

First Presbyterian Church
Dr. Paul B. Long, Pastor
April 23, 2023
Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of Joys and Concerns John Ball Burnett

*God's Word Calls Us to Worship 1 Peter 5:5b-7

GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

*Invocation John Ball Burnett

*Hymns of Praise: Congregation

#382 Be Thou My Vision (1, 3, 4)

#381 Open My Eyes, That I May See (1, 2, 3)

Responsive 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. ² He 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 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

*Hymn of Preparation Congregation

#380 Just a Closer Walk with Thee (1, 2, 3)

Children's Message

Morning Prayer Paul Long

Scripture Reading Psalms 1 & 2

Sermon Paul Long

The Path to Life

*Closing Hymn #379 Congregation

***Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days. Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

*Benediction

Postlude

All who are able please stand.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday — Prayer Meeting – 7:30-8:00 am
Kingdom Kids – 4:00 pm (last meeting until September)
WNF – 6:00 pm (Last WNF until September)
In charge this week: Jennifer, Elaine V. & Elaine S.

May 3 (Wednesday) — Joint meeting of elders & deacons – 5:00 pm

May 7 — Picnic – Enid Lake, Riverview #565 – 10:30 am
Bring food and lawn chairs

May 8 — Ladies Spring Salad Supper – 6:00 pm
Speaker – Lillian Puckett Kraft from Madison, MS

Happy Birthday this week:

Emily Flautt – April 27
Meri Maci Autrey – April 29

In charge today:

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

In charge next Sunday:

Deacon – Jimmie — Elder – Jimmie — Children – Nancy

Prayer List: (New in bold)

Anderson, Webb	Knowles, Greg
Bloodworth, Marie	Laster, Frank
Brown, Erin Trout	Little, Don Ray
Burkhalter, Walter	McElrath, Pete
Burns, Byron	Miller, Glenn
Cole, Tim	Morgan, Melinda
Collins, Larry & Ann	Odom, Mary Ann
Country, State, City	PCA General Assembly
Edenfield, Joe	Reece, Ann
Flautt, Mike	Sanders, Linda
Ford, Mary Clair	Sanders, Steve
Griggs, Mike	Shook, Edward
Hargett, Stacey	Strider, Carol
Hardy, Gay	Supreme Court
Hartley, Betsy	Van der Poel, Linda
Hill, Joseph Griffin	VBS
Hurdle, Byron	Waring, Dan
Jones, Andrea	World



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