

First Presbyterian Church
Dr. Paul B. Long, Pastor
April 16, 2023
Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of Joys and Concerns Al Roark

*God's Word Calls Us to Worship Psalm 117

¹Praise the LORD, all nations; Laud Him, all peoples!
²For His lovingkindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the LORD is everlasting.
Praise the LORD!

*Invocation Al Roark

*Hymns of Praise: Congregation

#488 He Keeps Me Singing (1, 2, 3, 4)
#296 We've A Story to Tell to the Nations (1, 3 & 4)

Responsive Old Testament Reading Ps. 31:1-7; 19-24

¹In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; Let me never be ashamed;
In Your righteousness deliver me.
²Incline Your ear to me, rescue me quickly;
Be to me a rock of strength, a stronghold to save me.
³For You are my rock and my fortress;
For Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me.
⁴You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for
me, for You are my strength.
⁵Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth.
⁶I hate those who regard vain idols,
But I trust in the LORD.
⁷I will rejoice and be glad in Your lovingkindness,
¹⁹How great is Your goodness,
Which You have stored up for those who fear You,

Which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You,
Before the sons of men!

²⁰You hide them in the secret place of Your presence from
the conspiracies of man; You keep them secretly in a shelter from
the strife of tongues.

²¹Blessed be the LORD, for He has made marvelous His
lovingkindness to me in a besieged city.

²²As for me, I said in my alarm, "I am cut off from before Your eyes";
Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications
When I cried to You.

²³O love the LORD, all you His godly ones!
The LORD preserves the faithful and fully recompenses the proud
doer. ²⁴Be strong and let your heart take courage,
All you who hope in the LORD.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 43:25

"I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for
My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Stewardship of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

*Mission Offering Congregation

#376 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (1-4)

Children's Message

Morning Prayer Paul Long

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 5:1-11

Sermon Paul Long
Suffering for the Will of God

*Benediction

Postlude

All who are able please stand.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday — Circle Meeting – 9:30 am

Moderator – Meg

Hostesses – Berene & Jennifer

Wednesday — Prayer Meeting – 7:30-8:00 am

Kingdom Kids – 4:00 pm

Wednesday Night Fellowship – 6:00 pm

(In charge this week: Martha Joe, Nell, & Nancy)

Happy Birthday this week:

Nancy Ray – April 21

In charge today:

Deacon – Nick — Elder – Al — Children – Isabel

In charge next Sunday:

Deacon – J. T. — Elder – John Ball — Children – Elaine S.

Prayer List: (New in bold)

Afghanistan/Ukraine/Turkey/Syria

Anderson, Webb

Bloodworth, Marie

Benson, Ray

Brown, Erin Trout

Burkhalter, Walter

Burns, Byron

Cole, Tim

Collins, Larry & Ann

Country, State, City

Edenfield, Joe

Flautt, Mike

Ford, Mary Clair

Griggs, Mike

Hargett, Stacey

Hardy, Gay

Hartley, Betsy

Hill, Joseph Griffin

Hurdle, Byron

Jones, Andrea

Knowles, Greg

Laster, Frank

Little, Don Ray

McElrath, Pete

McKenzie, Marni

Miller, Glenn

Morgan, Melinda

Odom, Mary Ann

PCA General Assembly

Peters, Sandra

Reece, Ann

Sanders, Linda

Sanders, Steve

Strider, Carol

Supreme Court

Van der Poel, Linda

VBS



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