

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

King David wrote, “Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” (Psalms 23:6) Is that your joy this day? Do you know that God has been and will be good to you all the days of this life? And are you mindful that it will be our glory and delight to give praise in His presence forever? Let us join our hearts in a foretaste of the indescribable majesty that we will celebrate and enjoy one day.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

Call to Worship

Psalms 97:1-6

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
Let the many islands be glad.
Clouds and thick darkness surround Him;
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.
Fire goes before Him
And burns up His adversaries round about.
His lightnings lit up the world;
The earth saw and trembled.
The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD,
At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens declare His righteousness,
And all the peoples have seen His glory.

§ Psalm

God, the Lord, a King Remaineth

No. 64

§ Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 94:1-23

O LORD, God of vengeance,
God of vengeance, shine forth!
Rise up, O Judge of the earth,
Render recompense to the proud.
How long shall the wicked, O LORD,
How long shall the wicked exult?
They pour forth words, they speak arrogantly;
All who do wickedness vaunt themselves.
They crush Your people, O LORD,
And afflict Your heritage.
They slay the widow and the stranger
And murder the orphans.
They have said, “The LORD does not see,
Nor does the God of Jacob pay heed.”

Pay heed, you senseless among the people;
And when will you understand, stupid ones?
He who planted the ear, does He not hear?
He who formed the eye, does He not see?
¹He who chastens the nations, will He not rebuke,
Even He who teaches man knowledge?
¹The LORD knows the thoughts of man,
That they are a mere breath.

Blessed is the man whom You chasten, O LORD,
And whom You teach out of Your law;
That You may grant him relief from the days of adversity,
Until a pit is dug for the wicked.
For the LORD will not abandon His people,
Nor will He forsake His inheritance.
For judgment will again be righteous,
And all the upright in heart will follow it.
Who will stand up for me against evildoers?
Who will take his stand for me against those who do wickedness?

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If the LORD had not been my help,
My soul would soon have dwelt in the abode of silence.
If I should say, “My foot has slipped,”
Your lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up.
When my anxious thoughts multiply within me,
Your consolations delight my soul.
Can a throne of destruction be allied with You,
One which devises mischief by decree?
They band themselves together against the life of the righteous
And condemn the innocent to death.
But the LORD has been my stronghold,
And my God the rock of my refuge.
He has brought back their wickedness upon them
And will destroy them in their evil;
The LORD our God will destroy them.

§ Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No. 32

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with the
yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams with ten thousand
rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my
body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is
good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God? ~CCLI 11347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Newman

§ Hymn

O Father, You Are Sovereign

No. 75

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:28-39

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²⁸And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those
who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹For those whom
He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so
that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰and these whom He
predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these
whom He justified, He also glorified.
³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He
not also with Him freely give us all things? ³³Who will bring a charge against God’s
elect? God is the one who justifies; ³⁴who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is
He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also
intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation,
or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶Just as it is
written, “FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE
CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”
³⁷But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.
³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any
other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Proclamation of God’s Word

The Synchronicity of All Things

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right

No. 108

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalms 103:1-5

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.

§ Psalm

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 53

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Pastor Marty Martin

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, “Ask a sign for yourself from the
LORD your God; make it deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will
not ask, nor will I test the LORD!” Then he said, “Listen now, O house of David! Is
it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience
of my God as well? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a
virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. He
will eat curds and honey at the time He knows enough to refuse evil and choose
good. For before the boy will know enough to refuse evil and choose good, the
land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken.

§ Hymn

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

No. 512

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring
Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Martin

§ Psalm

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass
stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 4

No. 551

Scripture Reading

Genesis 50:15-26

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¹⁵When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “What if
Joseph bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong which
we did to him!” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father charged
before he died, saying, ¹⁷‘Thus you shall say to Joseph, “Please forgive, I beg you,
the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong.”’ And
now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.”
And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also came and fell
down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to
them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in God’s place? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil
against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to
preserve many people alive. ²¹So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you
and your little ones.” So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.
²²Now Joseph stayed in Egypt, he and his father’s household, and Joseph lived
one hundred and ten years. ²³Joseph saw the third generation of Ephraim’s sons;
also the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were born on Joseph’s knees.
²⁴Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will surely take care of
you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to
Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.” ²⁵Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear,
saying, “God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from
here.” ²⁶So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and he was em-
balmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Proclamation of God’s Word

The Death and Burial of Joseph

Pastor Andrew Newman

§ Psalm

Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

No. 73

§ 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!

No Wednesday supper, prayer service, catechism or High Point this week, supper and activities will resume Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, December 3, during morning worship.

Women’s Study, “Confronting Christianity,” will meet 11/30 & 12/7, at 7:00 pm.

The Children’s Choir (Fall & Christmas Season) meets Sundays, 4:45 pm.

Women’s Fellowship Christmas Outreach, Thursday, December 14, 7:00 PM: Plan to join us for a Christmas devotional and time of fellowship! Please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas treats to share with the group. **NOTE: Please bring your gifts to the church by December 12th.** On-line gift list (see email announcements). Collection baskets in church foyers

VBS—OLYMPION: Monday, June 17—Friday, June 21; save the dates!

Youth Christmas Hangout—Saturday, December 9, 5:00—8:00 pm, at the church.

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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: Craig Bouvier

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
Greer Community Ministries
Miracle Hill Ministries

Rev. & Mrs. Will Traub—Scotland
Rev. & Mrs. Gary Watanabe—Tokyo
Rev. & Mrs. Rob Hamby—Daniel Island
Rev & Mrs. Miguel D’Azevedo—Okinawa
Rev. & Mrs. Mark Kuo—Taiwan
Gospel Reformation Network
Covenant College

Lessons & Carols—Sunday, December 10, 6:00 PM
Special Prelude Music—5:45 PM!

Plan to join us for our traditional service of **Lessons & Carols** (Scripture readings, special music, and congregational carols). **Remember to arrive early to enjoy the special prelude music** and to focus your heart particularly on Christ’s incarnation.

Christmas Reception—following Lessons & Carols
(heavy hors d’oeuvres & Christmas desserts)

Please sign-up online (fellowshippres.org/calendar) to bring: a tray of heavy hors d’oeuvres or your favorite Christmas dessert. ~Thank you!

Christmas Eve Service—Sunday, December 24, 5:00 PM

Nursery will not be provided for our Christmas Eve Service; you are welcome to bring infants/children into the service.

Remember to invite your friends and neighbors!

SWAMP RABBITS HOCKEY NIGHT: Patrick DeJong has arranged a Fellowship Presbyterian Night at a Swamp Rabbits Game on **Friday, January 5**, at the WELL, 7:05 pm puck drop. Cost is **\$26 per ticket** (center ice seating behind the Rabbits’ bench). The Swamp Rabbits are playing the Carolina Rays that night.

Contact Patrick DeJong to reserve your seats; Pat will contact you later regarding payment. It would be helpful to know ASAP how many will be attending.

“*Advent Readings for December*” bookmarks are available in the narthex.

October 2023 Financial Summary:				
Date:	Budget:	General Fund Giving:	Expenses:	GF Net Total:
Oct 2023	\$50,170.52	\$40,835.48	\$48,036.18	(\$7,200.70)
Jul 2023—Oct 2023	\$200,682.08	\$160,084.45	\$183,531.50	(\$23,447.05)
October Building Fund Giving: \$15,656.00		Total October Giving (GF + BF): \$56,491.48		
Building Fund Total as of 10/31: \$508,408.19		November General Fund Revenue to date: \$39,373.86		



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

November 26, 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