

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

“Worship...is not part of the Christian life; it is the Christian life.” (Gerald Vann) “Our whole life...should be so angled towards God that whatever strikes upon us, whether sorrow or joy, should be deflected upwards at once into His presence.” (Alec Motyer) It is fitting that on this day, one in which we celebrate the very high point of history, that we come together in that which is our highest purpose—the worship of the Triune God. As those who have been redeemed by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us respond to His grace by ascribing to Him the glory due His name!

Prelude
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing; Thine Be the Glory
Brass Quartet: Natalie Thorson, Zachary Weiss, Zach Davidson, Paul Jantz

Welcome and Announcements
Pastor Marty Martin

Introit
With a Voice of Singing

Call to Worship
Exodus 15:1b-2
*“I will sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted;
The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.
“The LORD is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;
This is my God, and I will praise Him;
My father’s God, and I will extol Him.”*

§ **Hymn**
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
No. 273

§ **Prayer of Adoration**
Pastor Andrew Newman

Old Testament Reading
Psalms 118:15-29
*The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous;
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
The right hand of the LORD is exalted;
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
I will not die, but live,
And tell of the works of the LORD.
The LORD has disciplined me severely,
But He has not given me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness;
I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD;
The righteous will enter through it.
I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me,
And You have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief corner stone.
This is the LORD’s doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day which the LORD has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
O LORD, do save, we beseech You;
O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.
The LORD is God, and He has given us light;
Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I give thanks to You;
You are my God, I extol You.
Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.*

§ **Doxology**
No. 731
*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. Amen*

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
He Is Risen
He is risen! Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Prophecy now is fulfilled in the crucified Lord. Death could not hold Him; the temple destroyed is restored. The power of sin has been broken by God's only Son. Christ over Satan has triumphed, our victory won!
He is risen! Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Come to the tomb; it is open, the stone rolled away. He is not here; He is risen, oh, glorious day! Join in the glad celebration of Jesus the King. Sing to the world of His victory; sing to Him, sing! He is risen! Christ the Lord is risen indeed! ~CCLII1347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication
Pastor Newman

§ **Hymn**
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
No. 690

Scripture Reading
John 20:1-18
Pew Bible page 1085
¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” ³So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. ⁴The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; ⁵and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in. ⁶And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. ⁹For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. ¹⁰So the disciples went away again to their own homes. ¹¹But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and that He had said these things to her.

Proclamation of God’s Word
The Empty Tomb
Pastor Martin

§ **Hymn**
Worship Christ, the Risen King!
No. 286

§ **Benediction**

§ **Corporate “Amen”**

Postlude

§ *The congregation will please stand.*

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Isaiah 43:1-3a

§ **Hymn**
Thine Be the Glory
No. 274

§ **Prayer of Praise and Adoration**
Pastor Marty Martin

Old Testament Reading
Psalms 22:1-31
*My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning. O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and by night, but I have no rest. Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel. In You our fathers trusted; they trusted and You delivered them. To You they cried out and were delivered; in You they trusted and were not disappointed.
But I am a worm and not a man, a reproach of men and despised by the people. All who see me sneer at me; they separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying, “Commit yourself to the LORD; let Him deliver him; let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.”*
*Yet You are He who brought me forth from the womb; You made me trust when upon my mother’s breasts. Upon You I was cast from birth; You have been my God from my mother’s womb.
Be not far from me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help. Many bulls have surrounded me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me. They open wide their mouth at me, as a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and You lay me in the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
But You, O LORD, be not far off; O You my help, hasten to my assistance. Deliver my soul from the sword, my only life from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion’s mouth; from the horns of the wild oxen You answer me.
I will tell of Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You. You who fear the LORD, praise Him; all you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel. For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from him; but when he cried to Him for help, He heard.
From You comes my praise in the great assembly; I shall pay my vows before those who fear Him. The afflicted will eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will worship before You. For the kingdom is the LORD’s and He rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, all those who go down to the dust will bow before Him, even he who cannot keep his soul alive. Posterity will serve Him; it will be told of the Lord to the coming generation. They will come and will declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has performed it.*

§ **Hymn**
Up from the Grave He Arose
No. 276

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
The Morning Trumpet
Jared Farquhar, baritone; Steve Lawton, tenor

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession
Pastor Martin

§ **Hymn**
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
No. 277

Scripture Reading
John 20:24-31
Pew Bible page 1086
²⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” ²⁶After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.” ²⁸Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.” ³⁰Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Proclamation of God’s Word
Doubt’s Dead End and the Blessing of Belief
Pastor Andrew Newman

§ **Hymn**
‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
No. 679

§ **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).

March 31, 2024—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Scotti & Ryan Piller; Alternate, Jennifer Carter

11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Jen Burnett & Eli Bouvier

6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Angie Frengel & Emily Mangum

April 7, 2024—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Lynn Tate & Julie Taylor; Alternate, Tricia Lortz

11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Nancy Jurik & Tiffani Medlin

6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Brenda Kuhfuss & Sara Wortman

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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: Philip Triplett

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Pastor Andrew Newman

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Peter Spink

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: 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
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

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, April 7, during morning 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)

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.

Men’s Bible Study (Galatians), will meet Thursday, April 4, 7:00 pm; contact Brad Gardinier for more information.

Ligonier Youth Event: "Always Ready," Thursday Evening, April 18, at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC; contact Pastor Andrew Newman (336-317-4433) for more information.

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

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

Women's Fellowship Salad Supper, Thursday, May 9, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall: please bring a salad to share.

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

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

The church office will be closed, Monday, April 1.



FELLOWSHIP
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

March 31, 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