SERMON NOTES:

1. Heaven Is the Ending We Long For (vv. 1-3)

2. Heaven Is the End of All That Is Wrong (v. 4)



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This Week at 1st Pres

6:00 PM

First Friends

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9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:15 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:30 PM	Worship Service Children's Church Sunday School Worship Service Children's Church High School Youth Small Group	Sanctuary Children's Wing Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Children's Wing Student Center
Monday, April 10:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up Women's Prayer Ministry Diaconate Meeting Bell Choir Practice CSO Chorus Rehearsal	Connector Session Room Nell Davis SS 208 Choir Room
Tuesday, Ap 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	All-Staff Meeting Beatitude Living ONE Bible Study RUF	Tower 402 Tower 404 Tower 10 th Floor Student Center Zoom
Wednesday, A 6:30 AM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM	Dead Theologians Society Deacon-on-Call World Missions Prayer Time Midweek Meal Middle School Small Group Adult Elective Choir Kids Ministry Rapha Fellowship	Fellowship Hall Connector Tower 303 Fellowship Hall Student Center Chapel Choir Room Children's Wing SS 209 & SS 210
Thursday, Ap 10:00 AM 3:15 PM 5:15 PM 7:30 PM	Balance Exercise Class First Friends English Class Orchestra Rehearsal Virtual House of Prayer	Student Center Student Center Choir Room Zoom
Friday, April 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 12:00 PM	Children's Play Group Support Staff Meeting Card-E-Ology	Student Center Tower 8 th Floor

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1st Sunday of a month. The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

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Student Center



First Presbyterian Church exists to be a Christ-exalting, city-center church committed to fulfilling the Great Commission in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world, to the glory of the Triune God.

The Lord's Day SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Today we gather to worship our Lord because He is coming again to make all things new. What impact should His promise "to make all things new" have on your prayer life?

William Burkitt writes that Jesus' promise ought to "encourage us to go to Christ in prayer for renewing grace for ourselves and our friends and family. Surely, He that makes new heavens can make new hearts, He that renews an old world, can renew us in the spirit of our minds, and make old things pass away and cause all things to become new."

Prayer of Preparation

Lord, who are we that You should come to us? Yet You have visited Your people and redeemed us in Your Son. Make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of Your Word, and move us by Your Spirit to bless Your name for Your wonderful promise that You are coming again to make all things new. We thank You that Your coming is certain and that the day draws near when the day breaks and the shadows flee away. O how we long for this day. So, we say maranatha . . . come Lord Jesus! Amen.

Prelude

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" arr. Marshall McDonald & Steven Sharp Nelson Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano & William Navalon. viola

Welcome and Announcements

Preparing Hearts and Minds for Worship
"O How Majestic" by Ruth Elaine Schram

Children's Choir

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1.4

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,

for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

†Prayer of Invocation

†THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who 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

†Hymns of Praise

"Jesus, Strong and Kind"
"How Firm a Foundation"

Bulletin No. 94 (vv. 1-4,6)

†Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 102

Pastor: What do we pray for

in the second petition of the Lord's Prayer?

People: In the second petition,

which is, Thy kingdom come, we pray, that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed;

and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Confession of Sin

Almighty Father,

we acknowledge that You have sent us a Savior for our unending joy. You have shown us the future happiness that awaits us in heaven.

You have opened up a fountain to cleanse us from our sin.

But too quickly we forget these realities that prompt joy in our hearts.

We confess that we have sinned against You

by allowing quarrels, contentions, weariness, sadness,

despair, and suffering to rob us of our joy in You.

We ask that you restore to us the joy of our salvation

and create within us a willing spirit to seek and follow You.

We pray this in the name of the One who drank the ultimate cup of sorrow and suffering for our unending joy, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Hymn of Assurance

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" No. 520 (vv. 1-5)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"Joy to the World" arr. Mark Patterson

Children's Choir

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.

†Doxology

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

Revelation 21:1-4 — "What is Heaven? Part 1"

"Revelation: Roadmap for Daily Life, Refuge for the Future"

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

†Hymn of Response

"How Great Thou Art" No. 44 (vv. 1,3,4)

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†Benediction

Romans 15:13

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

"Psalm 42" by Georg Böhm

Patrick Rice, organ

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Muecke Barker by Cathy Barker and family.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, April 17^h.

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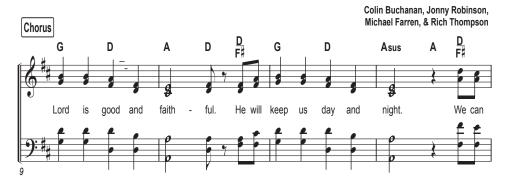
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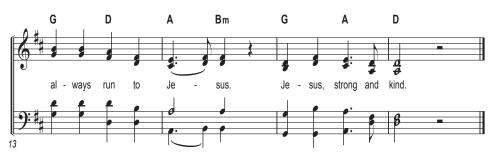
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Hymn Sheet

Jesus, Strong And Kind

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