

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, October 27, 2024

THE ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
The Lord's Day, October 27, 2024, 10:20 am

PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

The Gathering Hymn *552, "From Out the Depths"*

Welcome and Announcements

The Prayer of Preparation

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,
And I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
Examine me, O Lord, and try me;
Test my mind and my heart.
For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes. (Psalm 26:1-3)

WE WORSHIP GOD

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

+ Call to Worship *Psalm 13:5-6*

I have trusted in Your lovingkindness;
My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

+ 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 *92, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

+ Confession of Faith *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A 82-83*
Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

**No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the
commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word
and deed.**

Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

The Law of God

Romans 3:19-23

Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin. But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Lord and God, we confess that we are not able to keep Your law, even as those gifted with new life in Christ. We daily break Your law in thought, word, and deed. Our mouths are closed before Your Word, and we stand in need of Your great mercy. Forgive us, we pray, according to Your lovingkindness and the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Lead us not into judgment, but unto a life of joyful obedience to You.

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

+ The Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:23-26

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

+ The Thanksgiving Hymn

98, "Now Thank We All Our God"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

The Scripture Lesson John 14:12-18, 25-27 (Pew Bible pg. 85, New Testament)

The Prayer for Illumination

Announcements for Sunday, October 27, 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.

Welcome to the McMillans — We are pleased to welcome Pastor Gary McMillan and his wife Michele to our church today. They are long-time friends of many of us, and we praise God for them. They have ministered many years at Providence PCA Church in Farmington, NM and Durango, CO. Pastor McMillan will proclaim God’s Word to us this morning.

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.

Operation Christmas Child — We are again participating in Operation Christmas Child this year, blessing children with Christmas gifts and a gospel message around the world. Boxes, labels, and information are available in the Narthex, or you may look online at the website of Samaritan’s Purse at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. Boxes should be delivered to the church by Sunday, November 24th. The \$10 per box shipping fee can be made out to the Church and put in the offering (put "Shoebbox" in the memo line) and the church will write a single check for all of the shipping cost. Thank you for joining us in this fun Christmas ministry!

Cookies for College Kids — We will be packing the cookies and treats for Armando Inbody, Cabot Cullen, and Cameron Newberg after the worship service today (see the table in the Narthex). Please stop by with your treats and sign the cards. Help us encourage these young men as they have embarked on new phases of their lives away from home.

Special Offering — We continue to see in the news the great devastation left in the paths of hurricanes Helene and Milton. The near and long-term needs are great. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as our PCA sister churches in the areas will need help for some time as they recover, rebuild, and re-establish their lives. If you would like to contribute a special gift of mercy, please mark it Helene or Milton or just MNA disaster relief and put it in the offering plate.

Lord's Supper — Next week, Lord willing, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Please prepare your hearts for the sacrament.

Day Light Savings Time Ends — Please don't forget to set your clocks back (Fall back) on Saturday night, November 2, as daylight savings time ends.

This Week's Activities: October 28–November 3

<i>Wednesday</i>	10:30 a.m.	Homeschool Gathering
<i>Wednesday</i>	4:00 p.m.	Elders' Prayer
<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Sunday</i>	10:20 a.m.	Morning Worship (Communion)

Ministry Responsibilities: October 28–November 3

Bulletin Preparation	10/31	Mary Ann Lewis
Greeting	11/03	Kwon Family
Pre-Worship Coffee	11/03	Scheie Family
Nursery Standby	11/03	Allan and Miranda Martin
November Laundry		Larry and Katharine Martin

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 and hurricanes
- 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)
- 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
- Stover Family

Sermon Notes