

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

Ours is a covenant keeping God, one who has promised, “I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.” Today we come before God as those resting in Christ our Covenant Mediator, but also seeing the visible confirmation of His grace in the Sacrament of Covenant Baptism. Come worship the God who has purposed to set His love upon us as His own precious possession!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

None Other Lamb

Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead; love's fire Thou art, however cold
I be: nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but Thee.

Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-2

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were born
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

§ Psalm

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 30

stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7

§ Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Peter Spink

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Brooke Evalyn Worley, covenant child of Bryan and Julie Worley

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 124:1-8

“Had it not been the LORD who was on our side,”
Let Israel now say,
“Had it not been the LORD who was on our side
When men rose up against us,
Then they would have swallowed us alive,
When their anger was kindled against us;
Then the waters would have engulfed us,
The stream would have swept over our soul;
Then the raging waters would have swept over our soul.”

Blessed be the LORD,
Who has not given us to be torn by their teeth.
Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the trapper;
The snare is broken and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

§ Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

No. 499

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

O Love

O love, that will not let me go; O love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I
give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may
richer, fuller be. O joy, that seeks me through the pain, O joy, I cannot
close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the
promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. ~CCLII1347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

No. 535

Scripture Reading

John 15:18-25

Pew Bible page 1079

¹⁸“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it
hated you. ¹⁹If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but
because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world,
because of this the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the word that I said to
you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they
will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.
²¹But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because
they do not know the One who sent Me. ²²If I had not come and spoken
to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their
sin. ²³He who hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴If I had not done
among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin;
but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. ²⁵But
they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law,
‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’”

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Martin

Hated by the World

§ Hymn

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

No. 369

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

§ Psalm

O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

No. 48

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Mr. Colin Edmunds

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:21-32

Do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad, for the LORD has done great things. Do not fear,
beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, for the tree has borne its
fruit, the fig tree and the vine have yielded in full. So rejoice, O sons of Zion, and be glad in the
LORD your God; for He has given you the early rain for your vindication. And He has poured
down for you the rain, the early and latter rain as before. The threshing floors will be full of
grain, and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil. “Then I will make up to you for the
years that the swarming locust has eaten, the creeping locust, the stripping locust and the gnaw-
ing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied
and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; then My people
will never be put to shame. Thus you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the
LORD your God, and there is no other; and My people will never be put to shame.
“It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons
and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.
Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
“I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire and columns of smoke. The
sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of
the LORD comes. And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be
delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as the LORD has
said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.”

§ Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (stanzas 1, 2, & 5)

No. 338

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

God so Loved the World

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

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Elder Jeff Wayne, Sr.

§ Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

No. 630

Scripture Reading

John 15:26-16:15

Pew Bible page 1080

²⁶“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of
truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, ²⁷and you will testify also, because
you have been with Me from the beginning.
¹“These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling. ²They will
make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to
think that he is offering service to God. ³These things they will do because they have not known
the Father or Me. ⁴But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you
may remember that I told you of them. These things I did not say to you at the beginning,
because I was with you.
⁵“But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You
going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷But I tell you
the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come
to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸And He, when He comes, will convict the world
concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in
Me; ¹⁰and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; ¹¹and
concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
¹²“I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³But when He, the
Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own
initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.
¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. ¹⁵All things that the
Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.”

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Marty Martin

The Promised Helper

§ Hymn

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

No. 420

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

§ Doxology

No. 732

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

§ Benediction

§ The congregation will please stand.

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 pizza, salad, and dessert. Food is served until 6:10 pm.

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

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm (special prelude, 6:45 pm)

Scripture readings, special music, and congregational hymns ~ Nursery available.

Easter Sunday, March 31:

◆ 7:30 AM: Sunrise Service followed by breakfast; breakfast sign up (online or narthex) is requested.

◆ 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM: Worship Services (no Sunday school)

Meeting: There will be an informational meeting today in the sanctuary following morning worship for all parents who are members or regular attendees of FPC. The purpose is to inform parents on several matters regarding the safety of our covenant children and to answer questions. All parents, officers, nursery workers, and those who teach our children are all urged to attend this meeting.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated tonight during evening worship.

Adult Sunday School Classes, 10:00 AM;

Making the Most of Your Bible, taught by Pastor Martin, meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Gospel of Luke, taught by Craig Bouvier, meets in the sanctuary.

Youth Teaching Series:

Sunday School, 10:00 AM: The Gospel of Mark (now through the end of May).

Wednesdays, High Point, 6:30 PM: The ABCs of Christianity (taught by Greg Horsky) begins this Wednesday.

Ladies’ Precepts Bible Study of Philippians Tuesdays, 9:45 am. Childcare is available.

Women’s Thursday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 pm. This Bible study (facilitated by Barbara Wilder) is a study of God's loving-kindness, using, **HESED, A Bible Study of God's Steadfast Love.**

Saturday Evening, May 11, Youth and Family Event—Greenville Drive Baseball Game! Contact Alice Matthews (janamatthews@yahoo.com) for tickets (\$12 per person).

Ladies Spring Tea, Saturday, April 13, 3:00 pm. RSVP women@fellowshippres.org or sign-up in the narthex.

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

New Inquirers’ Class: Friday & Saturday, April 19 & 20:

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. Friday supper, Saturday breakfast, and childcare are provided at no cost, but sign-up is requested. Please sign-up (for class, meals, and childcare) in the narthex or online;

Friday, April 19:

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

6:30—8:30 pm: Class Sessions 1 & 2

Saturday, April 20:

8:30 am: Continental Breakfast

9:00—12 noon: Class Sessions 3, 4, & 5

Please Be Aware: Some members have reported receiving a text or email that looks like it came from Pastor Martin. **These communications are 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 a text or email like this, please do not reply to it and delete it immediately.** There is no immediate danger in reading the text or email, but do not respond to the sender. **Remember that neither Pastor Martin, the Elders, Deacons nor church staff will ever solicit funds in this manner,** and if you receive such a request, please notify the church office and the Officers immediately.

March 17, 2024—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Neil & Brittany Reini; Alternate, Rachel Preston

11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Tami Gardinier & Jenny Matthews

6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Celanie Martin & Evalee Allman

March 24, 2024—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Brandy Triplett & Cindy Worley; Alternate, Julie Evans

11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Kirk & Marijke Alford

6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Sheri & Craig Bouvier

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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: Jeff Wayne, Sr.

THE DIACONATE:

Deacons: Pat DeJong, Jared Farquhar, Dave Frengel,

Brian Medlin, Kelly Peterson, Philip Triplett

Deacon of the Week: Dave Frengel

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Pastor Andrew Newman

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Peter Spink

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Steve Lawton

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
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Greer Community Ministries
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

March 17, 2024

*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