

The Lord's Day

February 19, 2012

Reflection

“A Christ-centered worship – which is event-oriented worship – can never be static and merely intellectual because what happens is an actual and real communication of the power and benefit of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Worshiping churches recognize that every gathering of worship is ultimately a praise and thanksgiving for the overthrow of evil by God in Christ. This victory not only happened two thousand years ago, but it happens today in the lives of people who bring to worship their own struggles against that evil which shatters relationships, oppresses the poor, and brings constant dislocation into life.

The event of Christ is the only event in human history that promises relocation and centering, meaning and purpose. This promise and its fulfillment evoke passionate and heartfelt praise and thanks, especially for those aware of their own brokenness and the healing which Christ brings into their lives.”

— Robert Webber

The Bible is not a script for a funeral service, but it is the record of God always bringing life where we expected to find death. Everywhere it is the story of resurrection.

— Eugene H. Peterson

Call to Worship

Isaiah 11:10; 12:1-6

Worship Leader: In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. In that day you will say:

Congregation: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."

Worship Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say:

Congregation: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

Invocation

(followed by 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.

Call to Confession of sins

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, we come before you and acknowledge our weakness and sins. We are poor in spirit. Our hearts are hard, shallow, and preoccupied. We stumble and fall. Search us, test us, and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance. Forgive us our sins.

Father, comfort us. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know you better, that Christ would dwell in us by faith. By your Spirit, renew our minds so we may know your deep love for us in Jesus. Make us to long for the riches of our inheritance, and the hope of glory. By your great power, transform us to love our King and to delight in his commandments so that we live the life that is truly life. Do these things for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement

Isaiah 53:11-12

After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

You Are My King ~ Amazing Love

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me because You died and rose again.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me because You died and rose again.

Chorus

Amazing love! How can it be that You, my King would die for me.

Amazing love! I know it's true, and it's my joy to honor you.

In all I do ~ I'll honor you.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me because You died and rose again.

Chorus

You are my King, Jesus, You are my King,
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

Chorus

O, Love That Will Not Let Me Go

(Violin)

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be.

(Violin)

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossom's red
Life that shall endless be, Life that shall endless be.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1

Worship Leader: Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will--to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

Worship Leader: And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

All: In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Worship Leader: And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

All: Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory.

Worship Leader: For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

All: That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Worship Leader: And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

All: Which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Announcements

(children age 4 through 1st grades may be dismissed for children's church)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-16

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop-- a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 He who has ears, let him hear."

10 The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" 11 He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

13 This is why I speak to them in parables:

"Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

15 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. 17 For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

Meditation & Prayer

Confession 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 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 on 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.

(Catholic Church means believers throughout history)

The Lord’s Supper

Hymn of Response

Satisfied

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

Chorus

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings through his blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the things around me ‘till my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better only still to hunger on.

Chorus

Poor I was and sought for riches something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered ‘round me only mocked my soul’s sad cry.

Chorus

Well of water ever springing Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

Chorus

Benediction

Please pray for...

This week's families: Kenneth & Julie Angle, Alan & Ara Bain, Leo & Phyllis Berthiaume,
Bill & Dottie Brazelton

Praise the Lord...the Contreras' have been approved to get their green cards. They will now
be allowed to travel back to Ecuador to visit their sons, Gabriel Jr. and Alberto.

Hispanic Ministries

Christian Education Ministries at church, home and school

AL Church Planting Network: Steve & Ann Mayes, Gabriel & Monica Contreras

Engagement: Sarah Walker & Gabe Anderson

Pregnancy: Andrea Callahan, Maggie McDaniel

Military: Jonathan Searle, Adam Shelley, Jon Mattox, Noah Freeman, John Rhodes, David
Washington, Aaron Pugh, Rick Hendricks, Jeff Mitchell, Andrew Smith, Joey Haynes

Home for Sale: Bruce & Jennifer Bush, Grant & Camille Carroll

Missionaries: Wayne & Ann Curles serving in Burma

Church Ministry: Worship Team

Church Leaders & Staff: Rick Searle & Erik McDaniel

College Students: Meghan McDonald, Jacob Searle, Thomas Walker

Timothy Mayes, recovering from a broken arm

Deborah Greene, diagnosed with an abdominal tumor

Grace Hudson, diagnosed with juvenile arthritis

Those struggling with their health: Leeanne Clark, Kevin Miller, Bernice Whitman, Johnnie
Hicks, John Henderson, Doyle McGee, Colleen Taylor

Those who are battling cancer: Lawrence Ramsay, Stephanie Camp, Kate Crow, Christy
Strickland, Sheila Hunt, Shirley Coker, Joanne Corbin

Those being cared for at home or an extended care facility: Gordon Johnson, Bernard
Robinson, Vera Searle, Loretta Edwards, Emily Bowie, Dottie Brazelton, Clifford
Herndon

Sunday School ~ Winter Quarter

<u><i>Specific Course</i></u>	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Room</i></u>
<i>The Meaning of Marriage</i>	Peck Mallory	Music Rm
SRHi Boys & Girls	Dameon Goode & Tim Smith	L11
JRHi Boys & Girls	Susan Goode	L12
Children grades 3 rd -5 th	Dr. Roy & Sharon Flannagan	L2
Children grades 1 st & 2 nd	Eliska Mattox & Debbie Buchanan	L3
Children ages 4yr - 5K	Kris Herndon & Lisa Robertson	L4
Children ages 2 - 3	Michelle Miller	Toddler Rm
Infants	Bonnie Schroeder & Suzan Freeman	Nursery

Announcements

The Ladies Bible Study...will not meet during the month of February. We will resume on March 7th.

The Daily Office...weekly scripture reading guide can be found on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. It is no longer included in the bulletin.

Bridal Shower

Honoring Sarah Walker

March 3rd, 1:00 p.m.

Faith Sanctuary

Sarah & Gabe are registered at
West Elm & Bed, Bath & Beyond

Small Groups

<i>Group</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Meeting Time</i>
<i>Ping's</i>	<i>Various Homes</i>	<i>Charlie/Rosie Ping</i>	<i>256-835-1011</i>	<i>Sunday 6:00 pm</i>
<i>Women's Bible Study</i>	<i>Buchanan Home</i>	<i>Eliska Mattox</i>	<i>256-488-9176</i>	<i>Resumes March 7</i>
<i>McDaniel's</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Erik/Maggie McDaniel</i>	<i>256-403-3969</i>	<i>Wednesday 5:30 pm</i>
<i>Searle's</i>	<i>Searle Home</i>	<i>Rick Searle</i>	<i>256-238-8721</i>	<i>Monday 6:15 pm</i>

Ruling Elders

Jimmy Miller Boyce Callahan Alan Robinson Phil Stumbo
Roy Flannagan Roger Sawyer Peck Mallory Jack Totherow Vince Mattox

Teaching Elders

Rick Searle (Pastor) Erik McDaniel (Assistant Pastor)
Steve Mayes (Assistant Pastor of Church Planting)

Deacons

Trey Hudson John Davis David Miller
Shannon Robertson Tim Smith Steve Knotts

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God's truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice
- We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God's displeasure, except by His mercy.
- We believe that salvation is by God alone as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based on His grace, not on any human individual merit, or foreseen faith.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation.
- We believe that God is gracious and faithful to His people, not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to His Covenant promises.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God's people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.
- We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself.
- We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The Mission of Faith Presbyterian Church is...

To promote a passion for the Glory of God,
And the joy that comes from knowing Him through the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Our Vision is to become...

A fellowship of believers who are experiencing the transforming power of the Gospel
And are Instruments of Change in the lives of others