

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, September 29, 2024

THE ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
The Lord's Day, September 29, 2024, 10:20 am

PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

The Gathering Hymn *508, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

Welcome and Announcements

The Prayer of Preparation

Lift up your heads, O gates,
And lift *them* up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in!
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory. (Psalm 24:9-10)

WE WORSHIP GOD

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

+ Call to Worship *Psalm 149:5-9*

Let the godly ones exult in glory;
Let them sing for joy on their beds.
Let the high praises of God *be* in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand,
To execute vengeance on the nations
And punishment on the peoples,
To bind their kings with chains
And their nobles with fetters of iron,
To execute on them the judgment written;
This is an honor for all His godly ones.
Praise the Lord!

+ 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 *94, "How Firm a Foundation"*

+ Confession of Faith *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A 73–75*
Which is the eighth commandment?

The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

What is required in the eighth commandment?

The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.

The Law of God *Ephesians 4:28; Philippians 2:3-4*

He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You know the selfish desires of our hearts and our failure to look to the interests of others. We confess that we have not sought to procure their wealth and outward. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray, on account of Christ our Savior, who took the form of a servant for our sake. And we ask, holy Lord, that You would make us more like Him in His love for You and for others. Amen.

Take a moment to silently confess your sins to the Lord.

+ The Assurance of Pardon *Galatians 2:19-20*

For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

+ The Thanksgiving Hymn 519, "*Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace*"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

The Scripture Lesson Hebrew 5:5-10 (Pew Bible pg. 171, New Testament)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon *Learning Obedience* Pastor Zachary Garris

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ The Response Hymn 507, *"Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat"*

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

+ 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)

Announcements for Sunday, September 29, 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 — Sunday school classes begin at 9 am. We have two children’s classes: Beginners (ages 3 through 6) meet in the north end of the Fellowship Hall, and Juniors (ages 7 through 12) meet in the south end of the Fellowship Hall. The Youth class (ages 13 through 18) meets with the adults in the Sanctuary.

October Special Mission – Come Over and Help: COAH.org. COAH labors, by means of mercy and educational ministries, to spread the Gospel across the vast population of people in Eastern Europe who have been deprived of this Good News for generations.

Lord’s Supper — Lord willing, we will partake of the Lord’s Supper next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts.

Congregation Work Day — The session and deacons have scheduled the annual Fall work day for Saturday, October 12, from 9:00 am until noon. Please mark this on your calendars. There will many inside and outside tasks that we need to accomplish to prepare the church facility for the winter season. Please come and help. We will have the tools and supplies ready.

This Week’s Activities: September 30 – October 6

<i>Wednesday</i>	10:30 a.m.	Homeschool Gathering
<i>Wednesday</i>	4:00 p.m.	Elders’ Prayer
<i>Wednesday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Sunday</i>	10:20 a.m.	Morning Worship

Ministry Responsibilities: September 30 – October 6

Bulletin Preparation	10/03	Mary Ann Lewis
Greeting	10/06	Cameron and Turner
Pre-Worship Coffee	10/06	Finnegan Family
Nursery Standby	10/06	Larry Martin Family
October Laundry		Harry Family

Prayer Requests:

- Christians and Christian organizations in Ukraine
- Peace in the Middle East
- The persecuted Church of Jesus around the world
- The victims of natural disasters
- Revival and reformation of true faith and practice
- Peace and purity of our denomination (the PCA)
- Additional moisture to reduce the drought
- Our elected government leaders and the judiciary
- The protection of the unborn in New Mexico
- The sustaining and growth of Reformed churches in New Mexico
- Preserve, protect, and prosper our families in Christ
- The addition of new families to our number that our witness might grow
- Those dealing with cancer (Russ, DeWayne, family members)
- Those with continuing physical needs
- Church Officers – Christ’s leading and sustaining of church leaders
- Rev. Dan Young and Rev. Dan Rose who are fighting Parkinson’s disease
- Family members who have wandered away from Christ
- Eyes focused more and more on our Savior and Lord
- Hearts and minds that are devoted to Christ
- Lives exhibiting the great joy of our salvation
- Ruth Beckett