

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Psalm 146:1-2

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 148 (p. 840)

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He set them in place for ever and ever;

he gave a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel,
the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

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

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;
Unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our God and Father, we thank you for your great mercy to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sake you made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might be clothed in righteousness.

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

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, for taking for granted your many blessings to us. Forgive us for often desiring more than what it has pleased you to provide for us. 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. All praise, honor, and glory forever be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Deuteronomy 5:6-21; Matthew 22:34-40

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 250

Throned upon the Awful Tree

Throned upon the awful tree,
King of grief, I watch with thee.
Darkness veils thine anguished face:
None its lines of woe can trace:
None can tell what pangs unknown
Hold thee silent and alone.

Silent through those three dread hours,
Wrestling with the evil pow'rs,
Left alone with human sin,
Gloom around thee and within,
Till th'appointed time is nigh,
Till the Lamb of God may die.

Hark, that cry that peals aloud
Upward through the whelming cloud!
Thou, the Father's only Son,
Thou, his own Anointed One,
Thou dost ask him—can it be?—
“Why hast thou forsaken me?”

Lord, should fear and anguish roll
Darkly o'er my sinful soul,
Thou, who once wast thus bereft
That thine own might never be left,
Teach me by that bitter cry
In the gloom to know thee nigh. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 13. *Did our first parents continue in the estate in which they were created?*

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate in which they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 14. *What is sin?*

A. Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the Law of God.

Q. 15. *What was the sin by which our first parents fell from the estate in which they were created?*

A. The sin by which our first parents fell from the estate in which they were created, was their eating of the forbidden fruit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology*

Hymn 731

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.

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

1 Peter 1

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 24])

(printed on p. 12)

The Earth and Its Riches

The earth and its riches abundantly stored,
The world and its dwellers belong to the LORD.
For he on the seas its foundations has laid,
And firm on the waters its pillars has stayed.

O who shall the mount of the LORD God ascend?
And who in the place of his holiness stand?
The man of pure heart and of hands without stain,
Who swears not to idols, nor serves what is vain.

Yes, he from the LORD shall a blessing receive;
The God of salvation shall righteousness give.
Thus looking to him is a whole blessed race;
All those who, like Jacob, are seeking your face.

O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
O who is the King that in glory draws near?
The LORD, mighty LORD of the battle, is here!

O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
This great King of glory, O who can he be?
The LORD God of hosts, King of glory is he! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“Living Stones”

1 Peter 2:4-10

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 600

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav’nly comfort fraught!

Whate’er I do, where’er I be, still ’tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:

His faithful foll’wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes ‘mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden’s bowers bloom,

By waters calm, o’er troubled sea, still ’tis his hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:

His faithful foll’wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;

Content, whatever lot I see, since ’tis my God that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:

His faithful foll’wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the vict’ry’s won,
E’en death’s cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:

His faithful foll’wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me. Amen.

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.

SERMON NOTES

“Living Stones”
1 Peter 2:4-10

1. A Spiritual House (vv. 4-8)
2. Proclaiming His Excellencies (v. 9)

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, January 3

Scripture: Genesis 5:1 - 7:24; Matthew 3:7 - 4:11; Psalm 3:1-8; Proverbs 1:10-19

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 22

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

Tuesday, January 4

Scripture: Genesis 8:1 - 10:32; Matthew 4:12-25; Psalm 4:1-8; Proverbs 1:20-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 78

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

Wednesday, January 5

Scripture: Genesis 11:1 - 13:4; Matthew 5:1-26; Psalm 5:1-12; Proverbs 1:24-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 79

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in the DR Congo and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, January 6

Scripture: Genesis 13:5 - 15:21; Matthew 5:27-48; Psalm 6:1-10; Proverbs 1:29-33

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80

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

Friday, January 7

Scripture: Genesis 16:1 - 18:15; Matthew 6:1-24; Psalm 7:1-17; Proverbs 2:1-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

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

Saturday, January 8

Scripture: Genesis 18:16 - 19:38; Matthew 6:25 - 7:14; Psalm 8:1-9; Proverbs 2:6-15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 82

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

Sunday, January 9

Scripture: Genesis 20:1 - 22:24; Matthew 7:15-29; Psalm 9:1-12; Proverbs 2:16-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 83

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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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.

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LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

As we begin a new year, it is fitting to be reminded that living in obedience to God's commands is only possible because God has given us regenerate hearts, renewed minds, and has freed us from our bondage to sin through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus.

Peter begins his epistle by describing who we are in Christ: elect exiles according to the foreknowledge of God (1:1-20), born again through the resurrection of Jesus (1:3), heirs of an eternal, imperishable, unfading heavenly inheritance (1:4), guarded by God's power through faith for salvation (1:5). It is only once he establishes who we are in Christ that Peter moves to instructions on how to live. Our salvation in Christ describes first who we are, then directs how we are to live.

Let us resolve this year to remember our gracious election and salvation through Jesus Christ and live as obedient children of God, striving through the grace and power of God in all our conduct to be holy as he is holy.

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-10. What are some of the ways Peter describes our identity in Christ? Read 1 Peter 1:13-25. How does Peter connect our behavior to our identity in Christ?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:4-5. How are believers seen by the world? How are they seen by God? What is God creating with those he has saved?
3. Look up Exodus 19:5-6. How does this passage compare with 1 Peter 2:9? How does v. 9 describe who we are in Christ and what we are called to do?
4. What are some ways you can remind yourself each day of who you are in Christ and how you should live as one in Christ?

The Earth and Its Riches

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1. ¹The earth and its rich - es a - bun - dant - ly stored,
 2. ³O who shall the mount of the LORD God as - cend?
 3. ⁵Yes, he from the LORD shall a bless - ing re - ceive;
 4. ⁷O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!
 5. ⁹O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!

the world and its dwell - ers be - long to the LORD.
 And who in the place of his ho - li - ness stand?
 • the God of sal - va - tion shall righ - teous - ness give.
 The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!
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²For he on the seas its foun - da - tions has laid,
⁴The man of pure heart and of hands with - out stain,
 • ⁶Thus look - ing to him is a whole bless - ed race;
⁸O who is the King that in glo - ry draws near?
¹⁰This great King of glo - ry, O who can he be?

and firm on the wa - ters its pil - lars has stayed.
 who swears not to i - dols, nor serves what is vain.
 • all those who, like Ja - cob, are seek - ing your face.
 The LORD, might - y LORD of the bat - tle, is here!
 The LORD God of hosts, King of glo - ry is he!