

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

Worship is declaring with our lips and lives that God is more important than anything else to us, that He is our deepest desire, that His inherent worth is beyond everything else we hold dear. If one has any other goal in worship than engaging with God, coming into the presence of God, to glorify and enjoy Him, any other aim than to ascribe His worth, commune with Him and receive His favor, then one has yet to worship. For in biblical worship we focus upon God Himself and acknowledge His inherent and unique worthiness. ~J. Ligon Duncan.

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Andrew Newman

Call to Worship Psalm 86:8-10

*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.*

§ **Hymn** Angels, from the Realms of Glory No. 218

§ **Prayer of Adoration** Pastor Peter Spink

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

*“Comfort, O comfort My people,” says your God.
“Speak kindly to Jerusalem;
And call out to her, that her warfare has ended,
That her iniquity has been removed,
That she has received of the LORD’s hand
Double for all her sins.”*

*A voice is calling,
“Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness;
Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.
“Let every valley be lifted up,
And every mountain and hill be made low;
And let the rough ground become a plain,
And the rugged terrain a broad valley;
Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
And all flesh will see it together;
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”
A voice says, “Call out.”
Then he answered, “What shall I call out?”
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
When the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
Surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.*

*Get yourself up on a high mountain,
O Zion, bearer of good news,
Lift up your voice mightily,
O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;
Lift it up, do not fear.
Say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”*

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*Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might,
With His arm ruling for Him.
Behold, His reward is with Him
And His recompense before Him.
Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,
In His arm He will gather the lambs
And carry them in His bosom;
He will gently lead the nursing ewes.*

§ **Hymn** Comfort, Comfort Ye My People No. 197

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory O Holy Night
Erin Farquhar Kickasola, soprano; Sheryl Farquhar, piano

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A
thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on
your knees, O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night,
O holy night, O night divine!*

*Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains
shall He break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; let all within us praise His holy name. Christ
is the Lord, O praise His name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim! His power
and glory evermore proclaim!*

Prayer of Petition and Supplication Pastor Spink

§ **Hymn** All Glory, Laud, and Honor No. 235

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-6 Pew Bible page 958

¹Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said,

*“THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,
‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’”*

⁴Now John himself had a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; ⁶and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

Proclamation of God’s Word Pastor Newman
The Ministry of John the Baptist

§ **Hymn** Praise the Savior Now and Ever No. 243

§ **Benediction**

§ **Corporate “Amen”**

§ *The congregation will please stand.*
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EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 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 Peter Spink

New Testament Reading Mark 11:11-19

Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry. Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again!” And His disciples were listening.

*Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. And He began to teach and say to them, “Is it not written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS’? But you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.” The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.
When evening came, they would go out of the city.*

§ **Psalm** Rejoice, All People, Homage Give No. 73

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Still, Still, Still
Beverly Brouwer, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession Pastor Andrew Newman

§ **Hymn** We Give Thee But Thine Own No. 432

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 13:10-14 Pew Bible page 509

¹⁰I also discovered that the portions of the Levites had not been given them, so that the Levites and the singers who performed the service had gone away, each to his own field. ¹¹So I reprimanded the officials and said, “Why is the house of God forsaken?” Then I gathered them together and restored them to their posts. ¹²All Judah then brought the tithe of the grain, wine and oil into the storehouses. ¹³In charge of the storehouses I appointed Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and in addition to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered reliable, and it was their task to distribute to their kinsmen. ¹⁴Remember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out my loyal deeds which I have performed for the house of my God and its services.

Proclamation of God’s Word Pastor Newman
Why Is the House of God Forsaken?

