

The Lord's Day Worship Service

May 3, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome of Guests and Announcements

Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

John 4:24

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Prayer of Invocation

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

* Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Esther 2:1-7

CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from the *Book of Common Worship* (1906).....said in unison

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature – prone to evil and slothful in good – and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, send your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech you, that we may henceforth live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Therefore I declare to you, that:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

Amen!

CONFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

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

* New Testament Scripture Reading.....Revelation 11:11-14

The Heidelberg Catechism (Lord's Day 18).....read responsively

Q. 46 How dost thou understand these words, "he ascended into heaven"?

A. **That Christ, in sight of his disciples, was taken up from earth into heaven; and that he continues there for our interest, until he comes again to judge the quick and the dead.**

Q. 47 Is not Christ then with us even to the end of the world, as he has promised?

A. **Christ is very man and very God; with respect to his human nature, he is no more on earth; but with respect to his Godhead, majesty, grace and spirit, he is at no time absent from us.**

Q. 48 But if his human nature is not present, wherever his Godhead is, are not then these two natures in Christ separated from one another?

A. **Not at all, for since the Godhead is illimitable and omnipresent, it must necessarily follow that the same is beyond the limits of the human nature he assumed, and yet is nevertheless in this human nature, and remains personally united to it.**

Q. 49 Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension into heaven?

A. **First, that he is our advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven; secondly, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the head, will also take up to himself, us, his members; thirdly, that he sends us his Spirit as an earnest, by whose power we "seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, and not things on earth."**

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 21:17-26

Sermon: "A Pastoral Powder Keg".....Dr. Jones

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

- * Hymn # XXX.....“XXX”
- * Benediction
- * Congregational Threefold Amen

Acts 21:17-26 (NASB)

¹⁷ After we arrived in Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. ¹⁸ And the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. ¹⁹ After he had greeted them, he *began* to relate one by one the things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. ²⁰ And when they heard it they *began* glorifying God; and they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law; ²¹ and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs. ²² “What, then, is *to be done*? They will certainly hear that you have come. ²³ “Therefore do this that we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; ²⁴ take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law. ²⁵ “But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, having decided that they should abstain from meat sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication.” ²⁶ Then Paul took the men, and the next day, purifying himself along with them, went into the temple giving notice of the completion of the days of purification, until the sacrifice was offered for each one of them.

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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/cOXKC33IPWQ>

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

A PASTORAL POWDER KEG

Text: Acts 21:17–26

I. MISSIONARY ACCOUNT

A. Elders Meet

B. Paul's Labors

II. FALSE REPORT

A. Thanks, But...

B. Lies, Slander, And Accusations

III. PROPOSED REACTION

A. Because Of Calumnies

B. Show Your Obedience

C. Gentiles And Jews Distinguished

IV. COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

A. How Paul Reacted

B. Was This Compromise?

C. Or Was It Compassion?