

## WE GATHER IN GOD’S HOUSE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

*Dr. Emma Pettyjohn*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Dr. Robert Bohler, Jr.*

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Mary Boswell*

PRELUDE FOR WORSHIP

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

arr. Smith

*(A time to prepare your heart to enter the presence of God. “Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10)*

\*HYMN #209

“The Head That Once Was Crowned”

AZMON

## WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD’S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

ESSENTIAL TENETS IN CATECHISM FORM — Lord’s Day 10: God’s Sufficiency

Q. Does God need anything beyond himself?

A. God has no need of anyone or anything beyond Himself.

Q. Why then did God create the world?

A. As an act of sheer and absolute grace.

Q. Is God’s act of creation ongoing?

A. Yes, the ongoing act of creation is further manifested in God’s gracious sovereignty and providence.

Q. What is the providence of God?

A. The providence of God is his maintaining the existence of the world and all living creatures for the sake of His own glory.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

TIME FOR CHILDREN

*Rev. Deb Trimpe*

*(After a Time for Children, children are invited to their own services. Ages 3-1st grade are in the nursery wing. Parents pick them up after the service. 2nd - 5th graders will remain in worship for communion.)*

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

*Miriam Nelson, Athens Pregnancy Center*

OUR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. Fettke

\*The Doxology, #706

OLD 100TH alt.

**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.**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

ANTHEM

“As You Think In Your Heart”

J. Purifoy

*(The text for the anthem can be found on the back of the graduation insert.)*

*Chancel Choir; Dr. Kenneth Powers, Director*

THE READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 5:13-16

Proverbs 24:13-22

COMMUNION MEDITATION

*“The Smartest Man Around – Proverbs to Live By”*

*Dr. Robert Bohler, Jr.*

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #35, v.1-2

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

BREAD OF LIFE

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

*Rev. Deb Trimpe*

**Heavenly Father, our salvation requires a purity of heart that we do not possess. You sent your Son Jesus to live a sinless life and become a sacrifice for sins. Help us turn away from the residue of sin that remains in us. Grant us your Holy Spirit to create in us a new spirit, clean heart, and a consecrated mind. Hear now our silent prayers...** (silent prayers of confession).

Words of Institution

Receiving of the Elements

The Bread

Choral Response

“Face to Face With Christ, My Savior”

FACE TO FACE

The Cup

Choral Response

“Face to Face, Oh, Blissful Moment”

FACE TO FACE

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## WE DEPART TO SERVE AND WITNESS

\*HYMN #503

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

CANONBURY

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in F”

T. Baldrige

\*Stand as able.

*The flowers today are given in honor of our high school graduates by their parents.*

Bread used in Communion today is gluten free. There will be prepackaged Communion cups (that include bread) in the juice trays as they are passed. If you would like to use the prepackaged elements, please take one when the tray with the juice is passed.

**Lay Leader:** *Mary Boswell*   **Elders of the Week:** *Louis Bailey, Lisa Peterson*   **Deacon of the Week:** *Frank Coleman*

**Communion Servers:** *Howard Guest III, David Bernhardt, Charles Kilgore, Doug Jenkins, Lucie Morris*

**Ushers:** *Billy & Brandi Leopold, David Bernhardt, Lucie Morris*   **Greeters:** *Bill & Kathy Branan, Donnie & Aimee Dean*

**Gathering Hosts:** *Reuben & Robin Rudisill, EY and Tiffany Coley*

Sixth Sunday of Easter / Liturgical Color White

**LAST Wednesday Night Dinner Menu, May 8,**  
**5:45 PM**  
*BBQ Pork, Gina's Baked Beans, Chips, Slaw, Peanut Butter Pie; Kids' table: Pizza*

**May for Missions** is a month-long emphasis on over-and-above mission opportunities for our church. Please be praying about how you can give to support the following ministries:

- Help free some of the 4.5 million Pakistani people trapped in generational slavery (brick kiln workers)
- Support the ongoing ministry and new women's clinic at the Athens Pregnancy Center

may4missions24  
 saving lives!



To make your over-and-above donation for May for Missions, please make your check payable to ARPC and write "May for Missions" in memo section. Green envelopes are available in the pews for this purpose. You may also use the QR code to give online.

**MAY FOR MISSIONS PRESENTATION**

TODAY in both services

Minute for Missions by Miriam Nelson  
 Executive Director at Athens Pregnancy Center

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

will be singing in the Gathering Space on Sunday, May 12 for Mother's Day.



**A BIBLICAL DEFENSE FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY**

Tuesday, May 14, 9:30-10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Rev. Trimpe recently presented this topic to a group of UGA students who are part of a campus ministry. In requesting prayer for the presentation, many in our congregation asked that this be presented at ARPC as well. All are welcome to join us! Light refreshments served.



**New Covenant Partner Sunday**

May 19



If God is calling you to be a member of this congregation, we would love to have you become a Covenant Partner. Pentecost Sunday, May 19, will be a new Covenant Partner Sunday. Please contact one of the pastors (revbob@alpsroadpres.org or revdeb@alpsroadpres.org) with questions or if you are interested in joining.



