

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 28, 2024

THE ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
The Lord's Day, April 28, 2024, 10:20 am

PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

The Gathering Hymn 348, *"Jesus with Thy Church Abide"*

Welcome and Announcements

The Prayer of Preparation

The Lord is King forever and ever;

Nations have perished from His land.

O Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble;

You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear. (Psalm 10:16-17)

WE WORSHIP GOD

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

+ Call to Worship *Psalm 113:5-9*

Who is like the Lord our God,

Who is enthroned on high,

Who humbles Himself to behold

The things that are in heaven and in the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust

And lifts the needy from the ash heap,

To make *them* sit with princes,

With the princes of His people.

He makes the barren woman abide in the house

As a joyful mother of children.

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 469, *"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"*

+ Confession of Faith *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A 23–26*

What offices doth Christ execute as our redeemer?

Christ, as our redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

The Law of God

Proverbs 21:2, 3, 6, 9, 13, 17

Every man's way is right in his own eyes,
But the Lord weighs the hearts.

To do righteousness and justice
Is desired by the Lord more than sacrifice.

The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue
Is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.

It is better to live in a corner of a roof
Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor
Will also cry himself and not be answered.

He who loves pleasure *will become* a poor man;
He who loves wine and oil will not become rich.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess our iniquities before You. We have done what is right in our own eyes rather than Yours. We have spoken ill words, left our families duties unfulfilled, and shut our ear to those in need. Turn away Your wrath for the sake of Christ our High Priest. And grant us to love Your Law and walk in it. Amen.

+ The Assurance of Pardon *1 John 2:12-13*
I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.

+ The Thanksgiving Hymn 558, *"That Man is Blest Who, Fearing God"*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

The Scripture Lesson 1 Timothy 5:1-8 (Pew Bible pg. 164, New Testament)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon *Providing for Your Own* Pastor Zachary Garris

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ The Response Hymn *528, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

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)

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Announcements for Sunday, April 28, 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 still looking for volunteers to help define our church’s 50th anniversary celebration in 2025. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Garris or an elder.

New Church Directory — A new Church Directory has been published. Please pick up your copy from the basket on the Narthex bookcase.

Men’s Small Group — The men are studying the book, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, looking next at chapter 5 on “Discipline of Friendship” (pages 75–87). We will meet tonight at 7 pm at the Bell’s home (265 Kilby).

This Week’s Activities: April 29 – May 5

<i>Wednesday</i>	10:30 a.m.	Homeschool Gathering
<i>Wednesday</i>	4:00 p.m.	Elders’ Prayer
<i>Saturday</i>	9:00 a.m.	Church Work Day
<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Sunday</i>	10:20 a.m.	Morning Worship with Communion

Ministry Responsibilities: April 29 – May 5

Bulletin Preparation	5/02	Mary Ann Lewis
Greeting	5/05	Charlie Bell
Pre-Worship Coffee	5/05	Finnegan Family
May 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 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
- Garris Family

Sermon Notes