

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

Worship is declaring with our lips and lives that God is more important than anything else to us, that He is our deepest desire, that His inherent worth is beyond everything else we hold dear. If one has any other goal in worship than engaging with God, coming into the presence of God, to glorify and enjoy Him, any other aim than to ascribe His worth, commune with Him and receive His favor, then one has yet to worship. For in biblical worship we focus upon God Himself and acknowledge His inherent and unique worthiness ~J. Ligon Duncan.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5, 22

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget none of His benefits;
Who pardons all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases;
Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;
Who satisfies your years with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Bless the LORD, all you works of His,
In all places of His dominion;
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

§ Psalm

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

No. 76

§ Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 73:15-28

If I had said, “I will speak thus,”
Behold, I would have betrayed the generation of Your children.
When I pondered to understand this,
It was troublesome in my sight
Until I came into the sanctuary of God;
Then I perceived their end.
Surely You set them in slippery places;
You cast them down to destruction.
How they are destroyed in a moment!
They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors!
Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when aroused, You will despise their form.

When my heart was embittered
And I was pierced within,
Then I was senseless and ignorant;
I was like a beast before You.
Nevertheless I am continually with You;
You have taken hold of my right hand.
With Your counsel You will guide me,
And afterward receive me to glory.

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Whom have I in heaven but You?
And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
For, behold, those who are far from You will perish;
You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to You.
But as for me, the nearness of God is my good;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
That I may tell of all Your works.

§ Psalm

O God, to Us Show Mercy

No. 437

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Joy in the Morning

There'll be joy in the morning on that day; there'll be joy in the morning on that day, for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone; there'll be joy in the morning on that day. There'll be peace and contentment evermore; there'll be peace and contentment evermore; ev'ry heart, ev'ry voice will together rejoice; there'll be peace and contentment evermore. And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine, will shine (shine upon us) and the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine. There'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere; there'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored; there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere. There'll be love and forgiveness, there'll be peace and contentment, there'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, JOY! ~CCLI 11347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Newman

§ Psalm

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

No. 87

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 1:3-7

Pew Bible page 1155

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. ⁶But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; ⁷and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.

Proclamation of God's Word

Comfort in and through Affliction

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

No. 573

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:8-14

§ Psalm

The Tender Love a Father Has

No. 93

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

New Testament Reading

II Peter 3:1-18

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.
Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.
But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.
Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.
Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

§ Hymn

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

No. 165

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Our Great Savior

Michael Weaver, violin; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Newman

§ Hymn

Searcher of Hearts, from Mine Erase

No. 536

Scripture Reading

Genesis 43:16-34

Pew Bible page 48

¹⁶When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to his house steward, “Bring the men into the house, and slay an animal and make ready; for the men are to dine with me at noon.” ¹⁷So the man did as Joseph said, and brought the men to Joseph’s house. ¹⁸Now the men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph’s house; and they said, “It is because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time that we are being brought in, that he may seek occasion against us and fall upon us, and take us for slaves with our donkeys.” ¹⁹So they came near to Joseph’s house steward, and spoke to him at the entrance of the house, ²⁰and said, “Oh, my lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food, ²¹and it came about when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks, and behold, each man’s money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full. So we have brought it back in our hand. ²²We have also brought down other money in our hand to buy food; we do not know who put our money in our sacks.” ²³He said, “Be at ease, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money.” Then he brought Simeon out to them. ²⁴Then the man brought the men into Joseph’s house and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys fodder. ²⁵So they prepared the present for Joseph’s coming at noon; for they had heard that they were to eat a meal there.
²⁶When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which was in their hand and bowed to the ground before him. ²⁷Then he asked them about their welfare, and said, “Is your old father well, of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?” ²⁸They said, “Your servant our father is well; he is still alive.” They bowed down in homage. ²⁹As he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother’s son, he said, “Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?” And he said, “May God be gracious to you, my son.” ³⁰Joseph hurried out for he was deeply stirred over his brother, and he sought a place to weep; and he entered his chamber and wept there. ³¹Then he washed his face and came out; and he controlled himself and said, “Serve the meal.” ³²So they served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat bread with the Hebrews, for that is loathsome to the Egyptians. ³³Now they were seated before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men looked at one another in astonishment. ³⁴He took portions to them from his own table, but Benjamin’s portion was five times as much as any of theirs. So they feasted and drank freely with him.

Proclamation of God's Word

Veiled Affection

Pastor Marty Martin

§ Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

No. 98

§ 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 beef enchiladas, salad, 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, September 3, during morning worship.

New Adult Sunday School Classes begin next Sunday, September 3, 10:00 AM:

Union with Christ, taught by Tim Taylor, will meet in the fellowship hall.

Minor Prophets, taught by Jeff Wayne, Sr., will meet in the sanctuary.

Ladies’ Precepts Bible Study of Hebrews resumes Tuesday, September 5, 9:45 AM (childcare is available), Book cost is **\$7** (In & Out version) or **\$10** (Precepts).

Women’s Study, “Confronting Christianity” by Rebecca McLaughlin, begins Thursday, September 7, 7:00 pm: this study, led by Susan Raines, meets in the fellowship hall **every other Thursday night.**

Youth Hangout/ Game Night, Saturday, September 9, 5—8 pm: the FPC youth (7th—12th grades) are invited to hangout (with food, games and prizes!) at the church on Saturday, September 9, 5—8 pm. Please contact Mary McKay for questions.

Sunday Evening, September 10, Breakfast for Supper: join us on September 10, following evening worship, for your breakfast favorites and a time of fellowship. Please sign up online or in the narthex. Thank you!

New Inquirers’ Class: Friday & Saturday, September 8 & 9:

*This two day **Inquirers’ Class**, taught by Pastor Martin, is an **opportunity for newcomers** and **those considering membership** to learn more about who we are, what we believe and how we seek to serve. **Sign-up in the narthex or online;** **childcare available (sign up for childcare is requested).***

Friday, September 8:

5:30 pm: Catered supper (from Taziki’s); **sign-up requested.**

6:30—8:30 pm: Inquirers’ Class Sessions 1 & 2

Saturday, September 9:

8:30 am: Continental Breakfast

9:00—12 noon: Inquirers’ Class Sessions 3- 5

Service Opportunity! If you are looking for an opportunity to serve in the church, **volunteers are needed to assist with the communion set up** (set up typically takes less than an hour). We celebrate communion the first Sunday morning of each month, the third Sunday evening of every other month, and a couple of other times on special occasions. If you are interested in serving in this area, please contact Tiffani Medlin. ~Thank you!

There will be a meeting of the **FPC Corporation on Sunday, September 10**, following morning worship, for the purpose of **presenting the 2023-2024 budget* as information, electing FPC corporation officers, and receiving an update from the Building Committee.**

***Printed copies of the 2023-2024 budget** will be available in the narthex today, following morning worship.

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! **August**—hygiene and clothing items.

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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: Terry Richards

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

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
Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville	Rev & Mrs. Miguel D’Azevedo—Okinawa
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August 27, 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