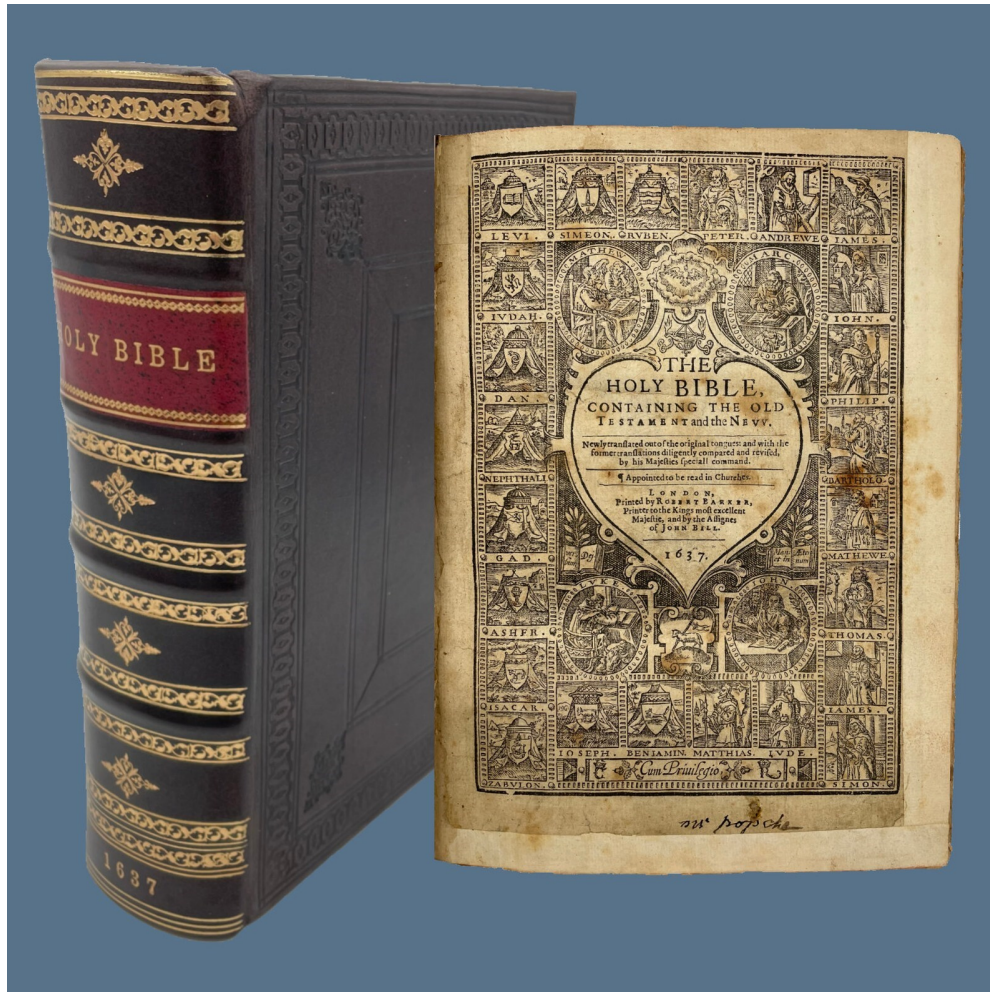


Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



APRIL 30, 2023

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church
April 30, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

-William B. Bradbury, 1859 / arr. Lani Smith, 1938

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit,
into your people,

All: **through the holy Word,
by waters blessed.**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Dear Lord, you are our only hope.
Teach us to put our trust in you.
Teach us the path of righteousness,
and turn us from the ways of the wicked,
for we know that you love those who do justice.
We will forever praise you for the glory
of your righteous reign,
now and forever. Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, Thou Almighty King"

No. 139

*Invitation to Confession

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear,
but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Holy One, we confess to you and to one another
that we have not always followed Christ's example.
When we have been abused,
we have been abusive in return.
We have gone astray.
Lead us back into your fold
and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Kyrie Eleison** (*unison*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The promise of our faith is that
if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly,
we need not feel threatened,
for we will be returned to righteousness.
Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold,
let us share our peace with one another.
Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri** (*unison*)

