

**Order for the Worship of God**

Lord's Day- July 17, 2022

11:00 am Worship Service

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

“Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words,  
so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on  
the earth, and that they may teach their children so.”

Deuteronomy 4:10

**PRELUDE** *(As we prepare our hearts for worship, let us quiet our hearts and our cell phones.)*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INVOCATION**

**HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**.....#111”This Is My Father’s World”

**RESPONSIVE READING**.....Psalm 148-150 (pg.840-841)

**SONGS OF PRAISE** .....”Offering”  
.....”Revelation Song”

**PASTORAL PRAYER  
TITHES & OFFERING**

.....#629”What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

**\*CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL (ages 4 though 1<sup>st</sup> grade)**

**EXPOSITION OF GOD’S WORD  
SERMON**

**Rev. Tom Myers**  
Romans 11:33-36  
Ephesians 1:3-14

**“From Deep Theology To Never-Ending Praise!”**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT.....#701”Redeemed How I Love Proclaim It”**

**BENEDICTION  
DOXOLOGY (#731)**

## 111. This Is My Father's World

### *Verse 1*

This is my Father's world,  
And to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

### *Verse 2*

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

### *Verse 3*

This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.

## Offering

### *Verse 1*

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love  
There is no shadow in Your presence  
No mortal man would dare to stand before  
Your throne  
Before the Holy One of Heaven  
It's only by Your blood it's only through  
Your mercy  
Lord I come

### *Chorus*

I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You

### *(Repeat song)*

### *Chorus (2x, 2<sup>nd</sup> time acapella)*

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No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You

### *Ending*

Oh Lord I bring an offering to You  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You

## Revelation Song

### *Verse 1*

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

*(Repeat)*

### *Chorus*

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You

### *Verse 2*

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King

*(Chorus)*

### *Verse 3*

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

*(Chorus 2x)*

## 629. What A Friend We Have In Jesus

### *Verse 1*

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer.

### *Verse 2*

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

### *Verse 3*

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## **701.Redeemed How I Love To Proclaim It**

### *Verse 1*

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy,  
His child and forever I am.

### *Chorus*

Redeemed, redeemed,  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy,  
His child and forever I am.

### *Verse 2*

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,  
No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of his presence  
With me doth continually dwell.

### *(Chorus)*

### *Verse 3*

I think of my blessed Redeemer,  
I think of him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent;  
His love is the theme of my song.

### *(Chorus)*

## **SERMON TEXT**

### **Romans 11:33-36**

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! <sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" <sup>35</sup> "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

Rev. Daniel & Lydiah Mathuva

### Ministry

I am an ordained Minister in good standing with Africa Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Kenya. I have served as a Minister and church planter in this church since 1988, since then I have planted 9 churches and I am planting a 10th one. Currently serving with Equipping Leaders International to train church leaders.

### Location

My family lives south of Nairobi city in Kenya and 5 kms from the airport. I was born and raised in a remote and semi-arid part of Eastern Kenya, Kitui county , Kyuso sub-county, Ndatani village. All my parents were alive until January this year when my dear Mum went to be with the Lord at 81 years. I am survived by my father and 3 brothers and one sister.

### Mission

Since the Lord called me into church planting, I found myself raising and training church leaders and handing over the planted church to these leaders I have trained. In all 9 churches I have planted I have trained a pastor and through the presbytery I would hand over the church to him as I move forward as to plant a new church or minister to a church that calls me. I came to a realization that God was calling me to raise and train Church leaders for the body of Christ. It was in 2012 when I volunteered with Equipping Leaders International to train church leaders and since then I have done training in many parts in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. In 2019 I became a full time faculty with ELI and a National Project Director in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. My clear Mission is seeing the Church Leaders trained in preaching true and sound doctrine so that in turn they can train others.

