

First Presbyterian Church
Dr. Paul B. Long, Pastor
March 26, 2023
Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

John Ball Burnett

*God's Word Calls Us to Worship

Psalm 63:1-5

¹O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly;

**My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,
In a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

**²Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory.**

**³Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips will praise You.**

**⁴So I will bless You as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands in Your name.**

**⁵My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth offers praises with joyful lips.**

*Invocation

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*Hymns of Praise:

Congregation

#358 Draw Me Nearer (1, 2 & 4)

#80 I Love You Lord (x2)

#527 Glory to His Name (1, 3 & 4)

Unison New Testament Reading

Matthew 5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. ²He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying, ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the gentle, for they shall

inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24f.

²⁴ And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

Stewardship of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

*Hymn of Commitment

Congregation

#271 Standing on the Promises (1, 3 & 4)

Children's Message

Morning Prayer

Paul Long

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Sermon

Paul Long

Steadfast in Adversity

*Benediction

Postlude

*All who are able please stand.

Announcements:

The WIC will be collecting twin extra-long blankets for the Charleston Recovery Center that will be opening this Spring. This project will continue through the month of March. Please leave blankets on the table in the FLC.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday — Prayer Meeting – 7:30-8:00 am
Kingdom Kids – 4:00 pm
Wednesday Night Fellowship – 6:00 pm
(In charge this week: Jennifer & Elaine S.)
Next Sunday — Palm Sunday
Elders & Deacons Meeting – 8:30 am

Happy Birthday this week:

Paul – March 27
Isabel – March 28

In charge today:

Deacon – J. T. — Elder – John Ball — Children – Jean E.

In charge next Sunday:

Deacon – Eugene — Elder – Gerry — Children – Elaine V.

Prayer List: (New in bold)

Afghanistan/Ukraine/Turkey/Syria	Laster, Frank
Bloodworth, Marie	Little, Don Ray
Benson, Ray	McBrayer family, Tim
Brooks, Stanley	McCullar family, Shelby
Brown, Erin Trout	McElrath, Pete
Burkhalter, Walter	McKenzie, Marni
Burns, Byron	Miller, Glenn
Cole, Tim	Morgan, Melinda
Collins, Larry & Ann	Odom, Mary Ann
Country, State, City	Peters, Sandra
Edenfield, Joe	Radcliff, Raymond
Flautt, Mike	Reece, Ann
Ford, Mary Clair	Sanders, Linda
Griggs, Mike	Sanders, Steve
Hargett, Stacey	Strider, Carol
Hardy, Gay	Supreme Court
Hartley, Betsy	Taylor, Beverly
Hurdle, Byron	Van Der Poel, Linda
Jones, Andrea	VBS
Knowles, Greg	



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