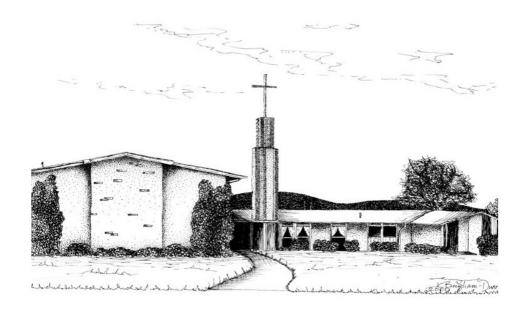


# Presbyterian Church in America A Worshiping Community of Grace



# ...Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness...

I Chr. 16:29

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# **Order of Worship**

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024



<u>Visitors</u>, we are glad you're here! So we know how to serve you best, please reach out to us by scanning this QR code, or by filling out the welcome card in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate.

Let us all prepare our hearts with silent Bible reading, meditation, and prayer before the service begins.

**The flowers** on the Sanctuary table are given by George and Kim Cramer in honor of George's mother, Nancy Cramer, on her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday, today, March 24!

### **PRAISE**

# We Acknowledge God's Majesty

PRELUDE Sing Hosanna!
By Charles McCartha

\*HYMN 235 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 34:6-8

Faith Children's Choir

Leader:

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation. Bow your heads and

\*PRAISE SONGS

Our Great God In Christ Alone

worship our merciful, gracious, and just God!

\*INVOCATION

### CORPORATE CONFESSION

Leader: Holy Lord, we are guilty—of pride and unbelief, of failure to find

your mind in your Word, of neglect to seek you in our daily lives.

All: Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a

long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay

them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate.

Leader: Lord, subdue our weaknesses and selfishness, granting us grace to

live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but have you rule

over us in liberty and power.

All: We praise and thank you for your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in you.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:1-2

"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit."

### **CONSECRATION** We Surrender Our Lives to Christ

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 10

\*HYMN 237

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

THE OFFERING

1 Timothy 6:18-19

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life."

**OFFERTORY** 

\*HYMN 733

Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Steve Tuel

SONG OF PREPARATION

Zechariah 9:9

Praise Team

SCRIPTURE TEXT

1 Kings 21

SERMON

Ahab Covets

John Armstrong

\*HYMN 242

Not All the Blood of Beasts

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able

SERMON NOTES		

Hearing assistance and large print pew Bibles are available during the worship service.

Please contact an usher for assistance.

# At Home Worship

Week 13

We want to make it easy for you to continue to worship at home during the week, either individually or along with your family. In 2024 we will follow the chronological One Year Bible reading plan provided by "Read the Bible for Life!" as well as weekly questions from the <u>Heidleberg Catechism</u>, and <u>a hymn</u> for you to learn together.

## **Bible Reading**

Monday, March 25	Judges 2-5
Tuesday, March 26	Judges 6-9
Wednesday, March 27	Judges 10-13
Thursday, March 28	Judges 14-18
Friday, March 29	Judges 19-21
Saturday, March 30	Ruth 1-4

### **Heidleberg Catechism**

### 27. Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

**A.** God's providence is His almighty and ever present power,[1] whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,[2] and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty,[3] indeed, all things, come not by chance[4] but by His fatherly hand.[5]

[1] Jer. 23:23, 24; Acts 17:24-28. [2] Heb. 1:3. [3] Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:15-17; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2. [4] Prov. 16:33. [5] Matt. 10:29.

# 28. Q. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity,[1] thankful in prosperity,[2] and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love;[3] for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.[4] [1] Job. 1:21, 22; Ps. 39:10; James 1:3. [2] Deut. 8:10; I Thess. 5:18. [3] Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38, 39. [4] Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28.

**Hymn:** 242 Not All the Blood of Beasts

# A Look at Next Sunday, Easter 2024

Sermon Text:	Luke 24:26
Praise Music:	He Is Risen
	Living Hope
Hymns:	273 Jesus Christ is Risen Today 275 The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

# This Week at Faith

Sunday, March 24 PALM SUNDAY!	9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Worship serviceChildren sing Prelude 5:00pm Evening Worship—Dessert afterwards 6:00pm Youth Group
Monday, March 25	7:00pm Adult choir Practice
Wednesday, March 27	12:00pm Men's Lunch Bunch in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Worship team practice 7:00pm Prayer meeting in the Fellowship Hall and online
Friday, March 29	10:30am Friday Fiber Friends 7:00pm Good Friday ServiceCommunion
Saturday, March 30	10:00am Kid's Easter Celebration
Sunday, March 31 EASTER SUNDAY	9:15am Sunday School 10:45am Worship service—Children sing Prelude No evening activities

