



# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



John 2:14

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In the last day many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commend himself to them, because he knew all that was in them, and he needed not that any should testify of him: for he knew what was in him. 1 John 1:2 (The Bible is a book to be read and not to be looked at.)

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1 John 2:14

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# WORSHIP SERVICE

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Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**Psalm 32:6-7**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 33 (p. 796 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.**

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

**For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.**

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;

**the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

**He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.**

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

**For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

**But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

**From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;**

from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—

**he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.**

No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

**A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.**

But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

**to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.**

We wait in hope for the LORD;

**he is our help and our shield.**

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

**May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.**

\* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

*The pastor will read the plain text; the congregation will read the bold text.*

***Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious***

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious: see the Man of Sorrows now;  
From the fight returned victorious, ev'ry knee to him shall bow.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crowns become the Victor's brow.

Crown the Savior, angels, crown him; rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
In the seat of pow'r enthrone him, while the vault of heaven rings.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown the Savior King of kings.

Sinners in derision crowned him, mocking thus the Savior's claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around him, own his title, praise his name.  
Crown him! Crown him! Spread abroad the Victor's fame!

Hark! those bursts of acclamation! Hark! those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords!  
Crown him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Almighty God and heavenly Father, we approach your throne of grace in sorrow and frustration as we consider how we have sinned against you and others.

**All:** We have broken your laws, and we have failed to love others as you command us in your Word. Though you have equipped us with many gifts and graces, we did not faithfully use them for your glory.

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, we pray, and grant us forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ. Cause us to grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**All:** All glory be to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ezekiel 36:25-28

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Psalm 8

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

### *Christ the True and Better*

Christ, the true and better Adam, Son of God and Son of man;  
Who, when tempted in the garden never yielded, never sinned.  
He, who makes the many righteous, brings us back to life again.  
Dying, he reversed the curse; then, rising crushed the serpent's head.

*Amen, amen from beginning to end.*

*Christ, the story; his, the glory. Alleluia, amen.*

Christ, the true and better Isaac, humble Son of sacrifice;  
Who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life.  
Laid with faith upon the altar; Father's joy and only Son.  
There salvation was provided; oh, what full and boundless love!

*Amen, amen from beginning to end.*

*Christ, the story; his, the glory. Alleluia, amen.*

Christ, the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home;  
Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known.  
With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two.  
See the veil was torn forever; cleansed with blood we pass now through.

*Amen, amen from beginning to end.*

*Christ, the story; his, the glory. Alleluia, amen.*

Christ, the true and better David; lowly Shepherd, mighty King.  
He, the Champion in the battle; where, O death, is now thy sting?  
In our place he bled and conquered; crown him Lord of Majesty.  
He shall be the throne forever. We shall e're his people be.

*Amen, amen from beginning to end.*

*Christ, the story; his, the glory. Alleluia, amen. Amen.*

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 24.** *How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?*

**A.** Christ executes the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

**Q. 25.** *How does Christ execute the office of a priest?*

**A.** Christ executes the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

**Q. 26.** *How does Christ execute the office of a king?*

**A.** Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 734

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.

### 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.

❖ *Tithes and offerings may be placed in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary or given online through our church's website.*

# THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

Ephesians 1:3-23

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 46])

Hymn 89

## *God Is Our Strength and Refuge*

God is our strength and refuge,  
Our present help in trouble;  
And we therefore will not fear,  
Though the earth should change!  
Though mountains shake and tremble,  
Though swirling floods are raging,  
*God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore!*

There is a flowing river,  
Within God's holy city;  
God is in the midst of her—  
She shall not be moved!  
God's help is swiftly given,  
Thrones vanish at his presence—  
*God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore!*

Come, see the works of our Maker,  
Learn of his deeds all pow'rful;  
Wars will cease across the world  
When he shatters the spear!  
Be still and know your Creator,  
Uplift him in the nations—  
*God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore! Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Rudy Manrique

