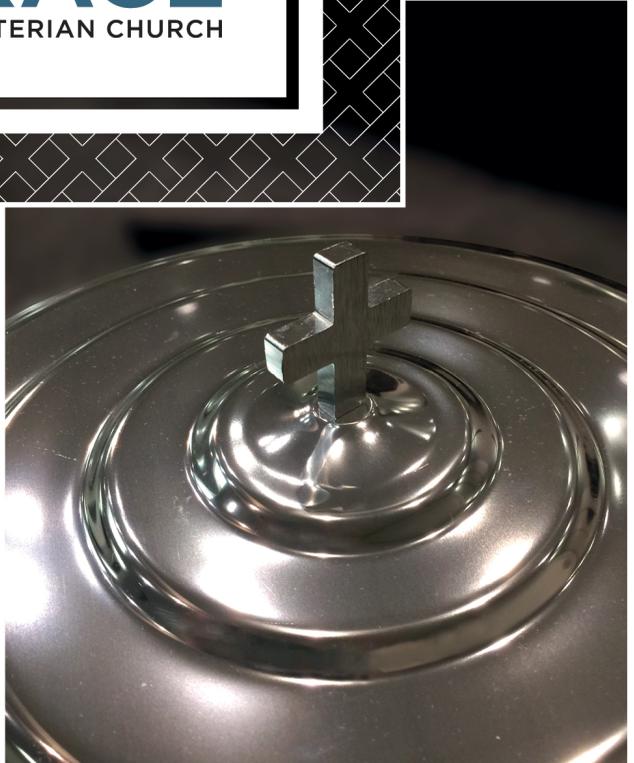
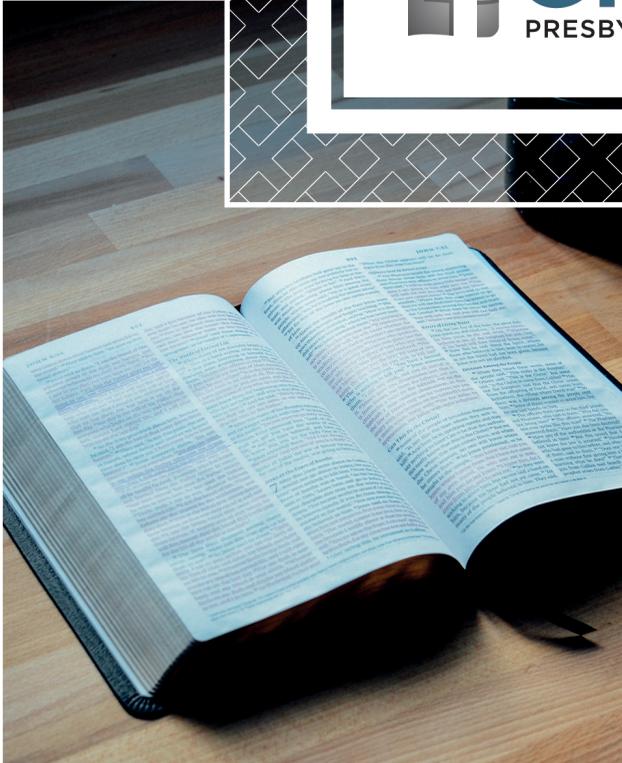


 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Psalm 32:11

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 37:1-9 (p. 797 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;

for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

**He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**do not fret when men succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.**

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

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

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, we delight in your Law, which is holy, righteous, and good. It is firmly fixed in the heavens forever. The Ninth Commandment of your Law is, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

All: We confess that we have broken this commandment by lying, gossiping, boasting, slandering, and concealing the truth. We have not earnestly sought to protect the good reputations of our neighbors, as well as our own. Forgive us, we pray, and enable us to always reject what is false and to rejoice in the truth. 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

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 40:1-15

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 56

When All Your Mercies, O My God

When all your mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Your tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From whom those comforts flowed.

When worn with sickness, oft have you
With health renewed my face;
And when in sins and sorrows sunk,
Revived my soul with grace.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.

