

ELIZABETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Helping people meet and walk with Jesus

April 27, 2025



* Please stand if you are able

CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

CHRYSTAL COTTRELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARIANNE WOOD

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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BIND US TOGETHER SONG

CHOIR

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

JOHN DAHM, CHOIR & CHRYSTAL COTTRELL,

"Seek Ye First"

ACCOMPANIST

* CALL TO WORSHIP

MARIANNE WOOD – (based on Isaiah 43:18-21)

Leader: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past

People: We gather in this place, leaving behind our worries and regrets.

Leader: See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

People: We open our hearts to God's new work among us, eager to see where He leads us next.

Leader: I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

People: We trust in the Lord's provision and guidance, knowing that He will sustain us in every situation.

Leader: For I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

People: We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and provision in our lives. Let us worship Him in spirit and in truth, for He is worthy of all our adoration.

All: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving, for our God is doing a new thing among us. May we be attentive to His leading and ready to follow where He calls.

*HYMN #231

"Jesus Shall Reign"

JOHN DAHM, CHOIR & CHRYSTAL COTTRELL, ACCOMPANIST

*PRAISE SONGS

"Oh Heavenly Father" and "To Be Grateful"

MIKE & PAM BANTA, AMY BIEWENGA, MIKE & JULIE BAGGETT & BOBBIE MARCHESE

CELEBRATING GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PHIL WOOD

Almighty God, we come before You in humility, recognizing our shortcomings and failures. Forgive us for our lack of perseverance and trust in Your promises. We acknowledge that we have not always done good to all people, as Your Word instructs us. Forgive us for our selfishness and help us to show love and kindness to all, without discrimination or favoritism. Forgive us for our lack of understanding and appreciation of Your love, and help us to love others as You have loved us. May we imitate Christ in His humility and compassion. Help us to walk in obedience and faithfulness, relying on Your strength and guidance. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the Gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are not only forgiven but cherished and loved. Hallelujah!**

OFFERING AND MUSIC

"Stand"

PHIL WOOD

MIKE & PAM BANTA, AMY BIEWENGA, MIKE & JULIE BAGGETT & BOBBIE MARCHESE

* DOXOLOGY

***"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen"***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PHIL WOOD

MINI MESSAGE

BARB BATT

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PAT RUSSELL

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.

CELEBRATING THE GOOD NEWS

Old Testament Reading: (NIV)

DENISE WANZECK

Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

New Testament Readings: (NIV)

BARB BATT

Galatians 6:9-10

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 2:1-5, 12 & 13

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

EVERYONE

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*** BENEDICTION**

PHIL WOOD

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