

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 ~ 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** *Tallis' Doxology*

**Call to Worship** *Habakkuk 2:19-20*

"Woe to him who says to a piece of wood, 'Awake!'  
To a mute stone, 'Arise!'  
And that is your teacher?  
Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,  
And there is no breath at all inside it.  
"But the LORD is in His holy temple.  
Let all the earth be silent before Him."

**Hymn** *God Himself Is with Us* *No. 382*

**Prayer of Adoration** *Pastor Andrew Newman*

**Corporate Confession of Sin** *Romans 3:9-20*

**Leader:** What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; as it is written,

**People:** **"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;**

**Leader:** "ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE.

**People:** **"THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING, THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS; WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS; THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD, DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS, AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN. THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."**

**Leader:** Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;

**People:** **because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.**

**Assurance of Pardon** *II Corinthians 5:17-21*

*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 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.*

*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. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

§ Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross (stanzas 1, 3, & 4)

No. 264

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Lynn Tate, flute

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears; the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: before the throne my Surety stands, my name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary; they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me. “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry; “nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear. With confidence I now draw nigh, and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Elder John Kuhfuss

§ Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

No. 345

Scripture Reading

Acts 21:15-26

Pew Bible page 1115

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After these days we got ready and started on our way up to Jerusalem.

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Some of the disciples from Caesarea also came with us, taking us to Mnason of Cyprus, a disciple of long standing with whom we were to lodge.

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After we arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

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And the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.

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After he had greeted them, he began to relate one by one the things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

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And when they heard it they began glorifying God; and they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law;

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and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.

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What, then, is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come.

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Therefore do this that we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow;

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take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law.

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But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, having decided that they should abstain from meat sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication.”

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Then Paul took the men, and the next day, purifying himself along with them, went into the temple giving notice of the completion of the days of purification, until the sacrifice was offered for each one of them.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Martin

Concession without Compromise

§ Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise (stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 6)

No. 34

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Please note: Wine is in the tinted cups; grape juice is in the clear cups; the unleavened bread in the center cups is gluten and dairy free.

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.

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

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EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 72:18-19

§ Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

No. 103

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

New Testament Reading

Revelation 3:14-22

§ Hymn

Lord, like the Publican I Stand

No. 489

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Newman

§ Hymn

My Hope Is in the Lord

No. 523

Scripture Reading

Ezra 4:1-24

Pew Bible page 486

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Now when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people of the exile were building a temple to the LORD God of Israel,

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they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' households, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we, like you, seek your God; and we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here."

3

But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers' households of Israel said to them, "You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves will together build to the LORD God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us."

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Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah, and frightened them from building,

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and hired counselors against them to frustrate their counsel all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

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Now in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

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And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel and the rest of his colleagues wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the text of the letter was written in Aramaic and translated from Aramaic.

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Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes, as follows—

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then wrote Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe and the rest of their colleagues, the judges and the lesser governors, the officials, the secretaries, the men of Erech, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, that is, the Elamites,

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and the rest of the nations which the great and honorable Osnappar deported and settled in the city of Samaria, and in the rest of the region beyond the River. Now

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this is the copy of the letter which they sent to him: "To King Artaxerxes: Your servants, the men in the region beyond the River, and now

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let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem; they are rebuilding the rebellious and evil city and are finishing the walls and repairing the foundations.

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Now let it be known to the king, that if that city is rebuilt and the walls are finished, they will not pay tribute, custom or toll, and it will damage the revenue of the kings.

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Now because we are in the service of the palace, and it is not fitting for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and informed the king,

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so that a search may be made in the record books of your fathers. And you will discover in the record books and learn that that city is a rebellious city and damaging to kings and provinces, and that they have incited revolt within it in past days; therefore that city was laid waste.

16

We inform the king that if that city is rebuilt and the walls finished, as a result you will have no possession in the province beyond the River."

17

Then the king sent an answer to Rehum the commander, to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their colleagues who live in Samaria and in the rest of the provinces beyond the River: "Peace. And now

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the document which you sent to us has been translated and read before me.

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A decree has been issued by me, and a search has been made and it has been discovered that that city has risen up against the kings in past days, that rebellion and revolt have been perpetrated in it,

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that mighty kings have ruled over Jerusalem, governing all the provinces beyond the River, and that tribute, custom and toll were paid to them.

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So, now issue a decree to make these men stop work, that this city may not be rebuilt until a decree is issued by me.

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Beware of being negligent in carrying out this matter; why should damage increase to the detriment of the kings?"

23

Then as soon as the copy of King Artaxerxes' document was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their colleagues, they went in haste to Jerusalem to the Jews and stopped them by force of arms.

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Then work on the house of God in Jerusalem ceased, and it was stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Proclamation of God's Word

Pastor Marty Martin

Ramping Opposition

§ Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

No. 580

§ 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 nachos or taco salad, 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 today, during morning worship.

Reminder: Wine is in the tinted cups; grape juice is in the clear cups; the unleavened bread in the center cups is gluten and dairy free.

Summer Supper Clubs: June—July—August 2024!

Couples and individuals may sign up now (in the narthex or online under the “Women’s Ministry” page) to be assigned to a supper club that will meet once a month during June, July, and August. Meeting times and places are determined by each group. This is a great way to get to know new people or deepen existing relationships. Please contact Becky Taylor for questions or more information.

Tickets Still Available! Greenville Drive Baseball Game, Saturday Evening, May 11, \$12 per person; if interested, please contact Alice Matthews.

Lord’s Day Prayer Group, Sundays, 9:30 am; all are welcome.

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)

Women’s Bible Studies and Fellowship Events:

- Women's Fellowship Salad Supper, this Thursday, May 9, 6:30 pm.
- Women’s Evening Bible Study will not meet this week; will resume Thursday, May 16.
- Women’s Summer Book Study, sign ups are available in the narthex.

Men’s Evening Bible Study will meet Thursday, May 16 and June 6, 7:00 pm; men meet for Bible study on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month (7:00 pm). For details, contact Brad Gardinier.

VBS/OLYMPION: M—F, June 17—21; registration is open (fellowshippres.org/2024-vbs-olympion/).

April 2024 Financial Summary:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<b>General Fund Giving:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>GF Net Total:</b>
Apr 2024	\$50,170.52	\$36,439.08	\$44,713.38	(\$8,274.30)
Jul 2023—Apr 2024	\$501,705.20	\$516,027.37	\$461,544.33	\$54,483.04
April Building Fund Giving: \$9,120.00		Total April Giving (GF + BF): \$45,559.08		
Building Fund Total as of 4/30: \$552,885.59				



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

May 5, 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

May 5, 2024—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Susan & Marshall Raines; Alternate, Emma Taylor

11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Julie Evans & Mary Horsky

6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Joan & Erwin Frazier

May 12, 2024—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Carol Ethridge & Tricia Lortz; Alternate, Alex Brandenburg

11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Maria & Jeff Wayne, Jr.

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

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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: John Kuhfuss

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

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