



GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

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Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:33

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 93 (p. 818 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.

The world is firmly established;
it cannot be moved.

**Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.**

The seas have lifted up, O LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty.**

Your statutes stand firm;

holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.

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

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, we approach you as your children, filled with your Holy Spirit by whom we are enabled and emboldened to cry, "Abba! Father!"

All: Though we approach as your children, we confess that we have not behaved as those who are called by your name. We have sinned against you and others, and it grieves us that we continually fall short of what your Word commands.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, and cause us to walk in your ways. Work in us by your Holy Spirit so that we will always seek to do what is pleasing in your sight.

All: We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Prophet, Priest, and King, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

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.
His 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 Nicene Creed (p. 846)

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 735

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*

Acts 8:26-40

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.

Reception of New Members and Baptism

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Good News of the Gospel”
Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Pastor Rudy Manrique

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 660

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*

SERMON NOTES

“The Good News of the Gospel”

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

1. Jesus' death was vicarious—he died in place of his people.

Genesis 2:17

Mark 10:45; John 10:11

2. Jesus' death was voluntary—he died willingly in place of his people.

John 10:17-18

For love. (John 13:1)

For glory. (John 17:24)

3. Jesus' death was victorious—he accomplished salvation for his people.

John 19:30; 20:31

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, October 28

Scripture: Jeremiah 51:54 - 52:34; Titus 3:1-15; Psalm 100:1-5; Proverbs 26:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 4

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

Tuesday, October 29

Scripture: Lamentations 1:1 - 2:22; Philemon 1:1-25; Psalm 101:1-8; Proverbs 26:20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 104

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

Wednesday, October 30

Scripture: Lamentations 3:1-66; Hebrews 1:1-14; Psalm 102:1-28; Proverbs 26:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 105

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Sudan and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, October 31

Scripture: Lamentations 4:1 - 5:22; Hebrews 2:1-18; Psalm 103:1-22; Proverbs 26:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 106

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

Friday, November 1

Scripture: Ezekiel 1:1 - 3:15; Hebrews 3:1-19; Psalm 104:1-23; Proverbs 26:24-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 107

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

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

Saturday, November 2

Scripture: Ezekiel 3:16 - 6:14; Hebrews 4:1-16; Psalm 104:24-35; Proverbs 26:27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 1

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

Sunday, November 3

Scripture: Ezekiel 7:1 - 9:11; Hebrews 5:1-14; Psalm 105:1-15; Proverbs 26:28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 2

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

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The Book of Isaiah was written over 700 years before Jesus Christ began his earthly ministry, yet it reads like an accurate eye-witness account of the cross. This is evidence that Isaiah's revelation came directly from God, and that Isaiah's writing was inspired by the Holy Spirit. In his prophecy, Isaiah describes how the Servant (whom we know is Jesus Christ), would come to die for the sins of his people and would be raised for their justification. Through his saving work, Jesus Christ did not just make the salvation of his people possible, he made it a certainty. Derek Thomas, in his commentary on Isaiah, writes:

God's Servant would deliver his people from the bondage and misery of their sins by becoming their substitute. He would take the place of the sinner, taking the punishment that sin deserves. Isaiah 53 foretold that the iniquities of sinful men should be put away by the death of a righteous Servant of God in their stead. The background is that of the Old Testament sacrificial system, having at its heart the principle that atonement for sin can be made only by the death of a perfect substitute for the sinner. God's righteous Servant, says Isaiah, would be made an offering for sin (53:10-12). But where can such a [substitute] be found? None qualified apart from the sinless Son of God.

1. Read Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12. As you read each verse, try to recall scenes from the four gospels that reveal how this prophecy was fulfilled.
2. Why is it critical to understand that Christ's death was voluntary? Consider this question in light of what Jesus says in John 10:18.
3. As you consider Christ's once-for-all vicarious sacrifice, for whom did he die? Consider this question in light of what Jesus says in John 10:7-15. How does this comfort you?
4. In what ways was Christ's death victorious? What did it accomplish?
5. Read Westminster Confession of Faith chapter 8 which explains Christ's saving work, and focus especially on paragraph 8 which describes how his saving benefits are applied to believers.
6. What is the good news of the Gospel? How might you "preach this to yourself" daily?

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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