



GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

November 24, 2024

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

Acts 17:24-25

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 8 (p. 786 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise,

because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**what is man that you are mindful of him,
the son of man that you care for him?**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**You made him ruler over the works of your hands;
you put everything under his feet:**

all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

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

We Plow the Fields

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

He only is the Maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

We thank you, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,
But that which you desire now: our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love. Amen.*

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our God and Father, thank you for the loving kindness you have shown us in Jesus Christ.
While we were still sinners, he died for us.

All: We thank you also for your daily provision of food, comfort, and safety. We give you praise
for the bounty of your gifts and the ability we have to diligently work with our hands.

Leader: We confess that we have sinned and been ungrateful. Forgive us for often desiring more
than what it has pleased you to provide. Forgive us for our jealousy and covetousness, and
for the anxiety we feel when we forget your fatherly goodness toward us.

All: As we consider your good gifts to us this morning, cause us to have a renewed thankfulness
for our spiritual and earthly blessings, for we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not
perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but
in order that the world might be saved through him.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 12:43-51

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 358

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! 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*

Exodus 13:1-16

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 98])

Hymn 16

Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

Come, let us sing unto the Lord
New songs of praise with sweet accord;
For wonders great by him are done,
His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God
Is seen through all the earth abroad;
Before the heathen's wond'ring sight
He has revealed his truth and right.

He called to mind his truth and grace
In promise made to Israel's race;
And unto earth's remotest bound
Glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice;
Sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;
With voice of joy and loud acclaim
Let all unite and praise his name.

Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise,
With voice of psalms his glory raise;
With trumpets, cornets, gladly sing
And shout before the Lord, the King.

Let earth be glad, let billows roar
And all that dwell from shore to shore;
Let floods clap hands with one accord,
Let hills rejoice before the Lord.

For lo, he comes; at his command
All nations shall in judgment stand;
In justice robed and throned in light,
The Lord shall judge, dispensing right. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“A Feast of Grace”
Exodus 12:43 - 13:16

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Pastor Rudy Manrique

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 715

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home. 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

“A Feast of Grace”

Exodus 12:43 - 13:16

1 Corinthians 5:7

1. Passover was only for the covenant people of God. (12:43-51)
Exodus 12:38
1 Corinthians 11:27-29
John 19:32-36
2. Passover revealed how God saved his people. (13:1-13)
Numbers 18:16
Luke 2:22-23
1 Corinthians 6:19-20
3. Passover was one of the ways each generation learned about God's grace. (13:8, 14-16)
Ephesians 6:4

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, November 25

Scripture: Daniel 1:1 - 2:23; 1 Peter 3:8 - 4:6; Psalm 119:65-80; Proverbs 28:14

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 8

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

Tuesday, November 26

Scripture: Daniel 2:24 - 3:30; 1 Peter 4:7 - 5:14; Psalm 119:81-96; Proverbs 28:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 21

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

Wednesday, November 27

Scripture: Daniel 4:1-37; 2 Peter 1:1-21; Psalm 119:97-112; Proverbs 28:17-18

Catechism: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Switzerland and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, November 28

Scripture: Daniel 5:1-31; 2 Peter 2:1-22; Psalm 119:113-128; Proverbs 28:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 23

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

Friday, November 29

Scripture: Daniel 6:1-28; 2 Peter 3:1-18; Psalm 119:129-152; Proverbs 28:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 24

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

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

Saturday, November 30

Scripture: Daniel 7:1-28; 1 John 1:1-10; Psalm 119:153-176; Proverbs 28:23-24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 25

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

Sunday, December 1

Scripture: Daniel 8:1-27; 1 John 2:1-17; Psalm 120:1-7; Proverbs 28:25-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 26

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

When the Lord redeemed Israel out of Egypt, he wanted to make sure that future generations would remember this sovereign act of grace. Along with explaining how he redeemed his people, God also explained how he wanted the event to be remembered and celebrated by his people. He gave details about how the meal was to be prepared, who was allowed to eat of it, and the significance of each part of the feast. He wanted his people to understand that the feast was more than food—it had spiritual significance. When Christ celebrated his last meal with his disciples, it was on the night of Passover. This was not coincidental. The Lord Jesus wanted his disciples to see that the blood of all the Passover lambs that had been slain in Israel were pointing forward to what he would soon accomplish on the cross. As the Apostle Paul later explains, “For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Corinthians 5:7). The Reformation Heritage KJV Study Bible has a helpful note of application as we reflect on Christ’s work of salvation for us:

If Christ bought us with his blood, then we no longer belong to ourselves but to him and must live for his glory (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Redeeming love produces personal dedication and holiness, a willing giving of ourselves to the one who saved us (Romans 12:1; Titus 2:14). Christians, let us live under the banner, “He died for me; I’ll live for him.”

1. Read Exodus 12:43-51. What was required in order to be eligible to celebrate Passover in Israel? How does this connect with the Lord’s Supper and how a pastor today “fences the table” before we partake of communion?
2. Read Exodus 13:1-13. How does Israel’s redemption out of Egypt reveal what Christ would accomplish for his people? What does it mean that you were “bought with a price,” and how should that affect how you live?
3. Read Exodus 13:14-16. Did you learn about Christ from your parents or grandparents as a child? How did they talk to you about the gospel? How are you imparting the faith once delivered to your children and the covenant children at our church?
4. In preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday, read Psalm 145 and spend time in prayer thanking the Lord for all the blessings he has graciously given you.



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