



# THREE RIVERS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Lord's Day Worship**

**November 16, 2025**

## **Preparation for Worship**

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. – Galatians 6:14-16

“Spiritual pride is the most dangerous of all kinds of pride.” – Matthew Henry

## Prelude

### Call to Worship | Psalm 47:1-2

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Words and Music: Reginald Heber | John B. Dykes | (1810, 1861)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Who wert and art and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou are holy, there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty  
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### Confession of Faith | WSC Q. 61

Leader: What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

All: The fourth commandment forbids the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations

### Confession of Sin | Psalm 25:1-2, 6-7, 11, 18

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me... Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love

remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!... For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great... Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

*We pause for a moment of private, silent confession.*

### Assurance of Pardon | Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**"All I Have is Christ"**

Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin (2008)

I once was lost in darkest night  
But thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if you had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

Yet as I ran my hellbound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

#### Refrain

*Hallelujah, all I have is Christ!  
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!*

Now Lord I would be Yours alone,  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

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## Tithes and Offerings

*There are four ways to give:*

- *In the basket during the service*
- *By mail, to PO Box 451029, Grove OK 74345*
- *Online at [www.3riverspca.com](http://www.3riverspca.com)*
- *Through the Tithe.ly app*

## Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon | – “Spiritual Heart Surgery” – Rev. Aaron Raines

Romans 2:17-29

<sup>17</sup> But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God <sup>18</sup> and know His will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; <sup>19</sup> and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in the darkness, <sup>20</sup> an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth – <sup>21</sup> you who then teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? <sup>22</sup> You who say one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup> You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. <sup>24</sup> For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.” <sup>25</sup> For circumcision is indeed of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. <sup>26</sup> So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? <sup>27</sup> Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. <sup>28</sup> For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. <sup>29</sup> But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

**Sermon in a sentence:** External conformity to God’s law without inward heart change brings praise from man but condemnation from God; true salvation and God’s commendation comes from the Holy Spirit changing the hearts of sinners.

1. Condemnation of Legalism (v. 17-24)
2. Condemnation of Formalism (v. 25-28)
3. Commendation from God (v. 28-29)

## Communion

The minister will say: Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us! Hallelujah!

And the people respond: **Hallelujah!**

*We practice open communion, which means that all believing, baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and the cup. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. The bread is gluten free. We come up the center aisle, receive the elements, take them with us back to our seats, and then partake all together.*

*If you are not a believer, we are so glad you’re here! But we do ask that you not partake of the elements, since scripture warns against taking them in an unworthy manner. Please feel free to stay seated, or come forward with your arms crossed and we will pray for you.*

### “How Deep The Father’s Love” Words and Music: Stuart Townend (1995)

How deep the Father’s love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

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## **"Thy Mercy My God"**

Words and Music: John Stoker | Sandra McCracken (2001)

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
Has won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine  
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## **Sending**

Now let us go forth as sons and daughters of the King  
of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

**Thanks be to God!**

*We sing the Doxology together:*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

## **Benediction | 1 Thessalonians 5:22-23**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you  
completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and  
body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will  
surely do it.