

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

“Worship...is not part of the Christian life; it is the Christian life.” (Gerald Vann) “Our whole life...should be so angled towards God that whatever strikes upon us, whether sorrow or joy, should be deflected upwards at once into His presence.” (Alec Motyer) Let us come together now in that which is our highest purpose – the worship of the Triune God. As those who have been redeemed by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us respond to His grace by ascribing to Him the glory due His name!

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Marty Martin

Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-4, 13-14

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all stars of light! Praise Him, highest heavens, and the waters that are above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven. And He has lifted up a horn for His people, praise for all His godly ones; even for the sons of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

§ **Psalm** You Holy Angels Bright No. 18
(stanzas 1, 3, 5 & 7)

§ **Prayer of Adoration** Elder John Kuhfuss

Old Testament Reading Psalm 69:1-19

Save me, O God, for the waters have threatened my life. I have sunk in deep mire, and there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and a flood overflows me. I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched; my eyes fail while I wait for my God. Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; those who would destroy me are powerful, being wrongfully my enemies; what I did not steal, I then have to restore.

O God, it is You who knows my folly, and my wrongs are not hidden from You. May those who wait for You not be ashamed through me, O Lord God of hosts; may those who seek You not be dishonored through me, O God of Israel, because for Your sake I have borne reproach; dishonor has covered my face. I have become estranged from my brothers and an alien to my mother’s sons. For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. When I wept in my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. Those who sit in the gate talk about me, and I am the song of the drunkards.

But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, at an acceptable time; O God, in the greatness of Your lovingkindness, answer me with Your saving truth. Deliver me from the mire and do not let me sink; may I be delivered from my foes and from the deep waters. May the flood of water not overflow me nor the deep swallow me up, nor the pit shut its mouth on me.

Answer me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good; according to the greatness of Your compassion, turn to me, and do not hide Your face from Your servant, for I am in distress; answer me quickly. Oh draw near to my soul and redeem it; ransom me because of my enemies! You know my reproach and my shame and my dishonor; all my adversaries are before You.

§ **Hymn** Jesus, Lover of My Soul No. 508

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Heather and Raquelle Sheen, harp duo

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen! ~CCLI11347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication Elder Kuhfuss

§ **Hymn** O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus! No. 535

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 8:1-13 Pew Bible page 1146

¹Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. ²If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; ³but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him. ⁴Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one. ⁵For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, ⁶yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. ⁷However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. ⁸But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol’s temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? ¹¹For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. ¹²And so, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble.

Proclamation of God’s Word Pastor Martin

The Christian’s Freedom To...

§ **Hymn** Take My Life, and Let It Be No. 558
(stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6)

§ **Benediction**

§ **Corporate “Amen”**

§ The congregation will please stand.

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 134:1-3

§ **Psalm** O Bless Our God with One Accord No. 400

§ **Prayer of Praise and Adoration** Pastor Marty Martin

New Testament Reading II Peter 1:1-11

Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

§ **Psalm** That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God No. 558

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Michael Weaver, violin; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession Pastor Martin

§ **Hymn** Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit (stanzas 1, 2 & 4) No. 331

Scripture Reading John 11:1-7, 17-44 Pew Bible page 1073

¹Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.” ⁴But when Jesus heard this, He said, “This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.” ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was. ⁷Then after this He said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ¹⁷So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off; ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. ²¹Martha then said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.” ²⁸When she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and was coming to Him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him. ³¹Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, ³⁴and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews were saying, “See how He loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?” ³⁸So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Remove the stone.” Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴²I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.” ⁴³When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.” ⁴⁴The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Proclamation of God’s Word Pastor Tom Hart

The Resurrection and the Life

§ **Hymn** It Is Well with My Soul No. 691

§ **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 Resumes This Week!

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 grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, fruit, and dessert. Food is served until 6:10 pm.

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

Welcome! This evening we are pleased to have Pastor Tom Hart fill our pulpit. Pastor Hart was born and raised in Albany, GA. While studying at the University of Georgia, Tom got involved with RUF, where he encountered Jesus for the first time. After college, Tom served as an RUF intern at Auburn University, attended Covenant Seminary, and then planted a new chapter of RUF at East Carolina University. After serving at ECU for 6 years, Tom and his wife Chané made the transition to Furman University. Tom and Chané spend most of their free time thoroughly enjoying their four children, Simon, Ragan, Bauer, and Catherine.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday during morning worship.

Adult Sunday School Class, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall: An Apology of the Christian Faith (taught by Craig Bouvier) meets at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The Adult Choir will resume its regular schedule on Sunday morning, August 6, and is accepting new choir members. If you are interested in joining the choir, contact Mike Weaver or come to rehearsal Sunday afternoon, August 6, 4:30 pm. While the choir has room for all voice types, there is a particular need for sopranos.

Sunday Evening, August 13, Picnic Supper: Join us Sunday, Aug 13, following evening worship for a picnic supper and time of fellowship. Please sign-up online (fellowshippres.org/calendar) or in the narthex, to bring a tray of sliders, sandwiches/ wraps, your favorite picnic side, fruit or dessert.

Youth Hangout, Saturday, August 12, 5:00—8:00 pm: Youth - join us at the Medlin’s house for games and fellowship from 5:00-8:00pm. Please contact Mary McKay with any questions.

August 13 is Sunday School Promotion Day: Teachers, parents, and children, please meet in the sanctuary at 10:00 am for a brief program; children will then be dismissed to their classrooms.

Miracle Hill Ministries upcoming donation dates are August 6 & 13. Needed items include condiments, canned meat meals (stews, chili, meat sauces, etc.), and canned vegetables.

Operation Christmas Child Workday ~ This Tuesday, August 1, 9:30 am—2:30 pm: Join us this Tuesday, August 1, beginning at 9:30 am, for an Operation Christmas Child Workday. In addition to simple sewing projects, we will cut, measure, and compile simple items for OCC shoe boxes. The workshop will meet in the serving room (next to the kitchen) and light refreshments will be provided; If you plan to stay the whole time, feel free to bring lunch. For more information, contact Elizabeth Hill.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox List: In order to send out as many OCC boxes as possible, we are collecting various items each month to be used to pack additional/ extra OCC boxes. Please place your items in the OCC collection basket located in the narthex. ~Thank you!

July—School Supplies: erasers, crayons, pencil sharpeners, small tablets, etc.

WOMEN’S RETREAT ~ August. 25 & 26 ~ “Finding Contentment in Christ”

Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC ~ Speaker: Paula Miles

Two options for the retreat:

- 1) Friday Night Fellowship - Overnight guest - includes 3 meals & lodging; registration: Friday, 4:00 pm
- 2) Saturday Conference - Day guest - includes lunch (\$30); registration: Saturday, 8:45 am

Brochures are in the narthex; registration deadline is July 31. Please contact Brenda Kuhluss for more information.

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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: John Kuhfuss

THE DIACONATE:

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

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Pastor Andrew Newman

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Peter Spink

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Michael Weaver

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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Greer Community Ministries	Covenant College
Miracle Hill Ministries	



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July 30, 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