

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

April 28, 2024 at 10 am

*"In all my prayers for all of you,
I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel." (Philippians 1:4-5)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #333: "SEEK YE FIRST"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness;
And all these things
Shall be added unto you:
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God:
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you:
Allelu, alleluia.

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.

**Clouds and thick darkness surround him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all peoples see his glory.

**You, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.**

Light shines on the righteous
and joy on the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.**

Psalms 97: 1-2, 6, 9, 11-12.

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HYMN #376: "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that second rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.
Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**God of healing and wholeness, we search for joy and meaning in our world.
We look for it in our activities, our social circles,
and along many of our paths in life.
But these things are often fleeting, and our search is unsustainable.**

**God forgive us for not seeking your kingdom first.
Remove those blinders that prevent us from seeing
what you are doing in the world and in our lives.**

**Help us to have our eyes focused only on you.
May we seek the ultimate treasure which is your salvation.
Help us to trust that we are a forgiven people,
who find joy in the assurance that we are yours.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

CHOIR: "LORD, SPEAK TO ME"

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "Joyful Living: Knowing Who We Are—and What We're About"

Philippians 1:3-11

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. ⁴ Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, ⁵ for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. ⁶ And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

⁷ So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. ⁸ God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹ I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. ¹⁰ For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. ¹¹ May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.

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DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN #379: "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS" (verses 1, 2, and 4)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

* *Please stand if you are able*

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

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| TODAY | Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) |
| Tuesday, Apr 30 | Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Handbell Rehearsal (5:00 pm in the Sanctuary) |
| Wednesday, May 1 | Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30) |
| Sunday, May 5 | Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary) |

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