

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 20, 2023

Making disciples who love Christ, his Word and his Church, through the ordinary means of grace.

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Order for the Worship of God Lord's Day August 20, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:33-35

"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!"

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it
Name of Thy redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

Prayer of Invocation

The 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.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be World without end, amen, amen

Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Minister: What does God's Word teach us about his knowledge of all things and the way in which he cares for his people?

All: O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

The King in All His Beauty

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in His temple As symphonies of angels praise, now strain to sound His glory Come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty

Chorus

How worthy, how worthy, how worthy
The King in all His beauty

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters
The sacrifice for ruined man, he substitute for sinners
As earth is stained with royal blood and quakes with love and fury
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty

Chorus

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor The hope of every tribe and tongue, His kingdom is forever! Bring praise and honor to His courts, bring wisdom, power, blessing For endless ages we'll adore, the King in all His beauty

Chorus - 2x

Call to Confession Proverbs 10:29-32

"The way of the Lord is a stronghold to the blameless, but destruction to evildoers. The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land. The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse."

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O holy Father, because we are fallen sinful creatures, it is so easy for us to think only of ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Our sinful natures lead us to selfishness and indifference. Thereby, do we murder our brother and sister in our hearts and sin against you, our Father. O Lord, we do humbly confess our selfish nature and plead your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, the mind and heart of our Savior who loved the unlovely and redeemed us from destruction. Burden us with the souls of those who are perishing that we may be bold to testify of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Use us, your people, to gather your elect from the four corners of this world so that your glory may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Hebrews 9:13-14

"For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet 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

Chorus

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

But as I ran my hell-bound 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

Chorus

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

Chorus - 2x

Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Mike Kirkwood

Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Nolan Williamson

"Truth and Error"

1 John 4:1-6

Psalm 149

O praise ye the Lord and sing a new song, amid all his saints his praises prolong. The praise of their Maker his people shall sing, and children of Zion rejoice in their King.

With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim, with gladness and mirth, sing praise to his name; for God in his people his pleasure doth seek, with robes of salvation he clotheth the meek.

In glory exult, ye saints of the Lord; with songs in the night high praises accord. Go forth in his service and strong in his might to conquer all evil and stand for the right.

For this is his word: his saints shall not fail, but over the earth their pow'r shall prevail.

All kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sway.

To God give the glory and praise him for aye.

Benediction



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SUNDAY SERVICE

10:30 am - The Don Walker Education Center at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum

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