

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, April 14, 2024

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. ...O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. (Psalm 130:5,7)

[* indicates standing] **Wed. study this Wed.!**

Prelude: [Welcome, Announcements (see on back page)]

Preparation for Worship: Psalter-Hymnal #479 (1,2)

***God's Call to Worship** (see above)

***Confession of our need for God's grace** (Psalm 124:8):

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth"

***God's Greeting to His People**

***Song of Response** Psalter 5B (1,2,5)

Opening Prayer

God's Law Romans 2:1-16

Prayer of Confession and Praise

(God's assurance: Psalm 130:3,4)

***Song of Praise** Psalter-Hymnal #273 (all)

Confession of Faith & Call to prepare for Lord's Supper (see bulletin)

Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving

Worship in giving of Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Preparation** Psalter 119R (all)

Prayer for God's blessing on His Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 22:27-23:10

Sermon: **Acts 23:1**

***Respond in Song** Psalter 110 (all)

***Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing)**

***(Moment of Silent Meditation)**

Sermon: **Acts 23:1**

The ruling Lord gives a final witness to the Council.

We see:

1. The witness of a *good conscience* included persecuting the ruling Lord.
2. The witness of a *good conscience* included serving the ruling Lord.
3. The witness of a *good conscience* exposed the division in the Council.

Questions for discussion: [see on the table]

The church is called to be a confessing church, that she may be,
the pillar and ground of the truth (1Tim. 3:15,16)

The Belgic Confession

Article 29 – The Marks of the True and the False Church

We believe that we ought to discern diligently and very carefully from the Word of God what is the true church, for all sects which are in the world today claim for themselves the name of church.¹ We are not speaking here of the hypocrites, who are mixed in the church along with the good and yet are not part of the church, although they are outwardly in it.² We are speaking of the body and the communion of the true church which must be distinguished from all sects that call themselves the church.

The true church is to be recognized by the following marks: It practices the pure preaching of the gospel.³ It maintains the pure administration of the sacraments as Christ instituted them.⁴ It exercises church discipline for correcting and punishing sins.⁵ In short, it governs itself according to the pure Word of God,⁶ rejecting all things contrary to it⁷ and regarding Jesus Christ as the only Head.⁸ Hereby the true church can certainly be known and no one has the right to separate from it.

Those who are of the church may be recognized by the marks of Christians. They believe in Jesus Christ the only Saviour,⁹ flee from sin and pursue righteousness,¹⁰ love the true God and their neighbour¹¹ without turning to the right or left, and crucify their flesh and its works.¹² Although great weakness remains in them, they fight against it by the Spirit all the days of their life.¹³ They appeal constantly to the blood, suffering, death, and obedience of Jesus Christ, in whom they have forgiveness of their sins through faith in Him.¹⁴

The false church assigns more authority to itself and its ordinances than to the Word of God. It does not want to submit itself to the yoke of Christ.¹⁵ It does not administer the sacraments as Christ commanded in His Word, but adds to them and subtracts from them as it pleases. It bases itself more on men than on Jesus Christ. It persecutes those who live holy lives according to the Word of God and who rebuke the false church for its sins, greed, and idolatries.¹⁶

These two churches are easily recognized and distinguished from each other.

1. Rev 2:9. 2. Rom 9:6. 3. Gal 1:8; 1 Tim 3:15. 4. Acts 19:3-5; 1 Cor 11:20-29. 5. Mat 18:15-17; 1 Cor 5:4-5, 1 Cor 5:13; 2 Thes 3:6, 2 Thes 3:14; Titus 3:10. 6. John 8:47; John 17:20; Acts 17:11; Eph 2:20; Col 1:23; 1 Tim 6:3. 7. 1 Thes 5:21; 1 Tim 6:20; Rev 2:6. 8. John 10:14; Eph 5:23; Col 1:18. 9. John 1:12; 1 John 4:2. 10. Rom 6:2; Phil 3:12. 11. 1 John 4:19-21. 12. Gal 5:24. 13. Rom 7:15; Gal 5:17. 14. Rom 7:24-25; 1 John 1:7-9. 15. Acts 4:17-18; 2 Tim 4:3-4; 2 John 9. 16. John 16:2.

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **1st & 3rd Wednesday's (6:00 PM)—Bible Study via Zoom>This Wed.!**
- **Pizza & Theology—Last Friday of month: 6:00-8:00 PM**
[“Theology” is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

PRAYER REQUESTS

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER: *(Email your requests for prayer!)*

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Phil. 4:6)

- Pray for our country, gov't and world; for persecuted Church in the world.

Pray for King's: (Sermon-Audio, website)

- Personal concerns and issues in the lives of other members.
God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him.
Hayden in job training (at Ascension Island).
Parents training children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
Pray for widows (Psalm 68:5; James 1:27).
- HEALTH: PTL for our health...and restoration to health. Rev. Gibson.
- LOVED ONES: Friends & family serving in the military.
Holly's parents (father's better health and God's grace to them).
Elder Burrell's parents (health); Diana's father (cancer concerns).
Modolo's in Italy (homeschooling, family relations, translation).

Pray for ministry to the unborn: Pregnancy Centers in our area (Agape).

Gibsons (website & outreach); Michele (Orlando).

Legislation in states & in Florida; to stop abortions.

Pray for Regional Presbytery and the ministry of sister Churches:

First Presbyterian Church (FPC) in Suriname (Rev. Hamid).

Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church (HRPC) in NC (Rev. Booher).

Pray for covenant children, the youth, and single adults in our churches.

Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:

Pray for blessing on our worship in Tithes & Offerings.

PREPARATION FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Lord willing, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday. In the name of Christ, we call all members to prepare for this by examining their heart and life; that we may partake as those who trust fully in Christ as our only Savior and Lord and are committed to obeying Him in every part of our life.

Visitors, who are members in good standing of a Bible-believing church, are encouraged to join us; fill out the “declaration” so that we may welcome you.

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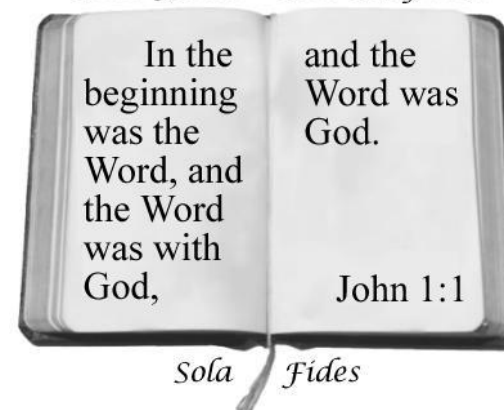
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Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M.

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