

Bryce Avenue Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Welcome

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come —
this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome in the name of
the Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Lord's Day, July 7, 2024

THE ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
The Lord's Day, July 7, 2024, 10:20 am

PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

The Gathering Hymn 376, *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

Welcome and Announcements

The Prayer of Preparation

*As for God, His way is blameless;
The word of the Lord is tried;
He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God. (Psalm 18:30-31)*

WE WORSHIP GOD

The Votum and Salutation *Psalm 124:8; I Corinthians 1:3*

+ Call to Worship *Psalm 138:4-6*

All the kings of the earth will give thanks to You, O Lord,
When they have heard the words of Your mouth.
And they will sing of the ways of the Lord,
For great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord is exalted,
Yet He regards the lowly,
But the haughty He knows from afar.

+ The Gloria Patri (GREATOREX)
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.

+ The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

+ The Praise Hymn 9, *"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"*
(Psalm 22)

+ Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Law of God

Proverbs 31:10-31

An excellent wife, who can find?
For her worth is far above jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
And he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
She looks for wool and flax
And works with her hands in delight.
She is like merchant ships;
She brings her food from afar.
She rises also while it is still night
And gives food to her household
And portions to her maidens.
She considers a field and buys it;
From her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength
And makes her arms strong.
She senses that her gain is good;
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She stretches out her hands to the distaff,
And her hands grasp the spindle.
She extends her hand to the poor,
And she stretches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household,
For all her household are clothed with scarlet.
She makes coverings for herself;
Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells *them*,
And supplies belts to the tradesmen.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
And she smiles at the future.
She opens her mouth in wisdom,
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and bless her;
Her husband *also*, and he praises her, *saying*:
“Many daughters have done nobly,
But you excel them all.”
Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,
But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.
Give her the product of her hands,
And let her works praise her in the gates.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Our heavenly Father, we confess that we have not given You the praise You deserve, nor have we shown sufficient gratitude for the gifts You have given to us. We have not loved our family as we ought, nor have we feared You the Lord Almighty with our whole heart. Forgive us, we pray, according to Your mercy found in Jesus Christ. Show us Your grace and kindness, as promised to those who trust in You. And renew us through the work of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

+ The Assurance of Pardon

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

+ The Thanksgiving Hymn

389, “*This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*”
(*Psalms 118*)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

The Scripture Lesson Psalm 84 (Pew Bible pg. 430, Old Testament)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon *The Courts of the Lord* Pastor Zachary Garris

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ The Response Hymn 657, *"In Sweet Communion, Lord, With Thee"*
(Psalm 73)

The Prayers of Petition and Intercession

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

+ The Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH, L.M.)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

+ The Offertory Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism (Hadley Grace Lum)

The Baptismal Hymn 413 "Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer"

The Lord's Table

+ The Preparation Hymn 247, *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

Words of Institution

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking of Bread
Drinking from the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

+ The Parting Hymn 166, “Wondrous King, All-Glorious”

+ Benediction

+ The Response “Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”
Psalm 72:18; Scottish Psalter 1650; Tune: DUNDEE, C.M.

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
for He alone does wondrous works, in glory that excel.
And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity;
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

(+ If you are able, please stand)

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Announcements for Sunday, July 7, 2024

Welcome! May God in His mercy turn our hearts to Himself that we may worship Him “*in spirit and in truth.*”

Welcome Visitors! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today. We are a congregation of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, a Bible-believing, confessional, and evangelical Reformed denomination. As a church, we strive to be, “*faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.*” We invite you to learn more about our faith and our mission.

Hearing Assistance — If you would like a device to help with hearing the worship service, please see Elder Dave Forslund.

Sunday School — Please note that Sunday School is suspended until September. However, plan on coming early for worship during the summer for a time of fellowship before worship.

July Special Mission Emphasis: (CHAIM) — The Jewish greeting “*L’HAIM*” means “*to Life!*” — **CHAIM** means **LIFE** in Hebrew, and stands for **CH**ristians **A**nnouncing Israel’s **M**essiah. CHAIM promotes the gospel among the Jewish people through direct evangelism, motivating and equipping churches, and discipling Jewish believers. It is the ministry’s desire to help rebuild the

Reformed witness to the Jewish people in the USA. TE Fred Klett is the director. Learn more at www.chaim.org.

Men's Small Group — The men are studying the book, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, looking next at chapter 7 on “Discipline of Devotion” (pages 107–119). We will meet next Sunday, July 14 at 7 pm at the Bell’s home (265 Kilby).

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper — As an element of our worship this morning, we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The Lord Jesus Christ instituted the symbolic meal of the Lord’s Supper for the spiritual nourishment of His people. The bread and fruit of the vine are given to and received by believers at Christ’s commandment. The purpose of the meal is to remember and proclaim that Jesus died for His people’s sin and rose for their justification. Believers participate in the Supper in anticipation of His coming when we will join with Him in the wedding feast of the Lamb. By faith believers who come in the right way to the Table share in Christ’s body and blood and all His benefits. We do so by faith and not merely in a physical way. Baptized believers who are members in good standing in any evangelical church are invited to join in the Supper. Children who have not been baptized and have not yet made public profession of their faith and been received into the communicant membership of the church should not partake of the sacrament.

The nature of the Supper is glorious. Its true spiritual benefits are great for the believer. But for the unbeliever and the unrepentant, participation in the sacrament is an act of judgment. God’s warning is gracious and kind; do not take it lightly. Examine your heart, come in faith and repentance, and you will be accepted in Christ. *Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WINE IS IN THE CLEAR CUPS
AND GRAPE JUICE IN THE RED CUPS.**

This Week’s Activities: July 8–14

<i>Wednesday</i>	3:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<i>Sunday</i>	10:20 a.m.	Morning Worship
<i>Sunday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Study

Ministry Responsibilities: July 8–14

Bulletin Preparation	7/11	Finnegan Family
Greeting	7/14	Greg Cayton
Pre-Worship Coffee	7/14	Finnegan Family
July Laundry		Mary Ann Lewis