**Please Pray for:** 

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World	Your persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ in Azerbaijan, and for the conflicts in the Middle East & Ukraine.		
<b>United States</b>	The work of Care-Net and other prolife agencies nationwide, as they do their Kingdom work.		
PCA	Ridge Haven Conference and Retreat Center		
Faith Church	The many with serious health concerns.		
Discipleship	Kendyl Cooper, small groups		
Music Ministry	Melissa Soe, Praise Team		
1st Quarter Sund	ay School Offering   Matthew DeLong with RUF International		

# **March Missions Moment**

Since their marriage in 1976, following their meeting at Westminster Theological Seminary, Will and Judi Traub of MTW have been steadfast in their dedication to missionary work. Their journey took them to Germany from 1988 to 2000 and later to Dundee, Scotland, in 2012, where they joined the Free Church of Scotland. Will, serving as an Elder at St. Peter's Free Church and teaching Old Testament at Edinburgh Theological Seminary, and Judi, actively involved in the Aspire Project with the Wee Rascals toddler group and the Crèche at St. Peter's, have both made significant contributions to their community. Their commitment to spreading faith and aiding others exemplifies the true spirit of missionary work and continues to inspire those around them.

### **Announcements**

### Worship Today:

**Nursery Service**— For children under five, who must be signed in and picked up with a security tag. Children's activity bags are provided in the narthex for those who remain in the worship service.

**Sanctuary Flowers.** Today's flowers on the Sanctuary table are given by George and Kim Cramer in honor of George's mother, Nancy Cramer, on her 89th birthday, today, March 24!

**Evening service**—5pm. **Join us for Dessert Tonight.** After Evening worship. **Youth Group**—6pm

### **Opportunities**

**Easter Lillies Ordering Deadline is today.** Please order at this QR code and drop payment into the offering plate (Lillies are \$8 each). Alternatively, there are some paper order forms on the Narthex table. Thank you!



**Good Friday Communion Service.** Join us this Friday evening at 7pm to honor our Lord's suffering for us. Our sister churches, Good News and New Hope are also invited.

Church Directory 2<sup>nd</sup> Q 2024 is in the works. Please contact the church office at <a href="mailto:admin@faithreformed.org">admin@faithreformed.org</a> if you have any changes to address/phone, OR, if you are newer and would like to be included in our 'Friends and Family' section.

**Sanctuary Flowers.** Kathy Moore is overseeing this precious new ministry, which brightens our sanctuary and then the homes of our church family members after church each Sunday. If you can help or donate, please see Kathy. <a href="kathrynmoore43@gmail.com">kathrynmoore43@gmail.com</a>

Cookbook Deadline—August 31! We want all your favorites for our church cookbook! Please email Mary Hudzinski with your submissions in every category (main dishes, sides, desserts, soups, etc.). Email address is <a href="mailto:fpccookbook@pa.net">fpccookbook@pa.net</a>. If electronic submission isn't possible for you, please use the paper forms provided on the Narthex table.

**New Men's Bible Study.** First Peter with Charlie Van Meter meets every other Tuesday from 5-6pm. All men of Faith Church are invited to attend. Next meeting is April 2.

### **Coming Events:**

**Kid's Easter Celebration!** This Saturday, March 30, at 10am. Bring your kids and grandkids, or volunteer to help! All children need to be registered online, under the EVENTS tab of the app or website. Volunteers can sign up in the Narthex. **Please be in prayer for our community for this outreach event!** 

**2024 PCA Women's Conference.** All women in the church are invited to the PCA Women's Ministries training conference, "Deliberate Design" on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (7-9 pm) and Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> (8:30am-3:30 pm) right here at Faith Church. Our guest speaker will be Melanie Cogdill. To register online, click on the EVENTS tab of our app or website.

**Church Retreat!** Save the dates for our annual festivities at Bongiorno Conference Center from May 31-June 2. The theme this year is spiritual warfare, brought to us by our own elders. We want everyone to be able to participate! Many more details are coming.

**Summer VBS June 24-28, 2024!** Save the dates for this year's Vacation Bible School, June 24-28. Want to help? Please see Robin Willis or Hannah Paugh.

**Faith Church**, a Reformed Presbyterian congregation, is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination that is committed to the historic Christian faith.

**Our Mission:** "Faith Church exists to worship and glorify God, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to promote God's kingdom by standing as a gracious and faithful witness to the surrounding community and the world."

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The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs: Nick Brown

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