

The Lord's Day Worship Service

April 25, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome of Guests and Announcements

Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

Ps. 34:1-4, 8

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul will make its boast in the LORD;

The humble will hear it and rejoice.

O magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt His name together.

I sought the LORD, and He answered me,

And delivered me from all my fears.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;

How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn # 100.....**"Holy, Holy, Holy!"**

* Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Job 12:1-12

CONFESSION OF SIN

Based on John Calvin and Théodore de Bèze.....read responsively

My brothers, let each of us present himself before the Lord to offer humble confession of his sins, by following these words:

Lord God, Eternal and All-Powerful Father, we recognize and we confess before your Holy Majesty that we are but wretched sinners, born in corruption, inclined to evil, and incapable in ourselves to do that which is good.

We transgress every day and in many ways your holy commandments, with the result that we call down upon ourselves, by your just judgment, condemnation, and death.

But, Lord, we are greatly grieved to have offended you, and we condemn ourselves and our vices, returning humbly to your grace with a serious repentance, and crying out to you to aid us in our misery.

Therefore, please have pity toward us, most gracious God, Father of compassion, and forgive our sins for the love of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Grant us, also, the continual and growing grace of your Holy Spirit, so that, recognizing more and more our faults and being vigorously moved, we will renounce them with our whole heart.

And grant that we may receive from you that portion of the fruit of righteousness and holiness that is agreeable to your will.

We pray 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:

"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:

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 # 469.....**"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"**

* New Testament Scripture Reading.....Mark 4:1-9

The Westminster Shorter Catechism.....read responsively

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united in Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology.....page 731

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn # 470.....**"How Vast the Benefits Divine"**

MEANS OF GRACE

Prayer of Intercession

* Reading of the Word of God.....Mark 4:10-20

Sermon: "The Parable of the Sower".....Dr. Jones

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

* Hymn # 529.....**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

* Benediction

* Congregational Threefold Amen

Mark 4:10-20 (NASB)

¹⁰ As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, *be-*
gan asking Him *about* the parables. ¹¹ And He was saying to them,
"To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but
those who are outside get everything in parables, ¹² so that WHILE
SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE, AND WHILE HEARING, THEY
MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND, OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT RETURN
AND BE FORGIVEN." ¹³ And He said to them, "Do you not understand
this parable? How will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴ "The
sower sows the word. ¹⁵ "These are the ones who are beside the road
where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan
comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. ¹⁶ "In
a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the
rocky *places*, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it
with joy; ¹⁷ and they have no *firm* root in themselves, but are *only*
temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the
word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ "And others are the ones on
whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have
heard the word, ¹⁹ but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness
of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the
word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰ "And those are the ones on whom
seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it
and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

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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.

BIBLE STUDY – This Thursday we will continue our Bible Study. Please read Lord’s Day 35 from the Heidelberg Catechism study guide.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday Worship.....8:30 A.M.
Fellowship Time.....9:30 A.M.
Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
This Sunday the URL for YouTube is:.....https://youtu.be/K_1YnKwgfGQ

Thursday

Thursday Fellowship Meal the clinic.....6:00 P.M.
Thursday Prayer Meeting.....6:45 P.M.

First Reformed Presbyterian Church Prayer Requests

THE CHURCH

FRPC & DeRidder PC.....10 new families; evangelistic zeal
FRPC.....A new place to worship
Vanguard Presbytery
Persecuted Christians.....Pastor Wang Yi & Early Rain Covenant Church, China
Pastor James Coates & GraceLife Church, Canada
Pastor Steve Richardson & Faith Presbyterian Church, Canada

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
Harvey Clineman

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

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

GENERAL HEALTH & OTHER CONCERNS

Angie.....Virus infection in Asst Care facility where she works
Barbara Hebert.....Recovery from stroke
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

CANCER

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

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Text: Mark 4:1–20

I. THE PARABLE

A. The Setting

B. The Sower

II. THE USE OF PARABLES

A. For The Disciples

B. For The Others

III. INTERPRETATION OF THE PARABLE

A. The Road

B. The Rocks

C. The Thorns

D. The Good Soil

E. The Point