§ **Hymn** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation No. 342

§ **Benediction**

December 29, 2024—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Brandy Triplett & Julie Worley; Alternate: Julie Evans
11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Kirk & Marijke Alford
6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Angie Frengel & Emily Mangum

January 5, 2025—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Lynn Tate & Rachel Berens; Alternate: Tricia Lortz
11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Alex & Zoe Brandenburg
6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Steve Lawton & Emma Taylor

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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: Dave Frengel

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Pastor Andrew Newman

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Peter Spink

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Steve Lawton

CHURCH INTERN: Greg Horsky

ACCOMPANISTS:

Piano, Beverly Brouwer and Cathy Lawton; Organ, Sheryl Farquhar

MISSIONARIES & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES:

Rev. & Mrs. Albert Kona—Albania Rev. & Mrs. Mark Kuo—Taiwan
Rev. & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru Rev. & Mrs. Gary Watanabe—Tokyo
Rev. & Mrs. Todd Crusey—London Rev. & Mrs. Rob Hamby—Daniel Island
Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville Rev. & Mrs. Miguel D’Azevedo—Okinawa
Rev. & Mrs. Mikael Romer—Poland/ Ukraine Rev. & Mrs. Vinicius Pimentel—Brazil
Greenville Theological Seminary Gospel Reformation Network
Greer Community Ministries Covenant College
Miracle Hill Ministries

November 2024 General Fund Summary*

Date:	Budget:	General Fund Giving:	Debits:	GF Net Total:
Nov 2024	\$57,245.95	\$61,469.18	\$50,905.95	\$10,563.23
Jul 2024—Nov 2024	\$286,229.75	\$260,484.82	\$280,102.78	(\$19,617.96)

November Building Fund Giving: \$31,735.00 Total November Giving (GF + BF): \$93,204.18
Building Fund Total as of 11/30: \$649,751.26 December General Fund Revenue as of 12/15: \$94,215.08

*For a full Financial Report, please contact the church office or speak to an Officer.

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!*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, January 5, during morning worship.

Wednesday supper, prayer service, catechism, and High Point will break during the holiday season and resume Wednesday, January 8.

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

Adult Sunday School Classes, 10:00 am:

- Men of the Kingdom, meeting in the Sanctuary
- Doctrine of the Trinity, meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Youth Teaching & Events:

- Sunday School, 10:00 am: Kings and the Kingdom, a study in the Old Testament

Women’s Bible Studies and Fellowship Events:

- Colossians, led by Brittany Reini, will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (Jan—May), 7:00 pm, at her home; participants will need to purchase the book Colossians by Lydia Brownback. If childcare is a hindrance, please contact Brittany Reini. **Deadline to sign up is January 5th.**
- Ladies Precepts Bible Study of James will meet Tuesdays (January, 28—May), 9:45 am, at the church, book cost is \$17; childcare is available.

Men’s Thursday Evening Bible Study, will meet January 2 & 16, 7:00 pm.

The PCA Christmas Offering, which is used “to assist PCA retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, church lay workers, their widows and dependent children who may have financial needs,” will be received through the **end of today. Please mark your checks or envelopes “PCA Christmas Offering.” The Deacons will match gifts (up to \$5000) given by year end.**

Having been nominated, trained, and sustained in their examination, the **Session presents to the congregation, the following as eligible for election** (to the four year term of 2025-2029) in a **congregational meeting** on **Sunday, January 12**, following morning worship:

Ruling Elder: Craig Bouvier, Tim Taylor
Deacon: Pat DeJong, Dave Frengel, Brian Medlin

Praise the Lord for His goodness in raising up these men and pray for His guidance in the elections to be held **January 12.**

Updating Our Online Directory:

In an effort to keep our online directory current, we are asking members to go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com or the app and view their personal listing.

If update/ corrections are needed, you may either send them to directory@fellowshippres.org or simply click on “Edit My Family” to submit changes yourself. If you have not yet signed up, please email directory@fellowshippres.org. ~Thank you!

Please note: If you are a member and are not included in the directory, please email directory@fellowshippres.org and request to be included. ~Thank you!

Holiday Office Hours: The office will be open 9am—12 noon on Monday & Tuesday (December 30 & 31) & Thursday, January 2; the office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.



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December 29, 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