

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## \* *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

O Love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

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## Welcome and Announcements

Paul Hurst, *Interim Pastor*

## \* Greeting

## \* Call to Worship – Psalm 147:1-11

Kenny Simpkins, *elder*

**Leader:** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

**All:** **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

**Leader:** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

**All:** **His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

\* congregation standing (as able)

## \* Prayer of Invocation

### Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

#### *We Confess*

Almighty God, we confess our sin  
What we have done, what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

*Have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Have mercy, have mercy.*

Most gracious God we have lost our way,  
Like wand'ring sheep we have gone astray.  
We're truly sorry and we turn back  
Now for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ.

*Have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Have mercy, have mercy.*

As far as the east is from the west,  
So far have I removed your sinfulness.  
I carried your guilt and shame upon myself.  
You are forgiven, forgiven.  
You are forgiven, forgiven.

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#### \* *Nothing but the Blood*

What can wash away my sin?  
nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
what can make me whole again?  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(Refrain): O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone—  
nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
naught of good that I have done—  
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

This is all my hope and peace—  
nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
this is all my righteousness—  
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Glory, glory, this I sing—  
nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
All my life, my cry shall be—  
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

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## Small Talk

Paul Hurst

*Children ages 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the speaker on the Sanctuary steps.  
They also have the option of participating in Children's Worship (downstairs following the small talk.  
Volunteers are at the back of the sanctuary to escort the children downstairs.  
Children will remain in Room 8 (sanctuary lower level) until picked up promptly by parents.*

## Pastoral Prayer

Kenny Simpkins

## God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*You may also give online or mail your check to the Church Office.*

## Musical Offertory

Kelley LeBlanc, *with* Caleb Freeman,  
Jerry Mills, Paul Stroebel,  
Lynn Turlington, Tony VunCannon

## *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.*

## Sermon

Jesus: by John  
*Grumbling...Drawing...Disputing*  
John 6:41-59  
Pew Bible p. 892

Paul Hurst

**\* Hear the Call of the Kingdom**

Hear the call of the Kingdom; lift your eyes to the King.  
 Let his song rise within you as a fragrant offering  
 Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem  
 All who trust in his unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,  
 With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;  
 Walking justly before him, loving all that is right,  
 That the life of Christ may shine through us.

*King of Heaven, we will answer the call. We will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
 Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost,  
 With the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross,  
 Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come;  
 Let the nations put their trust in him.

*King of Heaven, we will answer the call. We will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
 Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name.*

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 Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name...  
 salvation in Jesus' name...  
 salvation in Jesus' name.*

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**\* Benediction and Dismissal**

*Elders are available down front after the service for anyone who would like prayer.*



**WEEKLY EMAIL**

Scan this QR Code to subscribe to our weekly email.  
 The email comes each Friday and highlights pertinent  
 information about our church and ministries.

**This week's prayer requests, missions moment, and announcements are available at the welcome center and in the weekly email.**

**THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING DATES**

- Monday** Sewing Sisters (9:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday** Zoom Prayer Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday** Midweek meal (5:45 p.m.) and activities (6:30 p.m.)
- Thursday** Men's Prayer and Bible Study (8:00 a.m.)  
Ladies Lunch Out – Piazza (11:30 a.m.)
- February 1** RYM High School retreat registration deadline
- February 6** Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study begins
- February 11** Tea reception in memory of Faith Maddix
- February 12** Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study begins
- March 1** Summer Student Ministry Intern Application deadline

*See weekly email or announcement sheet for details!*

**OUR VISION**

*As a family called by God's grace and led by God's Word, we seek to welcome all people as part of God's kingdom work, both locally and globally, by prayerfully extending the praises of Christ to our neighbors and communities.*

- Children's Sunday School Classes** | 9:30 – 10:20 a.m.
- Student & Adult Sunday School Classes** | 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
- Worship Service** | 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend our weekly worship service,  
 you may watch our live stream at [ardenpres.org/live-webcast](http://ardenpres.org/live-webcast)

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**DEACONS:** David Avdich, Bob Hubert, Larry Kidd, Gary Missel, Jeremy Pressley, Tom Robertson

**Financial Update** as of 01/18/24; Weekly Offering 01/14/24: \$46,368

	January Giving	YTD Giving	YTD Expense	YTD Diff.
<b>General Fund</b>	\$66,330	\$66,330	\$38,381	\$27,949
<b>Mercy Fund</b>	\$595	\$595	\$226	\$369
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$3,955	\$1,750	\$0	(-\$13,565)
<b>Building</b>	\$215	\$215	\$0	\$215



*Following Christ, proclaiming his praises,  
 and engaging our community with his grace.*

**January 21, 2024**  
**10:45 a.m.**

**Welcome** to Arden Presbyterian Church! We hope your time in worship with us is a blessing to you. For all **first-time guests**, we have a gift for you at our **Welcome Center** located in the **Lobby**. Please drop by and see us!

**Options for children during worship:**

- Children of all ages are welcome to remain with their parents in worship. We have bags with activities as you enter the Sanctuary. The activities may be taken home.
- Children may also participate in Children's Worship following Small Talk.
- Nursery is available for birth through age 4.

**Devices for the hearing impaired** are available at the lobby welcome center.

**The Balcony** is available for those who are immunocompromised or for those who have heightened health concerns. Masks are available at the balcony entrance for those who would like one.

**Learn more about our church family** by visiting the Welcome Center in the lobby or our website: [ardenpres.org](http://ardenpres.org)