

Order for the Worship of God

Lord's Day- October 29, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Nursery • 10:00-10:45 a.m. Sunday School All Ages • 11:00 a.m. 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

342. Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Verse 1

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever
And her confidence alone.

Verse 2

All that dedicated city,
Early loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

Verse 3

To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts today:
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

Verse 4

Here vouch-safe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.

Verse 5

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run.

PSALTER READING
Psalm 46 (pages 802 & 803)

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God
(Oh Lord oh Lord our God) – *ending only*

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King
(Chorus)

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face
(Chorus)

**PASTORAL PRAYER
TITHES & OFFERING
OFFERTORY SONG**

353. I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Verse 1

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

Verse 2

I love thy church, O God:
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

Verse 4

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Verse 5

Jesus, thou Friend divine,
Our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe
Shall great deliv'rance bring.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM Q & A 57

Q. How does God sanctify you?

A. God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL (ages 4 through 1st grade)

EXPOSITION OF GOD'S WORD

SERMON: Rev. Tom Myers

John 15:1-11 • Matthew 13:36-43 • Hebrews 12:10-11 • James 1:2-4 • 1st Peter 1:6-7 • Romans 5:3-4

“The Exclusivity of the Gospel”

7. I, I Am The True Vine

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

John 15:1-11

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ **I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.** ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ **If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.** ⁸ **By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.** ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ **If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.** ¹¹ **These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.**

Matthew 13:36-43

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Hebrews 12:10-11

¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

James 1:2-4

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

1st Peter 1:6-7

⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:3-4

³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Context- What is going on?
2. What does Jesus mean when he says he is the true vine?
3. Who are we?
4. What is our purpose?
5. How is the purpose accomplished?
6. What is the danger implied? What should our response be?

92. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great;
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

Verse 3

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

Verse 4

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

**BENEDICTION
DOXOLOGY
POSTLUDE**

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Sunday 10/29 – 10:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday 11/1 – Youth Group, dinner begins at 6:30

Friday 11/3 – Sunday 11/5 Northwest Ga. Youth Retreat at Camp Westminster

Sunday 11/5 – 10:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday 11/8 – Youth Group, dinner begins at 6:30

Sunday 11/12 – 10:00 am Sunday School

Wednesday 11/15 – Youth Group, dinner begins at 6:30

Sunday 11/19 – 10:00 am Sunday School

KINGDOM OUTREACH

- Community Mercy Needs (Greater Villa Rica area)
 - 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)
 - Deployed Missionaries
- WIC Yearly love gift benefiting various ministries (PCA)
 - Mike DeLozier (ELI Latin America)
 - Rev Daniel Mathuva (Uganda)

SMALL GROUPS

Whittle/Brittain Group will meet tonight.

Myers/Maserjian Group will not meet tonight.

Lisenby Group will meet tonight.

Michael Forlaw Group will meet tonight.

Youth Group will be meeting this Wednesday from 6:30-8:15. Come for dinner, fellowship and study. Email church office with any questions.

WATCH AND LISTEN ONLINE

The sermons and devotionals are on our website.

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

PRAYER MEETING

Zoom prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

COMMUNION

We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Sunday, November 5th during the morning service. Please prepare your hearts for this time.

WIC

The Ladies will meet for lunch on Friday, November 24th at 11:30. Please reach out to Donna Lisenby with any questions.

PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

The Precept bible study on the book of Isaiah has started. There is a 10 a.m. class and a 1 p.m. class offered. For more info call Debby Morgan at 678-463-7368. Contact Jeannie if childcare is needed.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Rev Daniel Mathuva (Uganda)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday School class is going through a video series. For more info talk to Josh Whittle.

SERVING SCHEDULE

Children's Church

October – Tiffany Campbell

November – Roland and Lauren Daniels

Nursery Helpers

November 5th

November 15th Autumn Singleton

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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 living, infallible, sufficient, authoritative, inerrant,
and inspired Word, the Bible, to all who will hear.

We preach, teach, and demonstrate without apology,
the changeless Gospel of God's Saving Grace,
and 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.