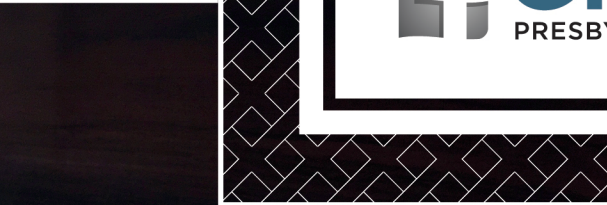




GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



John 2:24 132

In the past day many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all that they would do to him. And he needed not that any should testify of him: for he knew what was in man. 1. Sam. 16:7. 1 Cor. 2:8. Job 41:26. 1. Cor. 13:1. Rom. 12:2. 1. Cor. 13:2.

And when Jesus saw that they were saying, He saith such things, because he saith that he hath seen the Son of man, he said unto them, I tell you verily, ye know not him, neither know ye the Father, who saith unto you, Whom ye say that he is. And he saith unto them, Whom ye say that he is, and he saith unto you, Whom ye say that he is. And he saith unto them, Whom ye say that he is, and he saith unto you, Whom ye say that he is. And he saith unto them, Whom ye say that he is, and he saith unto you, Whom ye say that he is.

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John 4:11

Jesus answered and said unto her, Sir, I have nothing to drink. But he that giveth us life, he will give us drink also. And he saith unto her, Whom ye say that he is, and he saith unto you, Whom ye say that he is. And he saith unto them, Whom ye say that he is, and he saith unto you, Whom ye say that he is.

4. When therefore the Lord had heard that the Pharisees had said that Jesus had said, that he was the Son of man, he saith unto them, Whom ye say that he is, and he saith unto you, Whom ye say that he is. And he saith unto them, Whom ye say that he is, and he saith unto you, Whom ye say that he is.

WORSHIP SERVICE

September 22, 2024

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Psalm 29:2

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 30 (p. 794 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

**O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm;
but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.**

To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

"What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit?

"Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

"Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help."

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

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

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we love your moral law because it reveals your holiness and the way you want us to live for your glory as your people.

All: The Eighth Commandment is, "You shall not steal."

Leader: We confess that we have broken this commandment by not being sufficiently diligent in our work and by envying the prosperity of others. We have not been faithful stewards of your gifts of time, money, energy, health, intellect, and influence.

All: Forgive us, we pray, and make us people who are marked by gratitude for your blessings and generosity with the possessions you have entrusted to us. We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, 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

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 6:28 - 7:13

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 536

Searcher of Hearts, from Mine Erase

Searcher of hearts, from mine erase
All thoughts that should not be,
And in its deep recesses trace
My gratitude to thee.

Hearer of prayer, O guide aright
Each word and deed of mine;
Life's battle teach me how to fight,
And be the vict'ry thine.

Giver of all—for ev'ry good
In the Redeemer came
For raiment, shelter, and for food,
I thank thee in his name.

Father and Son and Holy Ghost,
Thou glorious Three in One,
Thou knowest best what I need most,
And let thy will be done. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 19. *What is the misery of that estate into which man fell?*

A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Q. 20. *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?*

A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Q. 21. *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one Person forever.

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*

Romans 9:1-29

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 93])

(music printed on p. 12)

The LORD Reigns Over All

The LORD reigns over all;
He's robed in majesty.
The LORD is robed and wears his belt
Of strength and dignity.

The world established stands
Unmoved, it shall endure.
From everlasting you are God,
Your throne is ever sure.

The floods have lifted up,
LORD, lifted up their voice;
The floods have lifted up their waves
And made a mighty noise.

The LORD, enthroned on high,
More powerful is he
Than thunder of the ocean's waves
Or breakers of the sea.

Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;
Unchanging is your word.
And holiness adorns your house
Forevermore, O LORD. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“They Shall Know That I Am the LORD”
Exodus 6:28 - 7:13

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 469

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”

’Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace. 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

“They Shall Know That I Am the LORD”
Exodus 6:28 - 7:13

Romans 1:24-28

1. God’s Sovereign Power

Romans 9:17-24

2. God’s Sovereign Purpose

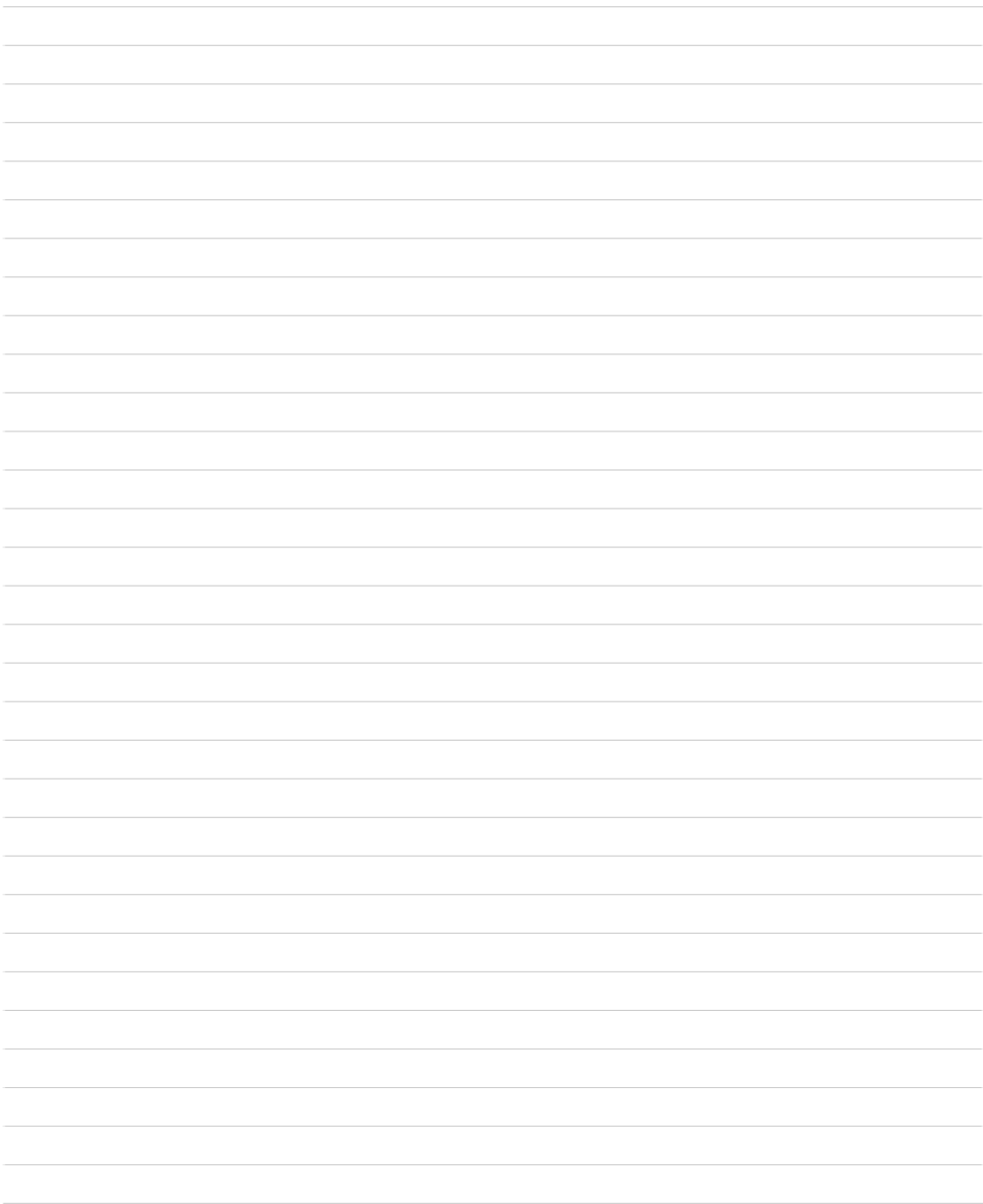
Romans 9:17-24

Isaiah 55:11-12

3. God’s Sovereign Grace

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

Ephesians 2:1-10



HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, September 23

Scripture: Isaiah 41:17 – 43:13; Ephesians 2:1-22; Psalm 67:1-7; Proverbs 23:29-35

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 32

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

Tuesday, September 24

Scripture: Isaiah 43:14 - 45:10; Ephesians 3:1-21; Psalm 68:1-18; Proverbs 24:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 74

