

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 11, 2020

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman,
born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Galatians 4:4-5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 43 (p. 801)

Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation;
rescue me from deceitful and wicked men.

You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me?

Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;

let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight.

I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 21

Sing Praise to the Lord!

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his Word, you angels of light.
You heavens, adore him by whom you were made,
And worship before him in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him on the earth
In tuneful accord, you saints of new birth.
Praise him who has brought you his grace from above;
Praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.

Sing praise to the Lord! All things that give sound,
Each jubilant chord, re-echo around.
Loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone,
And trumpets, the story of what he has done.

Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: We praise you, our God and King, because you are holy and good. Your unfailing love is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

All: As we enter into worship, we feel the vast difference between who we are as creatures and who you are as our Creator. We are painfully aware of how we have sinned and fall short of your glory.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. Help us not to grow weary in doing good, but instead fill us with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.

All: 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

Acts 10:42-43

And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

First Reading

Acts 16:11-24

Congregational Response

Hymn 3

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Give to our God immortal praise;
Mercy and truth are all his ways:
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown;
The King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When lords and kings are known no more.

He built the earth, he spread the sky,
And fixed the starry lights on high:
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light;
He bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save
From guilt and darkness and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet,
And leads us to his heav'nly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When this vain world shall be no more. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 85. *What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?*

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance to life, with the diligent use of all the outward means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. *What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, by which we receive and rest on him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. *What is repentance to life?*

A. Repentance to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and understanding of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it to God, with full intention of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology

Hymn 732

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 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 92:1-9, 12-15])

Hymn 635 (*music on pg. 6*)

How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

How good it is to thank the Lord,
And praise to you, Most High, accord,
To show your love with morning light,
And tell your faithfulness each night;
Yea, good it is your praise to sing,
And all our sweetest music bring.

O Lord, with joy my heart expands
Before the wonders of your hands;
Great works, Jehovah, you have wrought,
Exceeding deep your ev'ry thought;
A foolish man knows not their worth,
Nor he whose mind is of the earth.

When as the grass the wicked grow,
When sinners flourish here below,
Then is there endless ruin nigh,
But you, O Lord, are throned on high;
Your foes shall fall before your might,
The wicked shall be put to flight.

The righteous man shall flourish well,
And in the house of God shall dwell;
He shall be like a goodly tree,
And all his life shall fruitful be;
For righteous is the Lord and just,
He is my rock, in him I trust. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“A Pastor’s Heart”
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

1. A Pastor’s Heart Is Seen in His Message
2. A Pastor’s Heart Is Seen in His Ministry
3. A Pastor’s Heart Is Seen in His Goal

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn 705

I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.
*But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."*

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart.
*But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."*

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him.
*But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."*

I know not what of good or ill may be reserved for me,
Of weary ways or golden days, before his face I see.
*But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."*

I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noonday fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."
*But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed unto him against that day." Amen.*

Benediction

Congregational Benediction Response

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

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It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High. Ps. 92:1

1. How good it is to thank the Lord, and praise to you, Most
 2. O Lord, with joy my heart ex - pands be - fore the won - ders
 3. When as the grass the wick - ed grow, when sin - ners flour - ish
 4. The righ - teous man shall flour - ish well, and in the house of

High, ac - cord, to show your love with morn - ing light, and
 of your hands; great works, Je - ho - vah, you have wrought, ex -
 here be - low, then is there end - less ru - in nigh, but
 God shall dwell; he shall be like a good - ly tree, and

tell your faith - ful - ness each night; yea, good it is your
 ceed - ing deep your ev - 'ry thought; a fool - ish man knows
 you, O Lord, are throned on high; your foes shall fall be -
 all his life shall fruit - ful be; for righ - teous is the

praise to sing, and all our sweet - est mu - sic bring.
 not their worth, nor he whose mind is of the earth.
 fore your might, the wick - ed shall be put to flight.
 Lord and just, he is my rock, in him I trust.

From Psalm 92:1-9, 12-15
The Psalter, 1912; mod.

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LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

In Ephesians 4:11-12 the Apostle Paul says that Jesus gave good gifts to His church, and these gifts are “the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers” so that believers would be equipped for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Notice that these ‘good gifts’ have been specially called, raised up and equipped by God for the benefit of His body, the Church. They have a heart for God’s people and a desire to serve them because they are precious in the sight of God. In 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12, we see that the Apostle Paul had a shepherd’s heart for the Thessalonian believers. Even though his time with them was cut short, he served and ministered to them gently and affectionally, sharing their lives with them. In this we are given an example of what true shepherds (pastors) look like.

1. In 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12, how does Paul describe his (and Silvanus and Timothy’s) ministry in Thessalonica? How does their ministry compare to popular ‘televangelists’ today?
2. Where does a pastor’s authority and call to preach the gospel come from (v. 4)? In light of this, how should we receive the faithful preaching of the gospel (1 Thess. 2:13)?
3. What do we learn in these verses about the relationship between a pastor and a congregation?

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.
Use our church directory to pray for an individual or family each day.*

Monday, October 12

Scripture: Jeremiah 19:1 - 21:14; 1 Thess. 5:4-28; Psalm 82:1-8; Proverbs 25:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 24

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

Tuesday, October 13

Scripture: Jeremiah 22:1 - 23:20; 2 Thess. 1:1-12; Psalm 83:1-18; Proverbs 25:11-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 15

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

Wednesday, October 14

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

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 16

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.
The churches in Yemen and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, 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 17

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

Friday, 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 18

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

Saturday, 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 19

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

Sunday, 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 20

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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