FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

Jesus says, "I am the vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, he takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes so that it may bear more fruit." Perhaps you come after a week of seeing much fruit in your life. Give praise to your Father for blessing and using you in His grace. Perhaps you come having felt the shears of the Pruner. Whether His hand has removed "deadwood" in your life, or pruned areas of apparent productivity, know that the hand which prunes you is that of an infinitely good and loving Father, who is blessing you even in this. In all these things, let us come together as His vineyard, praising Him for the way He "dresses" and prepares us for the glory that is ours to come!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

Every Knee Shall Bow

Call to Worship

Exodus 15:1-2

Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and said,

"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."

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§ Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! stanzas 1, 5, & 6

No. 297

§ Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

New Testament Reading

II Timothy 3:14-4:5

You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

§ Hymn

How Firm a Foundation stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 6

No. 94

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

What God Ordains Heather Nossaman, soprano

What God ordains is always good, His will is just and holy. And though the path be wrought with thorns, I follow meek and lowly. My God indeed in every need knows well how He will shield me; to Him, then, I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good: He is my Friend and Father. He suffers naught to do me harm, though many storms may gather. Now I may know both joy and woe, someday I shall see clearly that He hath loved me dearly.

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What God ordains is always good: though I the cup am drinking which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking. For after grief God gives relief, my heart with comfort filling, and all my sorrow stilling.

What God ordains is always good: this truth remains unshaken. Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken. I fear no harm, for with His arm He shall embrace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Elder Craig Bouvier

§ Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less No. 521 stanzas 1, 3, & 4

Scripture Readings

Pew Bible pages 191 & 961

Deuteronomy 5:17

¹⁷'You shall not murder.'

Matthew 5:17-26

¹⁷"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰"For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹"You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder,' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell. ²³Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. ²⁵Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.

Proclamation of God's Word

Pastor Martin

You Shall Not Murder

§ Hymn

The Beatitudes stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 4

No. 527

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.

§ 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

I Chronicles 16:8-11

Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; speak of all His wonders. Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad. Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.

§ Hvmn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 295

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 21:1-15

The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes. Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the hearts. To do righteousness and justice is desired by the LORD more than sacrifice. Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, is sin. The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty. The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death. The violence of the wicked will drag them away, because they refuse to act with justice. The way of a guilty man is crooked, but as for the pure, his conduct is upright. It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman. The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no favor in his eyes. When the scoffer is punished, the naive becomes wise; but when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge. The righteous one considers the house of the wicked, turning the wicked to ruin. He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be answered. A gift in secret subdues anger, and a bribe in the bosom, strong wrath. The exercise of justice is joy for the righteous, but is terror to the workers of iniquity.

§ Hvmn

It Is Well with My Soul

No. 691

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Rock of Ages Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Newman

No. 448

§ Hymn

nn We Have Heard the Joyful News

Scripture Reading John

John 10:30-42 Pew Bible page 1073

³⁰"I and the Father are one."

³¹The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. ³²Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" ³³The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God." ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'? ³⁵If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), ³⁶do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? ³⁷If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father." ³⁹Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.

⁴⁰And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there. ⁴¹Many came to Him and were saying, "While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true." ⁴²Many believed in Him there.

Proclamation of God's Word

Pastor Marty Martin

The Heart of Christianity

All for Jesus! No. 565

§ Benediction

§ Hymn

October 5, 2025—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Cindy Worley & Tiffani Medlin; Alternate: Julie Worley 11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Jennifer & Charlie or Addis Carter 6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Emma Taylor & Steve Lawton

October 12, 2025—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Julie Worley & Rachel Preston; Alternate: Angie Pyc 11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Paula Mackintosh & Katie West 6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Abbye Dilling & Brenda Kuhfuss

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THE SESSION:

Teaching Elder: Pastor Martin H. Martin Ruling Elders: Craig Bouvier, 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: Jared Farquhar

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Pastor Andrew Newman

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Peter Spink

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Steve Lawton

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Jeff Wayne, Sr.

CHURCH INTERN: Greg Horsky

ACCOMPANISTS:

Piano, Beverly Brouwer and 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. Mikael Romer—Poland/ Ukraine Greenville Theological Seminary Greer Community Ministries

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Rev. & Mrs. Mark Kuo-Taiwan

September 2025 General Fund Summary*

<u>Date</u>: Sept 2025

Miracle Hill Ministries

<u>General Fund Giving:</u> \$59,447.00 General Fund Expenses: \$95,969.61 **General Fund Net Total:** (\$36,5227.61)

Building Fund Total as of 7/01/2025: \$765,628.76 Building Fund Total as of 9/30/2025: 780,739.76

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Pew Cards</u>: 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, & dessert. Food is served until 6:10 pm.

6:00 PM: Doctrine and Discussion (youth), meets in the sanctuary 6:30 PM: Devotional & Prayer Time (adults); Catechism (children)

Operation Christmas Child Starts Today!

Operation Christmas Child is an outreach project of Samaritan's Purse whose mission is "to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ."

The deadline for bringing your gift-filled shoeboxes to church is Sunday, November 16; please remember to include a check for \$10.00 (for shipping) in each box. ~Thank you!

Adult Sunday School classes, 10:00 am: Joshua (Fellowship Hall); James (sanctuary)

Youth Teaching & Events:

- Sunday School, 10:00 am; Wednesday Doctrine & Discussion, 6:00 pm
- Pumpkin Carving, Saturday, October 18.
- Youth Ski Trip, January 30—February 1, 2026: RSVP by October 15th. For questions, please contact Andrew Newman.

Women's Prayer Gathering, Thursday, October 16, 7:00 pm, at the church.

Women's Conference, Saturday, November 15, 9:00 am—2:30 pm, at the church. Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and teaching from our speaker, Kerry Anderson. Topic is **Equipped for Calm: Self-Control through Biblical Discernment and Grace in Action.** The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Registration forms with further details are available in the narthex.

Men's Retreat, November 6—8, 2025, at Bonclarken Retreat Center, Flat Rock, NC. Speaker is Dr. David Sinclair. Join us for spiritual encouragement, discipleship, fellowship, and restoration. Cost is \$150 per person (scholarships available, if needed). If you have more questions, please contact Patrick DeJong.

Children's Choir (for the Fall/ Christmas season) rehearses Sundays, 4:45 pm. All children (grades 1—6) are welcome.

Sunday Evening, October 19, Pastor Tony Rogers, Regional Director of Metanoia Ministries, will be with us to preach and give an update our MNA prison ministries. **Following the service, we will have a Soup Supper** and time of fellowship. **Please sign up** in the narthex or online (fellowshippres.org/calendar), to bring a pot of soup, bread, or dessert. ~Thank you!

There will be a meeting of the FPC Corporation on Sunday, October 19, following morning worship, for the purpose of presenting the 2025-2026 budget as information and electing FPC corporation officers.

FELLOWSHIP HOCKEY NIGHT AT THE WELL:

Swamp Rabbits Hockey, Friday, November 21, 7:05 pm (puck drop).

Ticket cost: \$22.00 each. (money due in November).

Contact Pat DeJong (patrickretired563@gmail.com) for reservations or details.



FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

October 5, 2025

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