



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WICHITA FALLS

October 3, 2021

A GUIDE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

Dale Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 84** | *Members of the Sanctuary Choir*

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be the doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** | *Members of the Sanctuary Choir*

***HYMN OF PRAISE** | **Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts #215** (see p. 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Each of us, Lord, has failed to fully observe your beauty.

We fall in love with our own image and are left disappointed and alone.

Please be faithful to us, Jesus, even when we turn from You.

We trust that You will be stalwart, our dedicated Savior, to the end.

Lord, as we seek to embrace our neighbors, no matter the loves of their hearts, help us to see them as You do, with compassion and zeal for their good.

Forgive us, Holy Spirit, for when we have excluded our neighbors from our hearts or our tables, knowing how deeply You cherish them.

Forgive us now, in the name of Jesus and for his glory,

and may your face be shown vibrantly where we have failed to show ours.

Time for silent prayer and confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND COMFORT

***HYMN OF PRAISE | Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts #215**

Bernard of Clairvaux

Henry Baker

1. Je - sus, Thou Joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou Fount of
 2. We taste Thee, O Thou liv - ing Bread, and long to
 3. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our

life, Thou Light of men, from the best bliss that
 feast up - on Thee still; we drink of Thee, the
 mo - ments calm and bright; chase the dark night of

earth im - parts we turn un - filled to Thee a - gain.
 Foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.
 sin a - way, shed o'er the world Thy ho - ly light.

***SONG OF FAITH AND GRATITUDE | Who You Say I Am**

*Who am I that the highest King
 Would welcome me
 I was lost but He brought me in
 Oh His love for me
 Oh His love for me*

*Who the Son sets free
 Oh is free indeed
 I'm a child of God
 Yes I am*

*Free at last
 He has ransomed me
 His grace runs deep
 While I was a slave to sin
 Jesus died for me
 Yes He died for me*

*Who the Son sets free
 Oh is free indeed
 I'm a child of God
 Yes I am*

*In my Father's house
 There's a place for me
 I'm a child of God*

*I am chosen not forsaken
 I am who You say I am
 You are for me not against me
 I am who You say I am*

*I am chosen not forsaken
 I am who You say I am
 You are for me not against me
 I am who You say I am*

*In my Father's house
 There's a place for me
 I'm a child of God*

SCRIPTURE READING | Genesis 18:1-8 p. 12 in pew Bible

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

The offering of time, money, and talents is a commitment to God and our participation in God's redeeming work in the world. You are welcome to place a financial gift to God as the offering plate is passed. You may also give online at myfirstpres.org/giving or text "give" to 830-584-1063.

OFFERTORY | Truth Be Told

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A MOMENT OF TESTIMONY | *The Flack Family*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

*“Me and My House: Welcome” | Rev. Michael Hansen
John 6:1-14 p. 891 in pew Bible*

CHOIR ANTHEM | Let Us Break Bread Together Grotenhuis

*Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us break bread together on our knees,
Kneel before your Savior, kneel before Him,
let us break bread together on our knees,
kneel before your Savior now.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

PRAYER

***SENDING HYMN | O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #141 (see p. 6)**

***BENEDICTION | From Hebrews 13:1-3, 5**

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing some have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. Be content with what you have. And remember that God has promised, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Samuel W. Shanko

All are sent to serve and love the Lord following the Benediction.

***SENDING HYMN | O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #141**

Charles Wesley

Carl G. Gläser

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. Je - sus, the Name that charms our fears, that

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the

God and King, the tri - umphs of His grace!
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

Our Vision

That all would know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Our Mission

Our mission is to produce authentic disciples of Jesus Christ who...

- Embrace biblical truth
- Embody Christian love
- Impart His gospel to the world

Our Core Values

Bible-centered preaching/teaching
 Passionate evangelism
 Biblical community

Godly servant leadership
 World missions
 Authentic worship

Effectual fervent prayer
 Strong families
 Warm fellowship

Church Life

October 3, 2021

EVERYONE

Prayer Gathering
 October 17th at 4pm in the Atrium.

Chamber Music Fall Recital
 October 17th | 3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Family Night Supper
 October 20th, at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
 \$6/person and \$20/Family of 4 or more. More details to come.

Trunk or Treat
 Sunday, October 24th | 4-5:30 PM
 Drive thru style. You are invited to dress up, decorate your car and drive through FPC and First Christian for some sweet treats. If you are interested in hosting a car or donating candy please reach out to Merideth Crowe.

PARENTS

The Art of Parenting Study
 Led by Michael and Maggie Hansen, child care available, Sundays from 4-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN

Crossings
 Meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00. For ages 4 years old - 5th Grade.

Children's Choir
 Following Crossings from 6:00 - 6:30 pm in the Theater. For Grades 1st-5th.

YOUTH

Lock In
 October 15th at 6:00 pm to October 16th at 10:00 am. There will be food, fun and potentially sleep.

MEN

Men's Bible Study
 Thursdays at 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Men across all life stages study together to develop hearts for God that will impact their home, their work, and the world. Contact Taz Ellett with any questions at tazellett@aol.com

LOOKING AHEAD

Guest Preacher
 Sunday, October 24th, Rev. Blake Purcell will be the guest preacher from our mission partner Hope Russia.

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