



FLETCHER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Mission Congregation of the
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

WELCOME TO FLETCHER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

How We Worship: Each church has its own worship style, but worship is more than style. It begins with a heart for God through faith in Christ. It is also a dialogue between God and his people; he speaks, and we respond. God promises to meet with us as we praise him in these ways.

*A Christ-centered community
exploring, embracing, and expressing
the love of the Father, the grace of Jesus,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparing for Worship

Call to Worship – Revelation 15:3b–4

“Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,

O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord,

and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Call to Worship: God calls people to seek his face and invites them into his presence. Today, God calls you to worship him. The call to worship reminds us that God is the center of all things, and as we worship God, he graciously reorients and rearranges us.

Hymn of Adoration – *Only A Holy God*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

Come and behold Him

The One and the Only

Cry out sing holy

Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

(Chorus x 2)

Worship through Singing:

God delights to hear his people sing. As we give praise to God through songs of faith, he transforms our hearts so that we are more like His Son.

Words and Music: Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson (2016), CityAlight Music, Integrity Music

Prayer for God's Presence:

Even as God calls us to worship, we call upon God to fill our hearts with his Spirit, to assure us that we belong to him, and to help us worship him in Spirit and truth. We sometimes call this an invocation, which means "to call upon."

Affirmation of Faith:

Believing in God's truth sets us free from the lies of Satan, the world, and our sinful hearts. We affirm our faith each Sunday in order to worship God, strengthen our faith, and encourage one another.

Prayer for God's Presence

Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Affirmation of Faith – Luke 1:46–55

Q. Why do you magnify the LORD?

A. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

Hymn – *Joy to the World!*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Children's Sermon

Prayer for God's Work in the World

Words: Isaac Watts (1719)

I Music: *Antioch*, George
Frederick Handel (1742)

Children's Sermon:

Children are invited to come forward for the children's sermon. The children's sermon makes the Bible accessible to young children. Parents, you are welcome to accompany your child to the front.

Prayer for God's Work in the World:

Jesus redeems his people to be a kingdom of priests (Rev. 1:6, 1 Peter 2:5,9). One of our priestly privileges and responsibilities is to pray for God's work in our communities and world. As priests, we intercede for the world and ask for God to be at work in, through, and around us.

Sermon: The Bible teaches us how to know Jesus and experience his saving work.

The sermon is for proclaiming Jesus and how we can trust in him for salvation and practice his ways for our good and God's glory. For those who receive the Bible as the word of God, it is profitable to teach us, rebuke our sins, build us up in his grace, and train us in righteousness.

Sermon – Breaking Bread with Jesus

“What Is the Kingdom of God Like?”

Luke 13:10-21

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability.” ¹³ And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. ¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷ As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

¹⁸ He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

²⁰ And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”

Notes

Words and Music: Isaac
Wardell, Paul Zach, and
Wendell Kimbrough
(2017), Wendell K Songs,
Porter's Gate Publishing

Hymn of Preparation – *Your Labor is Not in Vain*

Your labor is not in vain
Though the ground underneath you
Is cursed and stained.
Your planting and reaping are never the same.
Your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown
Though the rocks they cry out
And the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
But your labor is not unknown.

(Chorus)
For I am with you, I am with you,
I am with you, I am with you.
For I have called you,
Called you by name.
Your labor is not in vain.

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth
For all that is old will at last be made new
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

(Chorus)

The houses you labored to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed,
And all that is broken be healed.

(Chorus x2)

Confession of Sin – 1 Corinthians 15:58

Leader: Therefore, beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Together: **Lord, we often wonder if our labor is in vain! We are far from being steadfast and abounding in your work!**

Individually: *Silently confess any ways you feel like giving up serving Jesus or ask God to show what work he has for you.*

Words of Assurance – Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Prayers for reflection during the Lord's Supper can be found on page 10.

Confession of Sin:

Our sin isn't just about breaking rules, it's about hurting our relationship with God. The Holy Spirit softens our hard hearts so that we can own our sin. We give space to confess our sins together as God's people and for silently personalizing a confession of sin.

Words of Assurance: God speaks to confront us, but he also speaks words of grace to assure us that we are forgiven in Jesus and dearly loved.

The Lord's Supper: The Lord's Supper is a family meal in which Jesus, as the host, offers himself and all the blessings of salvation to his people. All who trust in Christ, who are baptized members of a gospel church, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live faithfully unto God are invited to partake. However, if you have not yet embraced Jesus by faith or are not prepared to partake of this meal, we encourage you to keep exploring without taking the bread and grape juice until you are ready to profess faith in Jesus.

Notes about Partaking:

We come forward in groups around the table to receive the bread and grape juice. We eat and drink as we receive the bread and cup. All bread is free of gluten, soy, dairy, nuts, and peanuts.

Prayers of Reflection

For those partaking

Help me to believe there is no condemnation for those in Jesus. Help me to sense once again your mercy is greater than my sin, your welcome greater than my shame, and your power greater than my weakness.

For those not partaking

If you have not yet embraced Jesus by faith but are exploring, if you do not belong to a church, or if your brother or sister has something against you, use this time to ask God to help you.

Prayer for truth: Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please open me to the reality of who you are. Give me faith that I may believe you are the savior I need.

Prayer for belonging: Jesus, it seems unnecessary or scary to identify with a church. Help me understand why you want me to belong to a church and give me the strength to commit with others who identify with you.

Prayer for reconciliation: Jesus, you say blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God. As your child, help me make peace.

Doxology: Doxology means “praise.” We praise God because every good gift comes from him.

Benediction: A benediction is not a prayer. It is a pronouncement from God of his blessing and approval. God sends his people out to live in the strength of his blessing upon our lives.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Benediction

Announcements

1. Thank you for serving at the Fletcher Fall Festival!
2. Community Group Bible Studies meet on Wednesdays between 5:45ish-7:30pm. Casual potluck followed by discussion on the book of Acts. We have three groups.
3. Everyone is invited to the Scott's baby shower. This is a coed event.

Visitors:

*For more information about FPC, sign up at the welcome table.

*Restrooms are located in the hallway.

*Kids and babies join us in the service and sometimes make joyful (or otherwise) noises - that's okay with us! There is a carpet/crib in the back for toddlers and pencils/clipboards for older kids are on the welcome table. Feel free to step out into the hallway if you need to reset during the service.

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fletcherpres.org

Giving

*Give online fletcherpres.org

*Send check made out to "Fletcher Presbyterian Church" to PO Box 251, Fletcher, NC 28732

*Coming soon: In-person offering box

Leadership

Zack Keuthan (Church Planting Pastor)

John Hopple (Provisional Elder)

David Threat (Provisional Elder)