

The Lord's Day Worship Service

April 26, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome of Guests and Announcements

Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

Mal. 1:11

"For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations,

and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure;

for My name will be great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts.

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn # XXX....."XXX"

* Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Esther 1:13-22

CONFESSION OF SIN

From the Dutch Psalter of Peter Dathenus (1566).....said in unison

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death. We are unclean before you and children of wrath. We continually transgress your commandments, failing to do what you have commanded us, and doing that which you have expressly forbidden. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.

We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. We confess, to our humiliation and to the praise of your mercy, that our transgressions are innumerable, and that our debt is so great that we cannot even begin to repay. We are not worthy to be called your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to you in prayer.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that you do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to you and live. We know that your mercy toward those who turn to you is infinite, and so we take courage to call upon you

from the depths of our hearts, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Have compassion upon us in our infirmities. Wash us in the pure fountain of his blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Cover us with his innocence and righteousness, for the glory of your name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the promise of God to all who repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Rom. 8:1-2

Amen!

CONFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

* Hymn # XXX....."XXX"

* New Testament Scripture Reading.....Revelation 11:1-10

The Heidelberg Catechism (Lord's Day 17).....read responsively

Q. 45 What does the "resurrection" of Christ profit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, that he might make us partakers of that righteousness which he had purchased for us by his death; secondly, we are also by his power raised up to a new life; and lastly, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology.....page 731

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn # XXX....."XXX"

MEANS OF GRACE

Prayer of Intercession

* Reading of the Word of God.....Acts 21:1-16

Sermon: "Paul's Christian Resolve"Dr. Jones

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

* Hymn # XXX....."XXX"

* Benediction

* Congregational Threefold Amen

Acts 21:1-16

¹ When we had parted from them and had set sail, we ran a straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara; ² and having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. ³ When we came in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload its cargo. ⁴ After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem. ⁵ When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city. After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another. ⁶ Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home again. ⁷ When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and after greeting the brethren, we stayed with them for a day. ⁸ On the next day we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him. ⁹ Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses. ¹⁰ As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" ¹² When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴ And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, "The will of the Lord be done!" ¹⁵ After these days we got ready and started on our way up to Jerusalem. ¹⁶ 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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" To Glorify God, and Enjoy Him Forever "

FRPC Announcements

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We welcome all worshippers, especially our new visitors.
Please talk to the pastor about scheduling a visit in your home this week.

WELCOME – We welcome you all to the worship service of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Moss Bluff. Our desire and prayer is for this church to grow to become a light for the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this community.

SUGGESTIONS – We welcome your input and suggestions on how to make First Reformed Presbyterian Church *the* church for you.

COMMUNION – We observe the Lord’s Supper each Lord’s Day during our corporate worship. The center cups contain grape juice and the other cups contain wine.

NO BIBLE STUDY – This Thursday we will continue the quarantine.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Virtual Corporate Worship.....08:30 A.M.
This Sunday the URL for YouTube is:.....<https://youtu.be/G30sUoolMy4>

First Reformed Presbyterian Church Prayer Requests

THE CHURCH

FRPC & DeRidder PCA.....10 new families; evangelistic zeal
Southern Louisiana Presbytery.....108th Stated Meeting on July 25, 2020
Presbyterian Church in America.....48th General Assembly has been canceled
Persecuted Christians.....Pastor Wang Yi & Early Rain Covenant Church, China

MISSIONARIES

African Bible Colleges.....Students and teachers
Brian Brock.....Missionary pilot
Bill Carr.....Mokahum Ministry Center (Native American Ministry) in Bemidji, MN
Scott Clement.....(RE Plains PCA, Zachary) Navojoa, Sonora, Mexico
Yannick Imbert.....Prof. at Aix-en-Provence, France

SALVATION

Kathy’s and Barbara’s sisters
Don
Jennie

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

Abby Finn
Gavin Finn
Lizzie Finn
Caleb Greene
Eowyn Greene
Ilijah Greene
Noah Greene
Phillip Greene
Samuel Greene

GENERAL HEALTH & OTHER CONCERNS

Harvey Clineman.....Salvation; recovery from multiple bypass surgery
Bill Haas (director of Mokahum).....Stroke and recovery
Kathy Harper.....Pain in lower abdomen
Angie.....Virus infection in Asst Care facility where she works
Barbara Hebert.....Recovery from stroke; broken foot
Beth Lordo.....Balancing work and family; medical treatments
Don Lordo.....Kidney stones
Ben Scoggins.....Rehab
Charity Scoggins.....Eczema
Elbie (Elizabeth) van der Merwe.....Spot on spine; cannot walk; test results

CANCER

Margo Attwell.....Breast Cancer; chemo and radiation
Patty Audirsch.....Lung cancer; chemo and radiation; sepsis
Kent Bergeron (RE at Three Rivers PCA).....Continued recovery
Ken Richardson.....Cancer; heart medication
Marian Richardson.....Cancer; benign tumor in ear
Butch Sizelove.....Cancer; liver problems

PAUL'S CHRISTIAN RESOLVE

Text: Acts 21:1–16

I. THE JOURNEY

A. On To Tyre

B. On To Caesarea

C. On To Jerusalem

II. THE WARNINGS

A. From Christians At Tyre

B. From Agabus

C. From Luke And Others

III. PAUL'S RESOLVE

A. The Standard Of Paul's Resolve

B. The Expectation Of Paul's Resolve

C. The Motive Of Paul's Resolve