

# Order for the Worship of God

## Welcome & Announcements – Minute for Mission

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### GATHERING

Welcome

*from Luke 24:34, Revelation 22:20*

L The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**C Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

L The Lord says: I am coming soon.

**C Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Prayer

\*Opening Hymn (Blue #555)

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Worship from the Psalms

*Psalms 97*

L The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**C Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

L Fire goes before him and consumes his adversaries on every side.

**C His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

L The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

**C The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples behold his glory.**

L All servants of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

**C Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments, O God.**

L For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**C You who love the Lord, hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

L Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.

**C Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

Prayer of Confession

**God, you offer us such grace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Even though we know your kindness toward us, we reject your grace and choose our own path. Please forgive our rejection, continue your kindness toward us, remind us of the gracious gift you've given us, and renew the call to follow you. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music

*"For the One"*

Sermon Text Reading

*Acts 16:16-34, John 17:20-26 (NRSVUE)*

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn (Blue #442)

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

\*Offering Prayer

\*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:*

God of our salvation,

*Please respond,*

**Answer us with grace.**

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**

### SENDING OUT

\*Closing Hymn (Blue #417)

*"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

\*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

303 West Washington St.

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## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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# Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship in the south alcove. Thank you, Lynn Yarnell, for being our liturgist this morning.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



**Connect to the Community** meets on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.  
**Congregational Life** meets on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
Next Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be recognizing our **graduates** and **Heritage Scholarship award** recipients during worship.  
**Session** meets on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.  
Our next **Friends Luncheon** is on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.  
**Together We Can Make a Difference** especially needs child sized toothbrushes, and still needs baby wipes, baby shampoo, child sized diapers, and whatever food that can be donated.  
Our **Card of the Week** goes to Dollie Smith who is at Vancrest in Holgate.  
Please invite your neighbors and friends to the **Community Picnic and Concert!**



## First Presbyterian Church

303 West Washington Street, Napoleon

### Community Picnic & Concert

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Picnic 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Napoleon Community

Band Concert

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please come and enjoy an evening of fun!

# For the One

by Brian and Jenn Johnson

from their album "After All These Years."

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e\\_bj6mjUj7k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_bj6mjUj7k)

Let me be filled with kindness,  
and compassion for the one  
The one in whom You love  
and gave Your Son  
For humanity

Increase my love  
Help me to love with open arms like You do  
A love that erases all the lines  
and sees the truth  
Oh that when they look in my eyes  
they would see You  
Even in just a smile,  
they would feel the Father's love

Oh how You love us  
From the homeless to the famous  
and in between  
You formed us, You made us carefully  
'Cause in the end we're all your children  
So help me to love with open arms  
like You do  
A love that erases all the lines  
and sees the truth

Oh that when they look in my eyes  
they would see You  
Even in just a smile they would feel  
the Father's love

So let all my life tell of who You are  
And the wonder of Your never-ending love  
Oh, let all my life tell of who You are  
You're wonderful and such a good Father  
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## CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

<b>NORTHCREST NURSING HOME:</b> Harold Badertscher	<b>VANCREST:</b> Dollie Smith
<b>BROWNING MASONIC:</b> Connie Cobb	<b>ALPINE VILLAGE:</b> Sandy Johnson
<b>PRAYER LIST:</b> Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)	

