



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 24, 2023

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

Christ Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God

Lord's Day September 24, 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 113:1-3

"Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!"

Oh Sacred Head Now Wounded

O sacred Head now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns Thine only crown
O sacred Head
What glory what bliss till now was Thine
Yet tho' despised and gory
I joy to call Thee mine

What Thou my Lord hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain
Mine mine was the transgression
But Thine the deadly pain
Lo here I fall my Saviour
Tis I deserve Thy place
Look on me with Thy favor
Vouch-safe to me Thy grace

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee dearest Friend
For this Thy dying sorrow
Thy pity without end
Oh make me Thine forever
And should I fainting be
Lord let me never never
Outlive my love to Thee

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:

The Nicene Creed

Minister: Christians what do we believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

Call to Confession

Romans 6:1-4

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hands. Forgive us, Lord, for how we have corrupted your good creation. Gracious Lord, you alone are righteous and holy, and in your presence no one can stand. Your gracious mercy is our only hope and we ask for your forgiveness. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, clothe us in righteousness, and for your hands to rework our lives anew. We pray these things in Jesus Christ's holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Hebrews 8:12

"For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 32

How blest are they whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,
Whose sins are wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.
Blest they to whom the LORD God does not impute their sin,
Who have a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence, my strength was spent with grief:
Your hand was heavy on me; my soul found no relief.
But when I owned my trespass and did not hide my sin,
Then you forgave my guilt, LORD, restored my life within.

So let the godly seek Thee in time when Thou art near
No whelming floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear
In Thee, O Lord, I hide me, Thou savest me from ill
And songs of Thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill

I graciously will teach thee the way that thou shalt go
And with My eye upon thee My counsel make thee know
But be ye not unruly or slow to understand
Be not perverse, but willing to heed My wise command

Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Jim Williamson

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

"That You May Know"

1 John 5:13-21

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,
 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
 Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
 While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
 Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
 With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
 All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation
 Rise o'er sin and fear and care
 Joy to find in every station,
 Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
 Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Benediction



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at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum

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