

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## \* *Heal Us, Emmanuel*

*(Refrain): Heal us, Emmanuel here we are;  
We long to feel Thy touch.  
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly;  
O, Savior hear our cry.*

Our faith is feeble we confess, we faintly trust thy word;  
But will you pity us the less? Be that far from you, Lord! *(Refrain)*

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief  
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried, “O help my unbelief!” *(Refrain)*

She, too, who touched you in the press and healing virtue stole,  
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace; thy faith has made thee whole.” *(Refrain)*

Like her, with hopes and fears we come to touch you if we may;  
O send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away. *(Refrain 2X)*

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## Welcome & Announcements

Wes Strebeck, *Senior Pastor*

## \* Greeting

## \* Call to Worship – 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Daniel Moore, *elder*

*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## \* Prayer of Invocation

### \* *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (No. 38)*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

## 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.

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So come, come to Jesus and rest.*

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## Small Talk

Wes Strebeck

*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

Daniel Moore

## God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

*You may give online via [ardenpres.org](http://ardenpres.org) or the QR code on back page.*

## Musical Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

### *Amazing Grace*

*Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—  
that saved a wretch, a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
My eyes were blind, but now I see.*

*’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my every fear relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!*

*Thro’ many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
’tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me safely home.*

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the noon-day sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
than when the song had first begun.*

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## Sermon

*Encountering Christ: Compassion*

Wes Strebeck

Luke 7:11-17  
Pew Bible p. 863

**\* He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.  
 When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
 I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,  
 For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

*(Refrain): He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast.  
 For my Savior loves me so; he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight; Christ will hold me fast.  
 Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last.  
 Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *(Refrain)*

For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.  
 Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me fast.  
 Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
 Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last. *(Refrain 2X)*

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**\* Benediction and Dismissal**

**THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING DATES**

- Monday** Women's Bible Study (6:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday** Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m.)  
 Zoom Prayer Meeting (6:30 p.m.)  
 Love Packages Book Collection deadline
- Wednesday** Ladies Zoom prayer time (10:00 a.m.)  
 APC Midweek: Dinner and Activities
- Thursday** Men's Truth for Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)
- Saturday** Men's Smash & Putt (10:00 a.m.)

*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](https://ardenpres.org/live-webcast)

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**Financial Update as of 09/26/24; Weekly Offering 09/22/24: \$16,517**

	September Giving	YTD Giving	YTD Expense	YTD Diff.
<b>General Fund</b>	\$66,673	\$694,298	\$701,821	(-\$7,523)
<b>Mercy Fund</b>	\$1,478	\$15,342	\$16,186	(-\$844)
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$10,058	\$133,474	** \$182,388	(-\$48,890)
<b>Building</b>	\$2,013	\$19,250	\$12,931	\$6,319

\*\* Expenses include a Session-approved non-budgeted \$25,000 gift to five missionary units out of our 2023 Faith Giving surplus. All other expenses have been budgeted for 2024.



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

**September 29, 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](https://ardenpres.org)



**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.**