“Prayer for Christ’s Triumphant Church”  
Ephesians 1:15-23

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 310

### ***Rejoice, the Lord Is King***

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o’er earth and heav’n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Amen.*

## **Benediction\***

### **Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One, O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.



# SERMON NOTES

## “Prayer for Christ’s Triumphant Church” Ephesians 1:15-23

1. Encouragement for Christ’s Church (vv. 15-16)

John 13:35

“Nothing would render the true religion more lovely, or make more converts to it than to see the possessors of it tied together with the heart-strings of love.” (Thomas Watson)

“Certainly our church life would be transformed if we regularly told other believers in the church that we thanked God and prayed unceasingly for them.” (Ian Hamilton)

2. Prayer for Christ’s Church (vv. 17-19)

John 17:3; 1 John 4:4; Romans 8:31

3. Victory for Christ’s Church (vv. 20-23)

Psalm 8:6; Romans 8:38-39

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.*

## **Monday, October 14**

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:21 - 25:38; 2 Thess. 2:1-17; Psalm 84:1-12; Proverbs 25:15

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 2

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## **Tuesday, October 15**

Scripture: Jeremiah 26:1 - 27:22; 2 Thess. 3:1-18; Psalm 85:1-13; Proverbs 25:16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 92

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## **Wednesday, October 16**

Scripture: Jeremiah 28:1 - 29:32; 1 Timothy 1:1-20; Psalm 86:1-17; Proverbs 25:17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 93

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in St. Vincent & Grenadines and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, October 17**

Scripture: Jeremiah 30:1 - 31:26; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Psalm 87:1-7; Proverbs 25:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 94

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

## **Friday, October 18**

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:27 - 32:44; 1 Timothy 3:1-16; Psalm 88:1-18; Prov. 25:20-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 95

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

## **Saturday, October 19**

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:1 - 34:22; 1 Timothy 4:1-16; Psalm 89:1-13; Proverbs 25:23-24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 96

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

## **Sunday, October 20**

Scripture: Jeremiah 35:1 - 36:32; 1 Timothy 5:1-25; Psalm 89:14-37; Prov. 25:25-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 97

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

## **MISSIONS CORNER**

*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

**Ray & Michele Call in Belize**

**Dave Eby in Uganda**

**Christ Bible Institute in Japan**

**The Shepherd's Church in Riverside**

# **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

## **Prelude**

### **Greeting and Call to Worship\***

Psalm 145:1-7

**Leader:** I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**All:** One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

### **Hymn\***

“Forever Settled in the Heavens” Hymn 59

### **Congregational Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and others by failing to obey all that you teach us in your Word. We are ashamed and sorry for our sins. Forgive us, we pray, and help us as we prepare to be fed by you in this sacrament to taste and see that you are good because of the forgiveness that is ours through Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### **Hymn**

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” Hymn 646

### **Scripture Reading\***

Ephesians 6:10-20

### **Hymn**

“According to Thy Gracious Word” Hymn 423

### **Prayer**

### **Sermon**

“The Sword of the Spirit”  
Ephesians 6:17

Pastor Ben Muresan

### **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

### **Hymn\***

“God, in the Gospel of His Son” Hymn 141

### **Benediction\***

### **Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.

# God Is Our Strength and Refuge

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*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1*

Unison

1. God is our strength and ref - uge, our pres - ent help in trou - ble;  
2. There is a flow - ing riv - er, with - in God's ho - ly cit - y;  
3. Come, see the works of our Mak - er, learn of his deeds all pow'r - ful;

and we there - fore will not fear, though the earth should change!  
God is in the midst of her— she shall not be moved!  
wars will cease a - cross the world when he shat - ters the spear!

Though moun - tains shake and trem - ble, though swirl - ing floods are rag - ing,  
God's help is swift - ly giv - en, thrones van - ish at his pres - ence—  
Be still and know your Cre - a - tor, up - lift him in the na - tions—

God the Lord of Hosts is with us ev - er - more!  
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From Psalm 46  
Richard Bewes, 1982

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Eric Coates, 1886–1958  
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