



# GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

**Psalm 66:8-9**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 31:15-24 (p. 795 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

**Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.**

Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I have cried out to you;  
but let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in the grave.

**Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly  
against the righteous.**

How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you,

**which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.**

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men;

**in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.**

Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city.

**In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!"**

Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help.

**Love the LORD, all his saints!**

The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.

**Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.**

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

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

## Hymn of Preparation\*

### *Here Is Love*

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,  
When the Prince of life, our Ransom, shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten, throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil: Christ, the firstborn from the grave;  
Death has failed to be found equal to the life of him who saves.

In the valley of our darkness dawned his everlasting light;  
Perfect love in glorious radiance has repelled death's hellish night.

That same love beyond all measure, mocked and slain by hateful men,  
Lives and reigns in resurrection and can never die again.

Here is love for all the ages, radiant Son of heav'n he stands,  
Calling home his Father's children, holding forth his wounded hands.

Here is love, vast as the heavens; countless as the stars above  
Are the souls that he has ransomed, precious daughters, treasured sons.

We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time;  
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit now with man are intertwined. Amen.

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** O Lord our God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. As we consider your glory and holiness, we are humbled and readily acknowledge our sinfulness.

**All:** We confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray, and grant that as we hear your assurance of pardon, we would accept, receive, and rest on Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life.

**All:** We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

## Private Confession of Our Sins

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 28:1-12

Congregational Response

Hymn 517

### *I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend!*

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!  
He loved me ere I knew him;  
He drew me with the cords of love,  
And thus he bound me to him;  
And round my heart still closely twine  
Those ties which naught can sever,  
For I am his, and he is mine,  
Forever and forever.

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!  
He bled, he died to save me;  
And not alone the gift of life,  
But his own self he gave me!  
Naught that I have mine own I'll call,  
I'll hold it for the Giver,  
My heart, my strength, my life, my all  
Are his, and his forever.

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!  
All pow'r to him is given,  
To guard me on my onward course,  
And bring me safe to heaven:  
Eternal glory gleams afar,  
To nerve my faint endeavor:  
So now to watch, to work, to war;  
And then to rest forever.

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend!  
So kind and true and tender,  
So wise a Counselor and guide,  
So mighty a defender!  
From him who loves me now so well  
What pow'r my soul can sever?  
Shall life or death, shall earth or hell?  
No! I am his forever. Amen.



## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 35.** *What is sanctification?*

**A.** Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, by which we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

**Q. 36.** *What are the benefits that in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?*

**A.** The benefits that in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance to the end.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 734

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 29:1-9

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 96])

Hymn 62

## *Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise*

Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all you peoples,  
New be your song as new honors you pay;  
Sing of his majesty, bless him forever,  
Show his salvation from day to day.

Tell of his wondrous works, tell of his glory,  
Till through the nations his name is revered;  
Praise and exalt him, for he is almighty;  
God over all let the Lord be feared.

Vain are the heathen gods, idols and helpless;  
God made the heav'ns, and his glory they tell;  
Honor and majesty shine out before him,  
Beauty and strength in his temple dwell.

Give unto God Most High glory and honor,  
Come with your off'rings and humbly draw near;  
In holy beauty now worship Jehovah,  
Tremble before him with godly fear.

Make all the nations know God reigns forever;  
Earth is established as he did decree;  
Righteous and just is the King of the nations,  
Judging the people with equity.

Let heav'n and earth be glad; waves of the ocean,  
Forest and field, exultation express;  
For God is coming, the Judge of the nations,  
Coming to judge in his righteousness. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Christ Is Our Perfect Great High Priest”  
Exodus 28:1 - 29:46; 30:22-38; 39:1-31

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

### Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 305

#### *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for ev’ry race, his blood atoned for ev’ry race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; his pard’ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry. 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

## “Christ Is Our Perfect Great High Priest”

Exodus 28:1 - 29:46; 30:22-38; 39:1-31

1. The clothing revealed that the high priest represented the people before God. (Exodus 28)  
The ephod (Exodus 28:12)  
The breastpiece (Exodus 28:29)  
  
Christ represents us before God in heaven. (Hebrews 9:24)
2. The ordination ceremony revealed that the priests were set apart for their office. (Exodus 29)  
The anointing with oil (Exodus 29:4-9)  
  
Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit beyond measure. (Isaiah 11:2; Luke 1:34-35)
3. The sacrifices during the ceremony revealed that the priests were not perfect. (Exodus 29)  
The sacrifices (Exodus 29:10, 15, 19)  
  
Christ is our perfect Great High Priest. (Hebrews 7:26-27)  
He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:14)



# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, October 13**

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 21

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

## **Tuesday, 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 83

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

## **Wednesday, 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 84

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

## **Thursday, 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 85

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

## **Friday, 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 86

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.  
The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

## **Saturday, 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 87

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

## **Sunday, October 19**

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:1 - 34:22; 1 Timothy 4:1-16; Psalm 89:1-13; Proverbs 25:23-24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 88

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**

# **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

## **Prelude**

### **Greeting and Call to Worship\***

Psalm 66:1-7

**Leader:** Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”

**All:** Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

### **Hymn\***

“Great God, How Infinite Art Thou!” Hymn 27

### **Congregational Confession of Sin**

Gracious God, the Lord Jesus tells us in Scripture that we must be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. We acknowledge that these words are challenging and discouraging. As we consider how we have acted and what we have thought about this past week, we confess that we have not lived perfectly. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us the desire and the ability to do what pleases you. We praise you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the perfect obedience of Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **Hymn**

“Be Still, My Soul” Hymn 689

### **Scripture Reading\***

Philippians 4:4-9

### **Hymn**

“According to Thy Gracious Word” Hymn 423

### **Prayer**

### **Sermon**

“Harried Hearts Made Whole”

Pastor Sam Hogan

Psalm 138

### **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

### **Hymn\***

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Hymn 598

### **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.





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