### Prayer Request

For me to serve and train with ELI, I need to raise supporters who will stand with me to support in Prayer and financial support. The work of God needs brothers and sisters in the body of Christ to stand with the one called to go. In this case I am praying for God to raise men and women who can stand with me in this noble calling. I have a budget of \$30,000 for this year and a monthly budget of \$2500 that I need to raise. Therefore, my current needs are praying for men and women, church mission committees that can support me with anything from \$100, \$200, \$250, \$300, \$400, \$450 and so on. This support can be monthly, yearly or one time gift, depending on the decision one makes. No small money given from a willing heart to serve God

### Blessings

Brothers, I have witnessed God doing great things. Recently I held a Marriage seminar in an area dominated with Muslims and about 60 people attended. Many couples confessed that the things I taught them have never been taught to them anywhere. I have attached some pictures from this seminar for you to see. One of the ladies came to me and confessed that she has never known that the Husband is the head of the family and that she needs to be submissive to him in all things. God used this seminar to bring the couples together and confessed to each other. They are requesting if I could go back and have another seminar. Another couple requested if I could go to their rural home and teach the same things to their people. Friends these things are possible only when we partner in this ministry, without your financial support this is impossible.

### **Sunday Morning Schedule:**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Nursery

10:00-10:45 am Sunday School - All Ages

11:00 am Worship Service

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### **SMALL GROUPS**

**Whittle/Dickinson Group** will meet tonight.

**Mitchell/Forlaw Group** will be breaking for the summer and will resume in the fall.

**Myers/Maserjian Group** This small group will meet on the 24th starting at 5:30 at The Maserjian home. 2587 Chipping Ct. Villa Rica

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### **WATCH AND LISTEN ONLINE**

The sermons and devotionals are on our website.

<https://firstpresbyterianvr.org/sermonaudio/>

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### **PRAYER MEETING**

Zoom prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday at 7pm.

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### **WIC**

The ladies will be meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month at 11:30am for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Donna Lisenby with any questions.

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### **CHURCH LUNCH**

We will have our church lunch and fellowship time after the morning service.

### **PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY**

The Gospel of John study will resume in the fall. A 5 week summer study on Nehemiah started on June 15th. Please contact Debby if interested so books can be purchased. For more info call Debby at 678-463-7368. If childcare is needed, please contact Jeannie Forlaw at 770-757-8997.

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### **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

Please be in prayer for Daniel Mathuva

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### **PASTOR TOM**

Pastor Tom will be out of the office and the pulpit starting July 18<sup>th</sup> and will return on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact the church office if in need of anything

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### **SERVING SCHEDULE**

#### **Children's Church**

July- Tiffany Campbell

August- Richard & Mary Ashlock

September- Wally & Beverly Banks

October-

November- Richard & Mary Ashlock

December- Greg & Jeannie Forlaw

#### **Nursery Helpers**

July 17<sup>th</sup>- Noelle Eckstein

August 7<sup>th</sup>- Jeannie Forlaw

August 21<sup>st</sup>- Katherine Whittle

September 4<sup>th</sup>- Tiffany Campbell

September 18<sup>th</sup>- Hannah Siler



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- Community Mercy Needs (Greater Villa Rica area)
- Project 686 - Care Portal
- Don Mountain (ELI)
- Covenant College (Lookout Mountain, GA)
- Equipping Leaders International
- Jim Whittle (India)
- Jody Stancil (PCA church plant in Cartersville, Ga)
- PRC Medical - Pregnancy Resource Center – (Douglasville, GA)
- Rachel
- Vic and Andrea
- WIC Yearly love gift benefiting various ministries (PCA)

**Purpose Statement of Belief**

Our congregation exists to worship and glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. We believe that Jesus Christ is alone Lord and Savior of sinners. Our church proclaims the Gospel of God's infallible, inerrant and inspired Word to all who will hear. We preach without apology, the changeless Gospel of God's Saving Grace, The Faith once and for all delivered to the saints. Our loving worship is offered in Truth to our Triune God by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.