

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

Jesus says, “I am the vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, he takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes so that it may bear more fruit.” Perhaps you come after a week of seeing much fruit in your life. Give praise to your Father for blessing and using you in His grace. Perhaps you come having felt the shears of the Pruner. Whether His hand has removed “deadwood” in your life, or pruned areas of apparent productivity, know that the hand which prunes you is that of an infinitely good and loving Father, who is blessing you even in this. In all these things, let us come together as His vineyard, praising Him for the way He “dresses” and prepares us for the glory that is ours to come!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

Sing to the Lord

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:9-14

And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

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.” And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

§ Hymn

O God, We Praise Thee

No. 105

(stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6)

§ Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 86:1-17

Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me; for I am afflicted and needy. Preserve my soul, for I am a godly man; O You my God, save Your servant who trusts in You. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You I cry all day long. Make glad the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; and give heed to the voice of my supplications! In the day of my trouble I shall call upon You, for You will answer me. There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify Your name. For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.

Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name. I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Your name forever. For Your lovingkindness toward me is great, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, arrogant men have risen up against me, And a band of violent men have sought my life, and they have not set You before them. But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth. Turn to me, and be gracious to me; oh grant Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your handmaid. Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because You, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

§ Psalm

Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord, and Hear

No. 91

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Passacaglia of Praise

Meghan Leaders, oboe

I will praise Thee, O my Savior, I will magnify Thy name; yea, my heart and tongue rejoicing, Thy salvation shall proclaim. I will praise Thee, O, my Savior, and Thy wondrous love recall; Thou hast covered my transgressions by Thy off’ring once for all. For Thy gift by faith that saves me, precious gift of grace so free, shall my soul pour out a grateful song to Thee. Thou hast covered my transgressions with Thy righteousness divine. Through Thy mercy I was pardoned, cleansed, and made a child of Thine. I will praise Thee, O my Savior, till my mortal pow’rs shall fail; then in nobler strains I’ll praise Thee when I anchor in the vale. For Thy gift by faith that saves me, precious gift of grace so free, shall my soul pour out a grateful song to Thee. ~CCLI 11347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Martin

§ Psalm

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

No. 40

(stanzas 1, 3, 4 & 5)

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 12:1-10

Pew Bible page 1162

¹Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven. ³And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak. ⁵On behalf of such a man I will boast; but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in regard to my weaknesses. ⁶For if I do wish to boast I will not be foolish, for I will be speaking the truth; but I refrain from this, so that no one will credit me with more than he sees in me or hears from me.

⁷Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! ⁸Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. ⁹And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Strength Revealed though Weakness

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 529

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Revelation 15:1-4

§ Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

No. 103

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

New Testament Reading

I John 2:15-29

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.

§ Hymn

Jesus, with Thy Church Abide (stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 8)

No. 348

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Just As I Am

Sheri Bouvier, soprano; Abbye Dilling, alto; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Elder Tim Taylor

§ Hymn

Take My Life, and Let It Be (stanzas 1, 4, 5 & 6)

No. 585

Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:16-28

Pew Bible page 50

¹⁶Now when the news was heard in Pharaoh’s house that Joseph’s brothers had come, it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. ¹⁷Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your brothers, ‘Do this: load your beasts and go to the land of Canaan,’ ¹⁸and take your father and your households and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you will eat the fat of the land.’” ¹⁹Now you are ordered, ‘Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come. ²⁰Do not concern yourselves with your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.”

²¹Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. ²²To each of them he gave changes of garments, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of garments. ²³To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and sustenance for his father on the journey.

²⁴So he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, “Do not quarrel on the journey.” ²⁵Then they went up from Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. ²⁶They told him, saying, “Joseph is still alive, and indeed he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.” But he was stunned, for he did not believe them. ²⁷When they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸Then Israel said, “It is enough; my son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

Proclamation of God’s Word

The Favor of Pharoah

Pastor Marty Martin

§ Psalm

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass (stanzas 1, 2 & 5)

No. 551

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

§ Gloria Patri

No. 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen. ~CCLI11347461

§ 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 sandwiches, chips, veggie tray, 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 tonight during evening worship.

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 meets Tuesdays, 9:45 AM (childcare is available),

Women’s Study, “Confronting Christianity” meets every other Thursday, 7:00 pm.

The Children’s Choir Fall/ Christmas season begins today, 4:45 pm: children, grades 1-6; for more information, please contact Sheryl Farquhar.

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

Ladies, please join us to celebrated the arrival of

Matilda Reese Newman

Thursday, October 5, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of gifts, gift cards are requested so that diapers, formula, and other necessities can be purchased as needed. ~Thank you!

Please Be Aware: Some members of our church have reported receiving an email that looks like it came from Pastor Martin. This email is fraudulent and designed to fool people into spending money on gift cards or to make some other form of online purchase. If you have received an email like this, please do not reply to it and delete it immediately. There is no immediate danger in reading the email, but do not engage in a conversation with the sender. Remember that neither Pastor Martin, the Elders, Deacons nor church staff will ever solicit funds via email; and if you receive such a request, please notify the church office and the Officers immediately.

August 2023 Financial Summary:

Date:	Budget:	General Fund Revenue:	Expenses:	Net Total:
Aug 2023	\$50,170.52	\$41,429.49	\$50,973.79	(\$9,244.30)
Jul 2023—Aug 2023	\$100,341.04	\$81,319.94	\$91,740.01	(\$10,420.07)
September General Fund Revenue rec'd to date: \$29,980.14				
August Building Fund Revenue: \$16,895.00		Building Fund total as of 8/31: \$464,600.58		



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September 17, 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: Tim Taylor

THE DIACONATE:

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

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

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