

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

Today you have the privilege not only of worshipping the Triune God, but of partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. As you use these moments to prepare your heart for worship, reflect upon the wondrous access you have to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Consider how God “made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” Even as you reverence God who is infinitely and eternally holy and just, approach Him now with boldness and joy, secure in the sufficiency of His redeeming grace!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away His judgments against you, He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you will fear disaster no more. In that day it will be said to Jerusalem: “Do not be afraid, O Zion; do not let your hands fall limp. The LORD your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

§ Hymn

O Love of God, How Strong and True

No. 81

(stanzas 1, 3 & 4)

§ Prayer of Adoration

Elder Tim Taylor

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 79:1-13

O God, the nations have invaded Your inheritance;  
They have defiled Your holy temple;  
They have laid Jerusalem in ruins.  
They have given the dead bodies of Your servants for food to the birds of the heavens,  
The flesh of Your godly ones to the beasts of the earth.  
They have poured out their blood like water round about Jerusalem;  
And there was no one to bury them.  
We have become a reproach to our neighbors,  
A scoffing and derision to those around us.  
How long, O LORD? Will You be angry forever?  
Will Your jealousy burn like fire?  
Pour out Your wrath upon the nations which do not know You,  
And upon the kingdoms which do not call upon Your name.  
For they have devoured Jacob  
And laid waste his habitation.

Do not remember the iniquities of our forefathers against us;  
Let Your compassion come quickly to meet us,  
For we are brought very low.  
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;  
And deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake.  
Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”  
Let there be known among the nations in our sight,  
Vengeance for the blood of Your servants which has been shed.  
Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You;  
According to the greatness of Your power preserve those who are doomed to die.  
And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom  
The reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord.  
So we Your people and the sheep of Your pasture  
Will give thanks to You forever;  
To all generations we will tell of Your praise.

§ Hymn

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

No. 520

(stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The Meditations of My Heart

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer. O Lord. ~CCLI 11347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Elder Taylor

§ Hymn

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

No. 645

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 5:14-21

Pew Bible page 1158

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; <sup>15</sup>and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. <sup>16</sup>Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. <sup>18</sup>Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup>namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Emissaries of Reconciliation

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

No. 469

(stanzas 1, 3, 5 & 6)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

§ Congregational Response

No. 737

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;  
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.  
Christ, we do all adore thee. ~CCLI11347461

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Isaiah 66:1-2

Thus says the LORD, “Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? For My hand made all these things, thus all these things came into being,” declares the LORD. “But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

§ Hymn

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

No. 97

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Elder Tim Taylor

New Testament Reading

I John 1:1-10

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

§ Hymn

Jesus Paid It All

No. 308

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Beverly Brouwer, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Elder Taylor

§ Hymn

All for Jesus!

No. 565

Scripture Reading

Genesis 44:14-34

Pew Bible page 49

<sup>14</sup>When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph’s house, he was still there, and they fell to the ground before him. <sup>15</sup>Joseph said to them, “What is this deed that you have done? Do you not know that such a man as I can indeed practice divination?” <sup>16</sup>So Judah said, “What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; behold, we are my lord’s slaves, both we and the one in whose possession the cup has been found.” <sup>17</sup>But he said, “Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose possession the cup has been found, he shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father.” <sup>18</sup>Then Judah approached him, and said, “Oh my lord, may your servant please speak a word in my lord’s ears, and do not be angry with your servant; for you are equal to Pharaoh. <sup>19</sup>My lord asked his servants, saying, ‘Have you a father or a brother?’ <sup>20</sup>We said to my lord, ‘We have an old father and a little child of his old age. Now his brother is dead, so he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.’ <sup>21</sup>Then you said to your servants, ‘Bring him down to me that I may set my eyes on him.’ <sup>22</sup>But we said to my lord, ‘The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.’ <sup>23</sup>You said to your servants, however, ‘Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you will not see my face again.’ <sup>24</sup>Thus it came about when we went up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. <sup>25</sup>Our father said, ‘Go back, buy us a little food.’ <sup>26</sup>But we said, ‘We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we cannot see the man’s face unless our youngest brother is with us.’ <sup>27</sup>Your servant my father said to us, ‘You know that my wife bore me two sons; <sup>28</sup>and the one went out from me, and I said, “Surely he is torn in pieces,” and I have not seen him since. <sup>29</sup>If you take this one also from me, and harm befalls him, you will bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow.’ <sup>30</sup>Now, therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad’s life, <sup>31</sup>when he sees that the lad is not with us, he will die. Thus your servants will bring the gray hair of your servant our father down to Sheol in sorrow. <sup>32</sup>For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, ‘If I do not bring him back to you, then let me bear the blame before my father forever.’ <sup>33</sup>Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers. <sup>34</sup>For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me—for fear that I see the evil that would overtake my father?”

Proclamation of God’s Word

Deep Repentance

Pastor Marty Martin

§ Hymn

Amazing Grace!

No. 460

§ 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 sub sandwiches, chips, fruit, and dessert. **Food is served until 6:10 pm.**

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

New Adult Sunday School Classes, 10:00 AM:

**Union with Christ**, taught by Tim Taylor, meets in the fellowship hall.

**Minor Prophets**, taught by Jeff Wayne, Sr, meets 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**.

**Men’s Evening Bible Study (Galatians), resumes Thursday September 7, 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Youth Hangout/ Game Night, Saturday, September 9, 5—8 pm:** the FPC youth (7<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Women’s Fellowship (“Serving in the Church”), Thursday, September 14, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall:** Plan to join us for an evening of fellowship as we learn about serving in the ministries of our church. Please bring an appetizer/ hors d’oeuvres to share.

**The Children’s Choir will begin their Fall/ Christmas season on Sunday, September 17, 4:45 pm:** all children, grades 1—6, are invited to attend 4:45 pm on Sundays beginning September 17.

**Boys and Fathers Camping Trip, October 6—8:** for more information or to sign up, please contact Andrew Newman.

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 are available in the narthex.**

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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: Tim Taylor

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

ACCOMPANISTS:

Piano, Beverly Brouwer & Cathy Lawton; Organ, Sheryl Farquhar

MISSIONARIES & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES:

Rev. & Mrs. Albert Kona—Albania  
Rev & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru  
Rev. & Mrs. Todd Crusey—London  
Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville  
Rev. & Mrs. Michael Romer—Poland/ Ukraine  
Greenville Theological Seminary  
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September 3, 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