



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 1, 2026

I love you, O LORD, my strength.
Psalm 18:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading* Psalm 148 (p. 840 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

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

Hymn of Preparation* Hymn 252

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: O Lord our God, you are glorious and awesome! 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 beauty 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. Grant us repentant hearts to understand the sinfulness of our sins but also the assurance of forgiveness that comes by faith in the Lord 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 John 6:37-39

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading* Psalm 40

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me, what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!
All glory be to Christ, our King, all glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, his Kingdom come, on earth as is above;
Who is himself our daily bread, praise him the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price;
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!
All glory be to Christ, our King, all glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I AM, the Faithful and the True;
The Lamb, who was for sinners slain, is making all things new,
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light,
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ!
All glory be to Christ, our King, all glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ! Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 49. *Which is the second commandment?*

A. The second commandment 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."

Q. 50. *What is required in the second commandment?*

A. The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.

Q. 51. *What is forbidden in the second commandment?*

A. The second commandment forbids the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Q. 52. *What are the reasons attached to the second commandment?*

A. The reasons attached to the second commandment are: God's sovereignty over us, his ownership in us, and the zeal he has for his own worship.

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.

❖ *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* John 14:1-14

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month: Psalm 148) Hymn 18

You Holy Angels Bright

You holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song, for else the theme too high does seem for mortal tongue.

You blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released, behold the Savior's face;
God's praises sound, as in his sight with sweet delight you do abound.

All nations of the earth, extol the world's great King;
With melody and mirth his glorious praises sing;
For he still reigns, and will bring low the proudest foe that him disdains.

Sing forth Jehovah's praise, you saints, that on him call!
Him magnify always, his holy churches all!
In him rejoice, and there proclaim his holy name with sounding voice.

My soul, bear now your part, triumph in God above;
With a well-tuned heart sing now the songs of love;
You are his own, whose precious blood shed for your good his love made known.

Away, distrustful care! I have your promise, Lord;
To banish all despair, I have your oath and word;
And therefore I shall see your face and there your grace shall magnify.

With your triumphant flock then I shall numbered be;
Built on th'eternal Rock, his glory we shall see.
The heav'ns so high with praise shall ring and all shall sing in harmony. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Pastor Ben Muresan

"Christ Alone"
1 Timothy 2:5-6

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand. 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

"Christ Alone"
1 Timothy 2:5-6

1. Christ alone is God and man.
   Luke 1:35; John 14:6-7

2. Christ alone gave himself as a ransom.
   Mark 10:45; John 10:18

3. Christ alone is the sure way of salvation.
   Acts 4:12

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, November 2
Scripture: Ezekiel 3:16 - 6:14; Hebrews 4:1-16; Psalm 104:24-35; Proverbs 26:27
Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 11
Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Tuesday, November 3
Scripture: Ezekiel 7:1 - 9:11; Hebrews 5:1-14; Psalm 105:1-15; Proverbs 26:28
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 92
Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

Wednesday, November 4
Scripture: Ezekiel 10:1 - 11:25; Hebrews 6:1-20; Psalm 105:16-36; Proverbs 27:1-2
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 93
Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.
The churches in the Falkland Islands and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, November 5
Scripture: Ezekiel 12:1 - 14:11; Hebrews 7:1-17; Psalm 105:37-45; Proverbs 27:3
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 94
Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

Friday, November 6
Scripture: Ezekiel 14:12 - 16:41; Hebrews 7:18-28; Psalm 106:1-12; Proverbs 27:4-6
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 95
Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.
The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

Saturday, November 7
Scripture: Ezekiel 16:42 - 17:24; Hebrews 8:1-13; Psalm 106:13-31; Proverbs 27:7-9
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 96
Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

Sunday, November 8
Scripture: Ezekiel 18:1 - 19:14; Hebrews 9:1-10; Psalm 106:32-48; Proverbs 27:10
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 97
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 the Dominican Republic
Dave Eby in Uganda
Christ Bible Institute in Japan
The Shepherd's Church in Riverside

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Read the following sections of Westminster Confession of Faith chapter 8 and use the questions to reflect on both the Confession and what you learned in the sermon:

1. God was pleased, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and man. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the Head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. God gave to him, from all eternity, a people to be his seed and to be by him, in time, redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

How does this section describe the uniqueness of Christ's mediation?
How does it reflect what Jesus said in John 14:6-7?

2. The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being truly and eternally God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time had come, take upon himself man's nature, with all its essential properties and common frailties, yet without sin. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance. In this way, two whole natures, the divine and the human, perfect and distinct, were inseparably joined together in one person without being changed, mixed, or confused. This person is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

How does this section explain the wonder of Christ's two natures?
Why is the fact that Christ is the God-man essential to understanding his place as the only mediator between God and people?

3. In his human nature, united to the divine nature, the Lord Jesus was set apart and anointed with the Holy Spirit beyond measure, having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. In him the Father was pleased to have all fullness dwell, so that—being holy, blameless, and undefiled, full of grace and truth—he might be completely equipped to fulfill the office of a mediator and guarantor. He did not take this office to himself but was called to it by his Father, who put all power and judgment into his hand and commanded him to execute it.

How does this section explain what the angel said in Luke 1:35?

4. This office the Lord Jesus most willingly undertook, and in order to discharge its obligations he was born under the law and perfectly fulfilled it. He endured most grievous torments in his soul and most painful sufferings in his body; he was crucified, died, and was buried; he remained under the power of death, yet his body did not undergo decay; and he arose from the dead on the third day with the same body in which he had suffered. In this body he ascended into heaven, where he sits at the right hand of his Father, making intercession, and he shall return to judge men and angels at the end of the age.

How does this section explain what Jesus said in John 10:18?
What does his willingness to be our ransom reveal about his love for his people?
How does reflecting on this help you grow in assurance and joy?



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