Through ev'ry period of my life
Your goodness I'll pursue;
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to you
A joyful song I'll raise;
For oh, eternity's too short
To utter all your praise. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 73. *Which is the eighth commandment?*

A. The eighth commandment is, “You shall not steal.”

Q. 74. *What is required in the eighth commandment?*

A. The eighth commandment requires that we utilize only lawful means in obtaining and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. *What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?*

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatever does, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor’s, wealth or outward estate.

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*

Exodus 40:16-38

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 37])

Hymn 671

Forever Trusting in the Lord

Forever trusting in the Lord,
Take heed to do his will;
So shall you dwell within the land,
And he your needs shall fill.

Delight now in the Lord, and he
Will grant your heart's request;
To him commit your way in faith,
And thus you shall be blessed.

And he shall make your righteousness
Shine brightly as the light,
And as the burning noonday sun
Your judgment shall be bright.

Rest in the Lord with quiet trust,
Wait patiently for him;
Though wickedness triumphant seem,
Let not your faith grow dim. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“We Will Be in God’s Presence Forever”
Exodus 40

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 455

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain an int’reast in the Savior’s blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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’Tis myst’ry all! Th’Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
’Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father’s throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
Humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
’Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature’s night;
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th’eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for 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.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, February 2

Scripture: Exodus 15:19 - 17:7; Matthew 22:1-33; Psalm 27:1-6; Proverbs 6:20-26

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 5

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

Tuesday, February 3

Scripture: Exodus 17:8 - 19:15; Matthew 22:34 - 23:12; Ps. 27:7-14; Proverbs 6:27-35

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 72

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

Wednesday, February 4

Scripture: Exodus 19:16 - 21:21; Matthew 23:13-39; Psalm 28:1-9; Proverbs 7:1-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 73

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

Thursday, February 5

Scripture: Exodus 21:22 - 23:13; Matthew 24:1-28; Psalm 29:1-11; Proverbs 7:6-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 74

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

Friday, February 6

Scripture: Exodus 23:14 - 25:40; Matthew 24:29-51; Psalm 30:1-12; Proverbs 7:24-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 75

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

Saturday, February 7

Scripture: Exodus 26:1 - 27:21; Matthew 25:1-30; Psalm 31:1-8; Proverbs 8:1-11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 76

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

Sunday, February 8

Scripture: Exodus 28:1-43; Matthew 25:31 - 26:13; Psalm 31:9-18; Proverbs 8:12-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 77

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

At the end of the book of Exodus, God revealed his desire to dwell with his people by filling the Tabernacle with his glory. Through the Tabernacle, God had made a way for the sin that separated him and his people to be dealt with by a priesthood and blood sacrifice (which all pointed to Christ). He had brought them out of slavery in Egypt, and would now dwell with them through their journey to the Promised Land. John Mackay in his commentary on Exodus writes:

With the completion of the Tabernacle and with the Lord's approval of it signified by his presence in it, Israel had received a real pledge of the covenant that the Lord had entered into with them....Their privileges were real, but as yet restricted. Even while the Tabernacle pointed to God's presence with them, its barriers—both the physical barriers of separation and the need for sacrifice before any could enter the courtyard—prevented free and unfettered access to the Lord. The promise that this would eventually be done had already been given, and the people, with their consciousness of their own sin and imperfection enhanced, were left to wait the arrival of the One who would perfectly and completely carry through all that was foreshadowed in the typical ordinances of the Old Testament sanctuary.

1. The book of Exodus has 3 main sections: 1) God delivers his people out of slavery in Egypt; 2) he gives them the Law at Mt. Sinai; 3) they build the Tabernacle. As you think about what you learned in this sermon series, how do each of these main sections point to Christ?
2. Read Exodus 40:1-33. Why did God give Israel such detailed instructions about the Tabernacle? What does this reveal about how we should approach God in worship?
3. Read Exodus 40:34-38. What does this passage reveal about God's covenant faithfulness?
4. Review the sermon outline and the Scripture passages associated with each point. How does learning the biblical theology of God's presence comfort and encourage you?
5. In preparation for our study next Sunday, read through Colossians in one sitting. As you read, what doctrinal errors does it seem that Paul might have been addressing? What practical applications does he make for the Christian life?



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