



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WICHITA FALLS

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A GUIDE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Gordon Young

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION | Interfaith Outreach

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | Adapted from Psalm 34:1-4, 8

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

All: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #21 (see p. 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you shower us with so many blessings, yet we struggle to share them with others. You love a cheerful giver, but we sometimes give grudgingly. We forget that all we have is yours, and that you can use our gifts to bless the whole world. Give us generous hearts which long to share our bounty, giving extravagantly, loving at great risk, and working for justice in seemingly impossible situations. Forgive us for clutching too tightly what has always been yours in the first place. Pardon us for this and all of our sins, as we continue to confess in silence...

Time for silent prayer and confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND COMFORT

SCRIPTURE READINGS |

Romans 12:3-9 p. 948 in pew Bible

Genesis 12:1-3 p. 8 in pew Bible

*HYMN OF PRAISE | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #21

Henry van Dyke

Ludwig van Beethoven

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the hap-py cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, o - p'ning to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, all who live in love are Thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in Thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the Joy di - vine.
joy - ful mu - sic leads us Sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

*GLORY TO THE FATHER

Glory be to Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the begining is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Me and My House: Bless” | Rev. Michael Hansen

SONG OF FAITH AND GRATITUDE | The Blessing

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

Amen, Amen, Amen
(Repeat)

May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Amen, Amen, Amen

CALL 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 | Lift Your Light Mary McDonald

*Lift your light, let it shine high in the darkness;
let it shine all over the world, Jesus loves you!
Lift your light, lift it high, high in the darkness;
Jesus is the light of the world. Lift it higher.*

*Jesus is the light, light of all the world;
lift the light within you, shine it all around the world.
Let the glory rise; raise it to the sky;
let your light for Jesus shine!*

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The 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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

*SENDING HYMN | God of Grace and God of Glory #358

Harry Emerson Fosdick John Hughes

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on Thy peo - ple
2. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; gird our lives that
3. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour Thy pow'r; crown Thine an - cient Church's sto - ry;
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces
we de - plore; let the search for Thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flow'r.
in the fight to set men free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
that we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee!
serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluia, Sing To Jesus

Gordon Young

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

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

Use This QR Code to see a full list of upcoming events, or to sign up for family night supper.



Announcements

October 17, 2021

EVERYONE

Chamber Music Fall Recital
TODAY | 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. Baby
Back Rib Dinner.

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.

Stewardship
Church leadership is preparing the budget for
ministry in 2022. If you are on the church mailing
list, you will receive the pastoral letter with in-
structions for submitting a financial pledge card
for 2022. Please bring your 2022 pledge card
to worship on Sunday, October 31st.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Reformation Sunday
October 31st. Join us for a worship service
when we will recognize our Reformed heritage.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Children and Family Ministry Director
FPC is searching for a Children and Family
Ministry Director to lead and nurture disciplesh-
ip ministry with parents and children (0-5th).
Please be in prayer over the search for this
position! Inquiries and applicants may email
cfdirectorsearch@myfirstpres.org.

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my
parent's, Marth and Clint Wood Sr., wedding anniversary on October 15, 1946
by Clint Wood Jr.*

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