





GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

Psalm 66:20

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 34 (p. 796 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,

keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;

the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

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

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

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
For thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we acknowledge along with the psalmist that “the sum of your Word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.”

All: The Second Commandment of your Law is: “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Leader: We confess that we have broken this commandment by making idols of wealth, comfort, and pleasure. We have neglected to worship you in sincerity and to prioritize your glory.

All: Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

2 Samuel 24:1-14

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. 37. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?*

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the resurrection.

Q. 38. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

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.

✧ *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*

2 Samuel 24:15-25

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

“You Were Bought with a Price”
Exodus 30:11-16

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 299

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious: see the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious, ev’ry knee to him shall bow.
Crown him! Crown him! Crowns become the Victor’s brow.

Crown the Savior, angels, crown him; rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of pow’r enthrone him, while the vault of heaven rings.
Crown him! Crown him! Crown the Savior King of kings.

Sinners in derision crowned him, mocking thus the Savior’s claim;
Saints and angels crowd around him, own his title, praise his name.
Crown him! Crown him! Spread abroad the Victor’s fame!

Hark! those bursts of acclamation! Hark! those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords!
Crown him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

“You Were Bought with a Price”

Exodus 30:11-16

1. The census tax reminded Israel that they were God's people.

Numbers 1:2-3

2 Samuel 24

- ## 2. Application for us:

- The significance of tithing. (2 Cor. 9:7)

- The Gospel: “you are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

- How we treat each other.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, October 20

Scripture: Jeremiah 35:1 - 36:32; 1 Timothy 5:1-25; Psalm 89:14-37; Prov. 25:25-27

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 22

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

Tuesday, October 21

Scripture: Jeremiah 37:1 - 38:28; 1 Timothy 6:1-21; Psalm 89:38-52; Proverbs 25:28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 89

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

Wednesday, October 22

Scripture: Jeremiah 39:1 - 41:18; 2 Timothy 1:1-18; Psalm 90:1 - 91:16; Prov. 26:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 90

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

Thursday, October 23

Scripture: Jeremiah 42:1 - 44:23; 2 Timothy 2:1-21; Psalm 92:1 - 93:5; Proverbs 26:3-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 91

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

Friday, October 24

Scripture: Jeremiah 44:24 - 47:7; 2 Timothy 2:22 - 3:17; Psalm 94:1-23; Prov. 26:6-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 92

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

Saturday, October 25

Scripture: Jeremiah 48:1 - 49:22; 2 Timothy 4:1-22; Psalm 95:1 - 96:13; Prov. 26:9-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 93

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

Sunday, October 26

Scripture: Jeremiah 49:23 - 50:46; Titus 1:1-16; Psalm 97:1 - 98:9; Proverbs 26:13-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 94

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 GATHERING for PRAYER and HYMNS

Scripture Reading and Opening Prayer

Hymn 116 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer of Adoration, Praise, and Thanksgiving

Hymn 108 “What’er My God Ordains Is Right”

Prayer for Church Members, Family, and Friends

Hymn 529 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Update from Pastor Rudy Manrique

Prayer for The Shepherd’s Church and Our Missionaries

Hymn 441 “Jesus Shall Reign”

Closing Prayer



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