

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome

from Jeremiah 23:23,29

L "Am I a God near by," says the Lord, "and not a God far off?"

C "Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?"

L "Is not my word like fire," says the Lord,

C "like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #420)

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Worship from the Psalms

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

L Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

L Stir up your might and come to save us!

C You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

L You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

C The mountains were covered with its shade,

L the mighty cedars with its branches;

C it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

L Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

C The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

L Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see;

C have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

L It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down;

C may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

L But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

C the one whom you made strong for yourself.

L Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

C Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Prayer of Confession

There is nothing beyond your gaze, O God. You see the inconsistencies in our lives, you see all our wrongs and misdeeds and self-centeredness. You long for a world of justice and righteousness, but our world is full of violence in the name of power and people who use others for their own benefit. You long for us to make a difference, yet the task seems so daunting, our efforts seem so inconsequential, and our compassion seems so limited. Forgive us when we do not bear the fruit we could. Forgive us for not having lived our faith to the fullest. Forgive all the sins in our lives that keep us from witnessing to your reign and rule. We pray this through the grace and mercy offered us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music

"Who Am I"

Scripture

Isaiah 5:1-7 (NRSVUE), Luke 12:49-56 (NRSVUE)

"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Message Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (*Blue #148*)

"At The Name of Jesus"

*Offering Prayer

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

Lord in your mercy,
Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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 (Hymn #467)

"How Great Thou Art"

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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August 17th, 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 the potluck after worship.

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 **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.

We are having a **potluck** today because Bruce is celebrating his birthday! Whether you brought something or not, please stay and eat. There will be plenty for everyone!

Bruce will be **out of the office** this week. He will be leaving on Sunday afternoon and back sometime on Thursday. He will be checking church emails.

You can now submit **prayer requests** from a tab on our website or at fpcnapoleonprays@gmail.com. Please share this link or email with others so we can connect with more people spiritually. We will be distributing **door hangers** to advertise this page at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28th.

Our next **Friendship Luncheon** is Tuesday, August 19th at 11:00 at Azul Tequila. Please sign up if you are planning to come.

Session meets on August 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Operations meets on August 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Together We Can Make a Difference could use whatever you are willing to donate. They going through a lot of cereal and could always use cans of no-sugar fruit.

Our **Card of the Week** goes to Harold Badertscher, who is at Northcrest.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher **VANCREST:** Dollie Smith
BROWNING MASONIC: Connie Cobb **ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson
PRAYER LIST: 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)

Who Am I

"Who Am I" is a song recorded by Christian rock band Casting Crowns.
Written by Mark Hall and produced by Mark A. Miller and Steven Curtis Chapman,
it was released on February 22, 2004, as the second single
from the band's 2003 self-titled debut album.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rT8Re1EIQc>

Who am I, that the lord of all the earth Would care to know my name Would care to feel my hurt? Who am I, that the bright and morning star Would choose to light the way For my ever-wandering heart?	Not because of who I am But because of what you've done Not because of what I've done But because of who you are
Not because of who I am But because of what you've done Not because of what I've done But because of who you are	I am a flower quickly fading Here today and gone tomorrow A wave tossed in the ocean A vapor in the wind Still you hear me when I'm calling Lord, you catch me when I'm falling And you've told me who I am I am yours
I am a flower quickly fading Here today and gone tomorrow A wave tossed in the ocean A vapor in the wind Still you hear me when I'm calling Lord, you catch me when I'm falling And you've told me who I am I am yours	(repeat) I am yours I am yours
	Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear? 'Cause I am yours I am yours
Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin Would look on me with love And watch me rise again? Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea Would call out through the rain And calm the storm in me?	