



# Faith Presbyterian Church

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March 25, 2018

10:30 a.m. Service

*The prelude is a time to be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God. Please silence all phones and electronic devices.*

PRELUDE *“God Himself Is with Us”*

WELCOME

MISSIONS MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG *“The King of Glory”*

CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD AND PRAYER

READING OF THE LAW **Matthew 22:37-40**

CORPORATE CONFESSION

*Almighty God, we humble ourselves before you in confession and repentance.*

*There are times when we talk too much, and repeat things which we have no right to repeat. We pass on a story which may not be entirely true or add our own embellishment to the account. Gracious Father who always listens, forgive us.*

*Help us remember to keep a deliberate and constant check on our tongues. Keep safe within us the hurts and secrets that others have shared, for they trusted us, and we were glad of that trust. Help us to use our ears more than our mouths.*

*Forgive us for the totality of our sin against you and against others. With your help, O Lord, may we never again hear ourselves betray a confidence or breach a trust. Instead, transform us into listening, honest, trustworthy, more Christ-like friends. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN OF PRAISE **#235 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ***The Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter XIX, Of the Law of God Section II***

*This law, after his fall, continued to be a perfect rule of righteousness; and, as such, was delivered by God upon Mount Sinai, in ten commandments, and written in two tables: the first four commandments containing our duty towards God; and the other six, our duty to man.<sup>†</sup>*

<sup>†</sup>“This law, after his fall,” refers to Section I of this chapter. “The law that God gave at Mount Sinai was not the first expression of his law, because

it was first given to Adam and Eve in creation. The apostle Paul, in Romans 5:14, makes this point by saying that death ruled from Adam to Moses. Death implies the presence of law because without the law there is no sin, and without sin there is no death. Since death reigned from Adam to Moses, we can infer, as the apostle did, that God’s law must have been in force from Adam to Moses.” (from: Sproul, R. C. *Truths We Confess: A Layman’s Guide to the Westminster Confession of Faith*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R Pub., 2006. Print.)

\*RESPONSE IN PRAISE **#735 “Gloria Patri”**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

\*WORSHIP IN PSALM ***Psalm 130***  
***Psalms for Sunday Morning Worship, pages 10-11***

GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
Offertory *“Lamb of God”*

\*RESPONSE IN PRAISE **#731 “Doxology”**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION **#242 “Not All the Blood of Beasts”**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM *“He Comes in the Name of the Lord!”*

SERMON ***“As Christ’s Bride, Be Faithful”***  
**John 3:29**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE **#528 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

\*RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

POSTLUDE *“Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power”*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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## WELCOME

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At Faith Presbyterian we believe worship is an act of offering sacrifice and praise to God, according to how he commands. We also believe, according to the Scriptures, worship (singing of hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs, prayers, giving, expository preaching of the Word, and the administration of the sacraments), must be gospel-centered, and consciously designed to point individuals to Christ and his completed work for us in his life, death, and resurrection. Thank you for joining us today in worshipping our Triune God.

We firmly support a Covenant Family Ministry model in which our very youngest can grow in wisdom and knowledge of our Lord alongside congregation members of all ages. Parents are welcome to use Faith’s Family Room for young children who may become restless during the service. Mothers will also find facilities for the care of their infants. This room is to the right in the hallway at the back of the Sanctuary.

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## SERMON NOTES

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***“As Christ’s Bride, Be Faithful”***

**John 3:29**

### Family Worship/Devotions

*Read John 3:29*

*(from the text and from today’s sermon)*

1. Why do you think God used marriage to illustrate the relationship between him and his people?
2. What are some ways in which God’s visible church in this era is being tempted, or even led away from the Bridegroom? Sin is the general cause, but what are some possible core issues?
3. Read Ephesians 5:25-33 and 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Why is sexual immorality so destructive, particularly for a Christian?
4. While God forgives the sexual misconduct of any repentant sinner, what are some consequences of sexual sin? What are some ways in which we can minister to each other to help us avoid this temptation? How can we minister to those who have fallen into sexual sin?

## Evening Worship Service

### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #101 *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:1-10  
Pew Bible Selection #38, page 1348

\*REQUEST HYMN #460 *“Amazing Grace!”*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

### CORPORATE PRAYER

SERMON *“God’s Amazing Love”*  
Deuteronomy 4:32-43

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #688 *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”*

### \*RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Special Easter Offering

Today we will be receiving the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod’s Special Easter Offering to help further support ARP Foundation/Stewardship Ministries, Bonclarken Conference Center, Christian Education Ministries, Erskine College, and World Witness. Our church regularly supports these ministries through our weekly giving. This Special Offering allows our members an opportunity to provide supplemental gifts to these works. Designated Offering envelopes are in the bulletin and will make it possible for you to allocate your offering to any or all of these recipients.

#### Easter Week Services

The gospel writers record the events of the day and evening before Christ’s crucifixion. The New Testament church has designated that day as Maundy Thursday. Faith Presbyterian Church comes together for worship in our annual Maundy Thursday Service, to be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. As part of this special service, the sacrament of Communion will be observed.

Our annual Easter Sunrise Service will be on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 a.m. on the back porch of the Fellowship Hall. Join with the Faith family, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Following the Sunrise Service there will be an informal, unstructured breakfast. Please feel free (but you are not obligated) to bring a breakfast dish to share.

Sunday School classes will be meeting. There will also be the Morning Worship Service, which will include different music and sermon from the Sunrise Service; however, there will be no evening service on Easter Sunday.

#### Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Our next Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. This is a great time of fellowship and prayer while enjoying a freshly made hot breakfast with all the trimmings—what a great way to begin the month!

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

### COMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Men’s Prayer Breakfast (9:00 a.m.)

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> .... National Day of Prayer Observance (7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.)

### Prayer Requests for the Faith Prayer Chain

To submit requests to our church’s Prayer Chain via the internet, go to [www.faithpresarp.org](http://www.faithpresarp.org), and click on the “Prayer Requests” option on the “Faith Members” menu.

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