened by faith to plead with Him that He would, and to quietly rely on Him that He will fulfill our requests. And to testify that this is our desire and assurance, we say Amen.

§ **Doxology** No. 733

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! ~CCLI11347461*

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory In Thee, Almighty King

In Thee, almighty King, what majesties abound, within Thy Kingdom there is peace, and glories all around. Thy name we now exalt, to Thee we gladly sing, proclaiming honor, love, and pow’r, in Thee, Almighty King. In Thee, O Precious Lord, is found redeeming grace. Thy cleansing blood was freely giv’n, to save a sinful race. So now we humbly stand to sing in one accord, eternal joy and endless life, in Thee, O Precious Lord. In Thee, Exalted Son, eternal life is found, for death has lost the victory, and Thy head has been crowned. Let all creation praise Thy name, O Living One! With grateful hearts we now rejoice, in Thee, Exalted Son, in Thee, O Precious Lord, in Thee, Almighty King! ~CCLI 11347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Newman

§ **Hymn** God, in the Gospel of His Son (stanzas 1, 4 & 5) No. 141

Scripture Reading Daniel 2:24-49 Pew Bible page 883

²⁴Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and spoke to him as follows: “Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Take me into the king’s presence, and I will declare the interpretation to the king.”

²⁵Then Arioch hurriedly brought Daniel into the king’s presence and spoke to him as follows: “I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!” ²⁶The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?” ²⁷Daniel answered before the king and said, “As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers, magicians nor diviners are able to declare it to the king. ²⁸However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed. ²⁹As for you, O king, while on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place. ³⁰But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me for any wisdom residing in me more than in any other living man, but for the purpose of making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.

³¹“You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome. ³²The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, ³³its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶“This was the dream; now we will tell its interpretation before the king. ³⁷You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory; ³⁸and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

³⁹After you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

⁴⁰Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces. ⁴¹In that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay. ⁴²As the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle. ⁴³And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.

⁴⁴In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

⁴⁶Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did homage to Daniel, and gave orders to present to him an offering and fragrant incense. ⁴⁷The king answered Daniel and said, “Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery.” ⁴⁸Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. ⁴⁹And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel was at the king’s court.

Proclamation of God’s Word Mr. Vinicius Pimentel

The Kingdom Story—Spoiler Alert!

§ **Psalm** Christ Shall Have Dominion No. 439

§ **Benediction**

Postlude

§ **Corporate “Amen”**

§ *The congregation will please stand.*

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship Isaiah 55:1-3

“Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance. Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, according to the faithful mercies shown to David. “

§ **Hymn** Praise the Savior Now and Ever No. 243

§ **Prayer of Praise and Adoration** Mr. Vinicius Pimentel

New Testament Reading Romans 14:13-23

Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this— not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother’s way. I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died. Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another. Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the man who eats and gives offense. It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles. The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

§ **Psalm** Unless the Lord the House Shall Build No. 365

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Alex Brandenburg, cello; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession Mr. Pimentel

§ **Psalm** In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee No. 657

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 Pew Bible page 673

¹Guard your steps as you go to the house of God and draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil. ²Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few. ³For the dream comes through much effort and the voice of a fool through many words.

⁴When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it; for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow! ⁵It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. ⁶Do not let your speech cause you to sin and do not say in the presence of the messenger of God that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry on account of your voice and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷For in many dreams and in many words there is emptiness. Rather, fear God.

Proclamation of God’s Word Pastor Andrew Newman
The Fear of God

§ **Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling No. 529

§ **Benediction**

Postlude

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 pizza, salad, and dessert. **Food is served until 6:10 pm.**

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

Adult Sunday School Classes, 10:00 AM:

Assurance of Salvation, taught by Terry Richards, will meet in the fellowship hall.

The Three Epistles of John, taught by Jeff Wayne, Sr., will meet in the sanctuary.

Early Morning Bible Study (Philippians, led by Pastor Martin), will not meet this week, but will resume Tuesday, May 3, 6:30—7:30 am.

Ladies' Precepts Bible Study (Hebrews) meets Tuesdays, 9:45 am; childcare available.

Women's Fellowship Salad Supper, Thursday, May 11, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall; please bring a salad to share.

Women's Retreat, Friday & Saturday, August 25-26, Bonclarken Conference Center: brochures are available in the narthex. Contact Brenda Kuhfuss for details.

Women's Summer Book Studies ~ June—August: Join a small group of women this summer to read and discuss a book together and share a time of fellowship and prayer. This year we have four different options; brochures detailing all four options, as well as registration information, are available in the narthex of both buildings. **Sign-up deadline is Sunday, May 14.** Contact any member of the Women's Committee or email women@fellowshippres.org for more information.

Ladies, you are invited to a

Baby Shower in honor of Mallory Unger (& daughter!) Saturday, April 29, 2:00 pm!

Mallory is registered on Babylist ([babylist.com/list/baby-mallory-unger](https://www.babylist.com/list/baby-mallory-unger)).

Sunday Evening, May 7:

Farewell Reception for Vinicius, Laura, and Lucas Pimentel

Plan to join us Sunday, May 7, following evening worship, as we "farewell" the Pimentels.

Please sign-up (in the narthex or [fellowshippres.org/calendar](https://www.fellowshippres.org/calendar)) to bring:
a tray of heavy hors d'oeuvres, fruit/veggie tray, or your favorite dessert.
~Thank you!

Summer Supper Clubs: June—July—August 2023!

Couples and individuals may sign up now (in the narthex or online) to be assigned to a supper club that will meet once a month during June, July, and August. Meeting times and places are determined by each group. This is a great way to get to know new people or deepen existing relationships. Please contact [Becky Taylor](mailto:Becky.Taylor@fellowshippres.org) for questions or more information.

VBS/ Summer SeaQuest ~ June 19—23 ~ Save the date!

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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: Tim Taylor

THE DIACONATE:

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

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:

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Rev & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru
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*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