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God,
we pray that your Holy Spirit will enlighten us
in the meaning of your Word;
we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us
to be devoted to the teachings of your Word,
that through Holy Scripture we may hear your voice
and follow it into eternal life. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47

P. 120 in the New Testament

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

As we came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Organ Anthem: God So Loved the World

Lloyd Larson

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:18-25

PP. 233-234 in the New Testament

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Sermon: God's Word in Context

Rev. Jim DeMent

1 Peter 1:2-18: Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh.

No. 579

Silence and stillness

***Congregational Hymn:** “I Come with Joy”

No. 507

The Sacrament of Baptism

PRESENTATION

One: There is one body and one Spirit
just as you were called
to the one hope of your calling,

All: **one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

*** PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE BAPTISM OF KAROLINE MICHELLE GOHLKE

WELCOME (*unison*)

With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you into Christ's church,
the body of Christ,
to share with us in his ministry,
for we are all one in Christ. Alleluia! Amen!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

-Southern Harmony, 1835

***Doxology** (*unison*)

No. 592

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

Holy and generous God,
you have anointed us and we are yours.
Bless these tithes and offerings
that they may become green pastures and still waters
for any and all who need your comfort and restoration.
Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us"

No.387

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** (*unison*)

-Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880/William G Tomer, 1880

God be with you until we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you 'till we meet again

'Till we meet, 'till we meet
'Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
'Till we meet, till we meet
God be with you 'till we meet again.

Postlude: Stand Up and Bless the Lord

-Charles Lockhart, 1769



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Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come and Thy people bless,
And give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

I Come with Joy

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Gloria Aouelle

Bette Austin

Joey Farrell

Nathan Galvan
(Son of Leila Galvan)

Kathleen McCameron

Maria Pezeski
(Mother of Leila Galvan)

Ginny & Wilson Rogers
(Daughter of Bob & Gayla Whitaker;
Son of Bruce & Elizabeth Rogers)

Mikey Ruddock

Carol Wisdom
(Daughter of Lea Lenz)

For caregiving concerns—please contact:
Lynn McAuley (979.248.6238)

FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Monday, May 1

6:00 PM Mission Study Task Force

Tuesday, May 2

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Meeting

Sunday, May 7

9:30 AM “Prayer and Poetry”
Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class

9:30 AM Kingdom Kids– Sunday School for
children ages 5-12

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service.
Lord's Supper

FPC Victoria Servant Leadership

Session Members

Jim DeMent, Moderator

Class of 2023

John Horadam, Building & Grounds
Lynn McAuley, Ass't Clerk, Caregiving & Fellowship
Bonnie Wilkinson, Clerk of Session, Membership

Class of 2024

Frances Byrne, Caregiving & Fellowship, Personnel
Patrick Patterson, Building & Grounds, Finance
Becky Richter, Christian Education, Mission & Outreach

Class of 2025

Donald Anderson, Mission & Outreach
Leila Galvan, Christian Education
Camille Miller, Worship

Other

Dawn Neel, Treasurer
Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School
Jim Stokes, Assistant Treasurer

Pastor's Notes

In the great Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Second Helvetic Confession declares, “Baptism was instituted and consecrated by God” and then continues, “Now to be baptized in the name of Christ is to be enrolled, entered, and received into the covenant and family, and so into the inheritance of the people of God” (BoC 5.185, 5.187).

This morning, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Karoline Michelle Gohlke into Christ's church and the family of all believers. We claim for her the inheritance that has been promised to all of us by God through his son, Jesus Christ.

Participating in the baptism of young Karoline this morning is our dear friend, the Rev. Bette Burris, who officiated at the wedding of Karoline's parents, Katie and Shaye Gohlke.

To the glory of God and in celebration of Karoline's baptism this morning, the flowers on the altar have been provided by Karoline's grandparents, Debbie and Allen Gohlke, Kathy and Dale Schneider, and Glenda and John Gibbs. Karoline's baptism dress was made by her great grandmother, Patsy Hand, and it was first worn by Karoline's mother, Katie, at her own baptism. On this joyful occasion, we welcome the Gohlke Family in worship with us this morning.

Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor
Robert Wyatt, Organist/Choirmaster
Erica Colding, Office Administrator

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