

First Presbyterian Church of Grimes

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March 17, 2024 • 9:00am Service

The Gospel of John

The Gate and the Good Shepherd
John 10:1-21



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**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 119:9-16)

Leader: How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

People: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

Leader: I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

People: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

Leader: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

People: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. good things.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymn #77 (vs. 1-2, 4)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

Gracious and Loving God, our hearts are wandering and distracted. You invite us to serve and love You now, but we refuse because we have places to be and things to do. Our excuses blind us to Your call. The urgent and temporary crowd out what You consider truly important and eternal. Forgive our lack of conviction, discernment, and purpose. Restore to us the joy of serving and loving You. May our lives give You glory and honor. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

***TIME OF SILENT PRAYERS**

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS** (Hebrews 5:5-9)

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”; ⁶ as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hymn #213 (vs. 1 –2, 4)

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (in unison)

Father in heaven we give you thanks. Like a parent who knows what it is to give good gifts, you give us the best gifts. You know our needs before we ask them. And you know our mixed motivations for the things we ask for. Teach us contentment and joy in the abundance of your love. In Jesus Name, Amen.

VIDEO

“The Suffering Savior: The Sacrifice”

SCRIPTURE

John 10:1-21

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles Creed in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING SONG**

“In Christ Alone” - Shane and Shane

***BENEDICTION** (in unison)

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has purpose in putting you there. Christ who dwells in you has something He wants to do through you wherever you are. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.

Maundy Thursday Service

On Thursday, March 28th, we will have a Maundy Thursday service at 6:00pm. Union Park Presbyterian Church will join us for this communion service. Immediately following the service we will be serving a meal of pasta with two kinds of sauce, bread, brownie and a drink. We are planning enough food to serve 60 people. To help offset the cost of supplies we are accepting monetary donations. If you would like to donate, please indicate on your check's memo line "Maundy Thursday". There will also be a box at the back of the sanctuary for cash donations. Anyone interested in helping serve the meal, please reach out to Ellen Workman. We are excited to be hosting this joint service!

Good Friday

On Friday, March 29 - Good Friday Vigil - the sanctuary will be open from 9:00am until 7:00pm for prayer. We will have a sign-up sheet and you are welcome to sign up for a half-hour time slot to be a part of the prayer vigil. There will be a station in the front of the sanctuary with readings, suggestions for prayer, candles. We wanted to leave the sanctuary open after 5:00pm for those who might need to work that day. *You can come anytime during the day and stay as long as you like but if you think you'll come after 5:00pm please sign up so we know to leave the building open and have someone on the premises.*

Today

Pastor ~ Doug Basler
Organist ~ Colene Townsend
Ushers/Greeters ~ Dana & Melodee Grefe
Offering Counters ~ Brent Smith & Ellen Workman
Coffee Hosts ~ Deacons
Technology ~ Cyndy Bolsenga

March 24, 2023

Pastor ~ Doug Basler
Organist ~ Colene Townsend
Ushers/Greeters ~ Lyle Peitzman & Sheila Balbiani
Offering Counters ~ Cathy Fosselman & Robbin McC.
Coffee Hosts ~ Carl & Gaylene Lee
Technology ~ Cyndy Bolsenga

Today

9:00am—Worship
10:15—Fellowship Time

Thursday

9:00am—Coffee Club
11:15—Serving at the Homeless Shelter

Friday

12:00pm—Worship Team Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 24 ~ Palm Sunday
March 27 ~ Bible Study
March 28 ~ Maundy Thursday Worship Service (light meal afterwards)
March 29 ~ Good Friday
March 31 ~ Easter Breakfast

HAPPY
Birthday

March 20 Donna Stark

March 31st from 8:00-8:45am



*If you would like to help, please see Jane Altman

Worship Attendance & Giving

| Date | Attendance | Donations |
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| March 10 | 40 | \$1,665.61 |

In service to the congregation, we ask that compliments, complaints, or concerns please be directed to the appropriate committee chairperson (below) as a first step. Thank You!

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