

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* *Christ Our Glory*

Our rest is in heaven, our rest is not here,
Then why should we tremble when trials draw near?
Be still and remember the worst that can come,
But shortens our journey and hastens us home.
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore
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No hours should be wasted on seeking our joy,
And placing our hope in what will be destroyed.
We look for a city that hands have not raised.
We long for a country that sin has not stained.
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore
We look for a city that hands have not raised.
We long for a country that sin has not stained.

Though trouble and anguish increase all the more,
They cannot compare to the glory in store.
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls.
The light of the Savior will outshine them all.
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Welcome and Announcements Wes Strebeck, Senior Pastor

Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship – Psalm 3:1-4, 8 Matt Roberson, elder

Leader: O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, “There is no salvation for him in God.”

All: But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.

Leader: Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

* Prayer of Invocation

* congregation standing (as able)

* *O Worship the King (No. 2, verses 1-2, 5-6)*

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Confession of Sin

All: Most holy and merciful Father, We confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; And free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon – Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

* *Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)*

Are you weary heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down.
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you, rest in him.
He is gentle, he is lowly, he delights to bring us peace.
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior, rest in him.

(Refrain): *How sure his compassion for us! Oh how deep is his love.*
So come, come to Jesus and rest in him.

Are you hopeless? Are you guilty, caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you to forgive you, rest in him.
He has paid for every failure, Mercy flows in endless streams.
Come and follow, freedom calls you, rest in him. (Refrain)

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning, rest in him.
We will see him, we will know him. O what heights of grace revealed.
From his kindness every promise then fulfilled.

Trust in Jesus, he will keep us to the end.

How sure his compassion for us! Oh how deep is his love.
So come, come to Jesus and rest.

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Come to Jesus and rest in him.

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* *Come, People of the Risen King*

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the morning star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

(Refrain): *Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice;*
One heart one voice O church of Christ rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (Refrain)

Come, young and old from ev’ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; Find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; Shore to shore we hear them call—
The truth that cries through ev’ry age: “Our God is all in all!” (Refrain 2X)

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Small Talk Wes Strebeck

Children pre-K– 5th 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 Matt Roberson

God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

You may give online via ardenpres.org or the QR code on back page.

Musical Offertory Jim Holland

Seek Ye First
Karen Lafferty, Johann Pachelbel
Setting by Douglas E Wagner
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Sermon Stories of the Kingdom Wes Strebeck

The Treasure
Matthew 13:44-46
Pew Bible p. 819

** Christ is Mine Forevermore*

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with him
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am his forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter Harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore

*Come rejoice now, O my soul for his love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore!*

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore, Christ is mine forevermore

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* Benediction

** Dismissal: New Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all___ bles - sings___ flow;
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye___ heav - enly host;
praise Fa - ther Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
A_____ men. A - men.

Hymnary.org

Elders are available down front after the service for 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

- Sunday RYM Recap Lunch
- Tuesday Final Terrific Tuesdays for Women/Children (10:00 a.m.)
Zoom Prayer Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday Ladies Zoom prayer time (10:00 a.m.)
Youth Group (6:00-9:00 p.m.)
- Thursday Men’s Prayer and Bible Study (8:00 a.m.)

See weekly email for details on these events

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

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ONLINE GIVING

Financial Update as of 07/17/25; Weekly Offering 07/13/25: \$24,795

	July Giving	YTD Giving	YTD Expense	YTD Diff.
General Fund	\$61,206	601,162	\$583,505	\$17,657
Mercy Fund	\$2,029	\$12,071	\$15,466	(\$3,395)
Faith Promise	\$13,292	\$136,804	\$115,499	\$21,304
Building	\$630	\$14,689	\$11,362	\$3,327
Interest		\$84,382		\$84,382



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

July 20, 2025
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! Scan the QR code to fill out our connect card.



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.

There is a **defibrillator** located in the deacon closet behind the 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**