

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

A wise man once said that worship is a time when we joyfully "enter into the very suburbs of heaven!" As we gather on this sacred day of the week, consider Christ, who laid aside all that was His in glory so that He might dwell among us. Meditate upon His compassion, condescending to save us; upon His power, breaking sin's hold on us. Motivated by these great truths, come before Him now joyously and energetically, each one an active participant in the praise and adoration of our risen King!

Welcome and AnnouncementsPastor Marty Martin

IntroitSing to the Lord

Call to WorshipHebrews 1:1-4

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

§ HymnRejoice, the Lord Is KingNo. 310

§ Prayer of AdorationMr. Vinicius Pimentel

Old Testament ReadingPsalm 49:1-20

Hear this, all peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth will speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart will be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will express my riddle on the harp.

Why should I fear in days of adversity, when the iniquity of my foes surrounds me, even those who trust in their wealth and boast in the abundance of their riches? No man can by any means redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for him—for the redemption of his soul is costly, and he should cease trying forever—that he should live on eternally, that he should not undergo decay.

For he sees that even wise men die; the stupid and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others. Their inner thought is that their houses are forever and their dwelling places to all generations; they have called their lands after their own names. But man in his pomp will not endure; he is like the beasts that perish.

This is the way of those who are foolish, and of those after them who approve their words. As sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd; and the upright shall rule over them in the morning, and their form shall be for Sheol to consume so that they have no habitation. But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me.

Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house is increased; for when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not descend after him. Though while he lives he congratulates himself—and though men praise you when you do well for yourself—he shall go to the generation of his fathers; they will never see the light. Man in his pomp, yet without understanding, is like the beasts that perish.

§ HymnAll for Jesus!No. 565

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

OffertoryGod’s Saving Grace

Let all on earth their voices raise, to sing the great Jehovah's praise, and bless God's holy name; His glory let the people know, His wonders to the nations show, God's saving grace proclaim. He framed the globe, He built the sky; He made the shining worlds on high, and reigns in glory there; His beams are majesty and light; His beauties, how divinely bright! His dwelling place, how fair! Come the great day, the glorious hour, when earth shall feel God's saving power, all nations fear His name; then shall the human race confess the beauty of His holiness, God's saving grace proclaim. ~CCLI 11347461

Prayer of Petition and SupplicationPastor Martin

§ HymnSearcher of Hearts, from Mind EraseNo. 536

Scripture ReadingActs 19:21-34Pew Bible page 1112

²¹Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.” ²²And having sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

²³About that time there occurred no small disturbance concerning the Way. ²⁴For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, was bringing no little business to the craftsmen; ²⁵these he gathered together with the workmen of similar trades, and said, “Men, you know that our prosperity depends upon this business. ²⁶You see and hear that not only in Ephesus, but in almost all of Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable number of people, saying that gods made with hands are no gods at all. ²⁷Not only is there danger that this trade of ours fall into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis be regarded as worthless and that she whom all of Asia and the world worship will even be dethroned from her magnificence.”

²⁸When they heard this and were filled with rage, they began crying out, saying, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” ²⁹The city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul’s traveling companions from Macedonia. ³⁰And when Paul wanted to go into the assembly, the disciples would not let him. ³¹Also some of the Asiarchs who were friends of his sent to him and repeatedly urged him not to venture into the theater. ³²So then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the assembly was in confusion and the majority did not know for what reason they had come together. ³³Some of the crowd concluded it was Alexander, since the Jews had put him forward; and having motioned with his hand, Alexander was intending to make a defense to the assembly. ³⁴But when they recognized that he was a Jew, a single outcry arose from them all as they shouted for about two hours, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

Proclamation of God’s WordPastor Martin
When the Gospel Brings Change

§ HymnSoldiers of Christ, AriseNo. 575

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to WorshipRevelation 5:11-13

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.” And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

§ HymnO for a Thousand tongues to SingNo. 164

§ Prayer of Praise and AdorationPastor Marty Martin

New Testament ReadingRomans 16:1-16

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; also greet the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia. Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus. Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord. Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them. Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

§ HymnI Love Thy Kingdom, LordNo. 353

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

OffertoryFather Most Merciful
Sheri Bouvier, soprano; Abbye Dilling, alto; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and IntercessionPastor Martin

§ HymnThough Troubles Assail UsNo. 95

Scripture ReadingEcclesiastes 6:1-12Pew Bible page 673

¹There is an evil which I have seen under the sun and it is prevalent among men— ²a man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor so that his soul lacks nothing of all that he desires; yet God has not empowered him to eat from them, for a foreigner enjoys them. This is vanity and a severe affliction. ³If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, however many they be, but his soul is not satisfied with good things and he does not even have a proper burial, then I say, “Better the miscarriage than he, ⁴for it comes in futility and goes into obscurity; and its name is covered in obscurity. ⁵It never sees the sun and it never knows anything; it is better off than he. ⁶Even if the other man lives a thousand years twice and does not enjoy good things—do not all go to one place?”

⁷All a man’s labor is for his mouth and yet the appetite is not satisfied. ⁸For what advantage does the wise man have over the fool? What advantage does the poor man have, knowing how to walk before the living? ⁹What the eyes see is better than what the soul desires. This too is futility and a striving after wind.

¹⁰Whatever exists has already been named, and it is known what man is; for he cannot dispute with him who is stronger than he is. ¹¹For there are many words which increase futility. What then is the advantage to a man? ¹²For who knows what is good for a man during his lifetime, during the few years of his futile life? He will spend them like a shadow. For who can tell a man what will be after him under the sun?

Proclamation of God’s WordPastor Andrew Newman
The Futility of Life

§ HymnAll Glory, Laud, and HonorNo. 235

§ 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 BBQ, veggie tray, chips, and dessert. **Food is served until 6:10 pm.**

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

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, May 21, during evening worship.



FELLOWSHIP
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 14, 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.
Elder of the Month: Jeff Wayne, Sr.

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

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
Rev & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru	Rev. & Mrs. Gary Watanabe—Tokyo
Rev. & Mrs. Todd Crusey—London	Rev. & Mrs. Rob Hamby—Daniel Island
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Rev. & Mrs. Michael Romer—Poland/ Ukraine	Rev. & Mrs. Mark Kuo—Taiwan
Greenville Theological Seminary	Gospel Reformation Network
Greer Community Ministries	Covenant College

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), meets Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 am.

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 today.** Contact any member of the Women’s Committee or email for more information.

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

Youth Hangout, Saturday, May 20, 5—8 pm, at the church: bring a friend, play games, eat, and hang out with us. Please let Mary McKay know if you are planning to come.

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary invites you to attend their 32nd Commencement Service on Friday, May 19, 2023, 7:00 P.M., at Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church; reception following.

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 for questions or more information. **Note: sign-up deadline is today.***

Nursery Workers Needed! We currently have 14 nursery age children with 3 more arriving this year (so we definitely need more nursery volunteers!) If you are willing to serve in this area, please contact Brittany Reini or Brandy Triplett. ~**Thank you!**

VBS/ Summer SeaQuest: June 19—23, 9:00 AM—12 Noon (Grade K4—Grade 6 completed)

Registration for Summer Seaquest is open! Flyers and forms are available in the narthex and online registration is also available at www.fellowshippres.org/2023-vbs-summerseaquest. Remember to invite your family and friends early as our space is limited.