**BOOK CLUB MEETING**

Sunday, May 19, 3:00pm, virtually  
 Discussion of *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel  
 Contact Amber Lawson (amberlawson02@gmail.com) for link.



**June 12-15** - Middle School Merge Youth Camp at Shocco Springs Conference Center, Talladega, AL; \$300  
**June 23-28** - Fun in the Sun High School Conference at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons, GA; \$500



Our new online church directory has launched! We need your pictures to complete the directory, so please send them to the church office. Also, if you did not get an email with your login information, please contact the office (office@alpsroadpres.org.)

**Christian Education**

**Sunday Mornings, 10:00-10:40 AM** (continues through May)

- **The Missionary Journeys of Paul**  
 Teacher: Rev. Deb Trimpe; Fellowship Hall
- **The Triune God**  
 Teacher: E.Y. Coley III; Room 200

**Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:30 PM** (last week until fall)

- **Jesus and the Seven Feasts of Judaism: His Purpose and Promise**  
 Teacher: Dr. Ron Bowie; Room 100
- **Bible Study on the Book of Romans**  
 Teachers: Dr. Robert Bohler, Jr. & Allen Haas; Room 200
- **The Bible Recap: Moms' Bible Study**  
 Teachers: Lucie Morris, Robin Rudisill, & Beth Stewart; Room 207

**Caffeine, Conversation, & the Canon (Men's Bible Study)**

- **Mondays, 2:00 PM, Room 200; Teacher: Doug Jenkins**

**Women's Bible Study — Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World** (last class)

- **Tuesdays, 9:30 AM, Room 100; Teacher: Rev. Deb Trimpe**

**MISSION IN A MILE**

**Tuesday, May 14 - Tailgate Food and Appetizers for Clarke Middle School Teachers and Staff (120 total):** This has been a HUGE hit for the teachers over the last 2 years! We need your help providing food and decorating tables. **Please sign up here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0448ABA723A64-48990021-teacher#/>.

**Thursday, May 16 - Bettye Henderson Holston Elementary Field Day:** The teachers and staff are collecting bottled water for field day (large bottles for staff and small bottles for children). Please bring donations to the church office by Monday, May 13. They also need volunteers for two different shifts on May 16, 9-11am and 12-2pm. If you are interested in helping them, please contact Laura Griner (school community liaison) at either grinerl@clarke.k12.ga.us or call/text her at (864) 556-4144.

The Women's Summer Bible Study begins Tuesday, June 11, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will use season 4 of *The Chosen* to take a deeper look at Christ's ministry. Please plan to join us!

**APRIL 2024 BUDGET UPDATE**

	Total April Offerings to date	\$52,125
	Monthly Budget Requirement	\$60,000



**ALPS ROAD**  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

May 5, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Human beings are needy. In addition to physical requirements such as food, rest, and shelter, we need affection, touch, affirmation, and encouragement. It has long been understood that babies need to be touched and held. The touch of parents is crucial for the healthy development of a baby. God has designed us, from our earliest moments, so that we cannot do without others. Humans are needy, and that does not change throughout our lives. We always need many things and will until the day we die. This puts us in a relationship of dependence with God and others.

Is God needy? No. God has no need of anyone or anything beyond himself. Someone might object that surely God gets lonely. If God has personhood as we do, which Christianity affirms, surely God must need companionship just as we do. The difference between God and us is that God has relationship within himself. The Trinity is what enables God never to be lonely. He does not lack relationship because there is a deep and ongoing relationship of love among the Father, Son, and Spirit. This means that God did not create the world because he was lonely. God is completely sufficient, fulfilled, and whole in himself.

Why then did God create the world? It was an act of sheer and absolute grace. God created the world in order to share his love—the love of the Trinity—with his creation. He created the world for his own glory and to bring creation into the wonder, beauty, and fellowship of his love. Creation was not an act of weakness on God's part, in order to fulfill an unmet need, but an act of strength, grace, and power.

Is God's act of creation ongoing or did it conclude on the sixth day of creation? Christianity affirms that God continues to create: in the world, among nations, in the hearts of his people, and in the life of the church. The scriptures say that anyone who is in Christ is a "new creation" (II Corinthians 5:17). This act of creation is the work of the Spirit in the human heart. Jesus affirmed the ongoing activity of God in the world when he said, "My Father is working until now, and I am working" (John 5:17).

The ongoing creative activity of God is called his "Providence." God exercises his sovereignty over the world by caring for the world and us. This means that our lives are not governed by chance but by the fatherly care of God. For that reason, we should be patient in trouble, grateful in abundance, and firm to trust God in all things. Even when bad things happen, we should trust God's goodness because he loves us and promises to work all things for our good. Why does God care for us and the world? In his providence, God maintains the existence of the world and all living creatures for the sake of His own glory.

With Warm Regards,

*Bob*

Dr. Robert Bohler, Jr.