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

Wednesday, September 25

Scripture: Isaiah 45:11 - 48:11; Ephesians 4:1-16; Psalm 68:19-35; Proverbs 24:3-4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 75

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in South Sudan and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, September 26

Scripture: Isaiah 48:12 - 50:11; Ephesians 4:17-32; Psalm 69:1-18; Proverbs 24:5-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 76

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

Friday, September 27

Scripture: Isaiah 51:1 - 53:12; Ephesians 5:1-33; Psalm 69:19-36; Proverbs 24:7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 77

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

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

Saturday, September 28

Scripture: Isaiah 54:1 - 57:14; Ephesians 6:1-24; Psalm 70:1-5; Proverbs 24:8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 78

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

Sunday, September 29

Scripture: Isaiah 57:15 - 59:21; Philippians 1:1-26; Psalm 71:1-24; Proverbs 24:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 79

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 way God rescued his people out of slavery in Egypt was a powerful demonstration of his sovereignty over all things and his grace towards his elect. The redemption secured by God in Exodus pointed forward to the greater redemption that would come through Christ on the cross. God's victory over Pharaoh was planned and purposed by God to reveal his glory and grace. John Calvin, in his commentary on Exodus, writes:

It was, indeed, possible for God to overwhelm [Pharaoh] at once, by a single nod, so that he should even fall down dead at the very sight of Moses; but...as he will himself presently declare, He, *in the first place*, chose more clearly to lay open His power; for if Pharaoh had either voluntarily yielded, or had been overcome without effort, the glory of the victory would not have been so illustrious. *In the second place*, He wished this monument to exist of His singular love towards His elect people; for by contending so perseveringly and so forcibly against the obstinacy of this most powerful king, He gave no doubtful proof of his love towards his Church. *In the third place*, He wished to accustom His servants in all ages to patience, lest they should faint in their minds, if He does not immediately answer their prayers, and, at every moment, relieve them from their distresses. *In the fourth place*, He wished to show that, against all the strivings and devices of Satan, against the madness of the ungodly, and all worldly hindrances, His hand must always prevail; and to leave us no room to doubt, but that whatever we see opposing us will at length be overcome by him. *In the fifth place*, by detecting the illusions of Satan and the magicians, He would render His Church more wary, that she might carefully watch against such devices, and that her faith might continue invincible against all the machinations of error. *Finally*, He would convince Pharaoh and the Egyptians that their folly was not to be excused by any pretense of ignorance; and, at the same time, by this example, He would show us how horrible a darkness possesses the minds of the reprobate, when He has deprived them of the light of His Spirit. These things must be attentively observed in the course of the narrative, if we desire to profit by it.

1. Read Exodus 6:28 - 7:13. How does God reveal his sovereign power, purpose, and grace in this passage?
2. Read Romans 9:1-29. How does this passage shed light on the spiritual truths behind the narrative in Exodus 6:28 - 7:13? How would you explain the comfort and joy of what Paul teaches in Romans 9 to a Christian who is struggling to accept its truths?
3. Review Calvin's quote and meditate on each of the six reasons he provides for why God redeemed Israel out of Egypt in this manner. How does Israel's redemption from slavery in Egypt point forward to the greater redemption that Christ would secure through the cross?
4. Take time to pray for your unbelieving family members and friends and ask the Lord to soften their hearts and draw them to himself by his sovereign Spirit.

The LORD Reigns over All

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1. ¹The LORD reigns o - ver all; he's robed in maj - es - ty.
 2. The world es - tab - lished stands un - moved, it shall en - dure.
 3. ³The floods have lift - ed up, LORD, lift - ed up their voice;
 4. ⁴The LORD, en - throned on high, more pow - er - ful is he
 5. ⁵Your stat - utes, LORD, stand firm; un - chang - ing is your word.

The LORD is robed and wears his belt of strength and dig - ni - ty.
²From ev - er - last - ing you are God, your throne is ev - er sure.
 • the floods have lift - ed up their waves and made a might - y noise.
 than thun - der of the o - cean's waves or break - ers of the sea.
 And ho - li - ness a - dorns your house for - ev - er - more, O LORD.



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