

The Lord's Day Worship Service

May 2, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome of Guests and Announcements

Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

Ps. 37:5-9

Commit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him, and He will do it.
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light
And your judgment as the noonday.
Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.
Cease from anger and forsake wrath;
Do not fret; it leads only to evildoing.
For evildoers will be cut off,
But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land.

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn # 370....."Revive Thy Work, O Lord"

* Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Job 12:13-25

CONFESSION OF SIN

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
**he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us
from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Let us, therefore, humbly confess our sins unto our heavenly Father saying,

**Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against you in thought, in word, and in deed;**

**That we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, nor with
all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor
as ourselves.**

**We beseech you, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help
us to amend what we are, and, by your mercy, to direct what we
shall be, so that we may henceforth walk in the way of your com-
mandments, and do those things which are pleasing in your sight,
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:

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Lk. 19:10

Therefore I declare to you, that:

*If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart
that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Rom. 10:9

Amen!

CONFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

* Hymn # 444....."O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling"

* New Testament Scripture Reading.....Matthew 7:7-14

The Westminster Shorter Catechism.....read responsively

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall
be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment,
and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of
God to all eternity.**

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology.....page 731

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn # 455....."And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

MEANS OF GRACE

Prayer of Intercession

* Reading of the Word of God.....Mark 4:21-34

Sermon: "Parables of the Kingdom".....Dr. Jones

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

* Hymn # 476....."The Light of the World Is Jesus"

* Benediction

* Congregational Threefold Amen

* Congregation Standing

Mark 4:21-34 (NASB)

²¹ And He was saying to them, "A lamp is not brought to be put under a basket, is it, or under a bed? Is it not *brought* to be put on the lampstand? ²² "For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has *anything* been secret, but that it would come to light. ²³ "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴ And He was saying to them, "Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides. ²⁵ "For whoever has, to him *more* shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him." ²⁶ And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil; ²⁷ and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know. ²⁸ "The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head. ²⁹ "But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ And He said, "How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? ³¹ "It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, ³² yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR can NEST UNDER ITS SHADE." ³³ With many such parables He was speaking the word to them, so far as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ and He did not speak to them without a parable; but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.

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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.

BIBLE STUDY – This Thursday we will continue our Bible Study. Please study Lord’s Day 38 from the Heidelberg Catechism.

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/shortWFaVqQ>

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

PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Text: Mark 4:21–34

I. THE LIGHT OF THE KINGDOM

A. The Lamp

B. The Revelation

C. The Measure

II. THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM

A. Sowing

B. Growing

C. Harvest

III. THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

A. A Small Beginning

B. A Great Ending

C. Concealing And Revealing