

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, April 21, 2024

Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

The Law of God

Proverbs 20:1, 3, 6, 9, 13

Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler,
And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.

Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man,
But any fool will quarrel.

Many a man proclaims his own loyalty,
But who can find a trustworthy man?

Who can say, "I have cleansed my heart,
I am pure from my sin"?

Do not love sleep, or you will become poor;
Open your eyes, *and* you will be satisfied with food.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious and heavenly Father, we praise You as the God who redeems Your elect through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have delivered us from sin and misery, yet we confess our continued struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Forgive us, we pray, of our quarrelsome ways, of our slothful manner, and our impure hearts. Show us Your mercy on account of Christ. Amen.

+ The Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.

+ The Thanksgiving Hymn

*551, "How Blest is He Whose Trespass"
(Psalm 32)*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

The Scripture Lesson 1 Timothy 4:11-16 (Pew Bible pg. 163, New Testament)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon *Persisting in the Word* Pastor Zachary Garris

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+ The Response Hymn 605, *“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”*

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

Reception of a New Member (Mark Ver Burg)

Fellowship Together in Christ 359, *“Blest Be the Ties That Bind”*
(First Stanza)

+ 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.

Postlude

(+ If you are able, please stand)

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Announcements for Sunday, April 21, 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, where they are studying American Presbyterian church history.

April Special Mission Emphasis, Gospel Reformation Network — The purpose of GRN is to cultivate healthy Reformed churches in the Presbyterian Church in America. Its vision and distinctives are

1. Biblical Fidelity and Confessional Integrity,
2. Gospel-Driven and Christ-Exalting Ministry,
3. Earnest Prayer and Expository Preaching,
4. Intentional Evangelism and Personal Discipleship,
5. Godly Leadership and Presbyterian Polity,
6. Reformed Worship and Vibrant Community, and
7. Missional Clarity and Church Multiplication.

Volunteers for BAPC 50th Anniversary — We are looking for volunteers to help plan our church’s 50th anniversary celebration in 2025. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Garris or elder.

Church Library — As we revitalize our church library, we are retiring some older technology from the shelves. If you are interested in any of the cassette tapes or VHS tapes that were formerly in the library, they are now in the boxes outside the library. Please help yourselves!

New Member — The Session received Mark Ver Burg as a new member through a reaffirmation of faith. Please welcome the Ver Burg Family after the service.

Koinonia Dinner — Please join us for our monthly Koinonia dinner today after the worship service. There is always plenty of food.

Lost and found — We have accumulated a number items on our “lost and found” shelf in the Narthex (second shelf near the window in the bookcase outside the Nursery). If you are missing drinking cups, clothing items, keys, etc., please take a moment to check this shelf.

This Week’s Activities: April 22–28

<i>Monday</i>	1:00 p.m.	Rio Grande Presbytery Meeting
<i>Wednesday</i>	10:30 a.m.	Homeschool Gathering
<i>Wednesday</i>	4:00 p.m.	Elders’ Prayer
<i>Thursday</i>	1:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
<i>Thursday</i>	7:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Sunday</i>	10:20 a.m.	Morning Worship
<i>Sunday</i>	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Small Group

Ministry Responsibilities: April 22–28

Bulletin Preparation	4/25	Simmons Family
Greeting	4/28	Alan Scheie
Pre-worship Coffee	4/28	Finnegan Family
April Laundry		Scheie 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 Scharf, DeWayne, Miranda's Mother)
- 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
- Praise for little ones being knitted together in their mothers' wombs
- Presbytery meeting in El Paso – safe travel and God honoring attitudes
- Ksenia Garbett

Sermon Notes