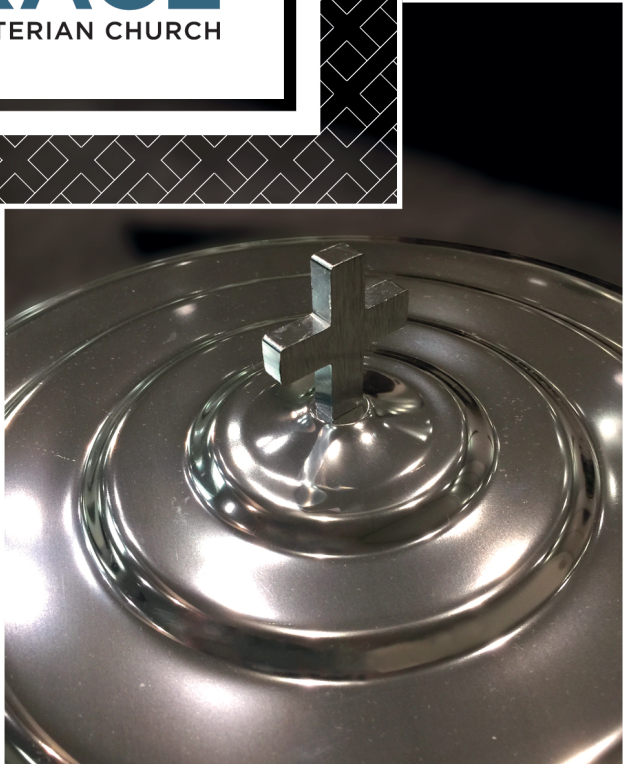


 **GRACE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# WORSHIP SERVICE

February 16, 2025

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**Psalm 34:22**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 92 (p. 817 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

**to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,  
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.**

For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

**How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!**

The senseless man does not know, fools do not understand,

**that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish,  
they will be forever destroyed.**

But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.

**For surely your enemies, O LORD, surely your enemies will perish;  
all evildoers will be scattered.**

You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured upon me.

**My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries;  
my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.**

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

**planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.**

They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,

**proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."**

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

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

***For All the Saints***

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the  
Countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we come before you with guilt and shame as we consider how we have offended you by our sinful actions, our hurtful words, and our disgraceful thoughts.

**All:** You know us even better than we know ourselves; none of our sins are hidden from your sight. It grieves us that we continually fall short of what your Word commands.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Enable us to lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and strengthen us to run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at your right hand.

**All:** All praise, honor, glory, and power be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Psalm 95

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

(music printed on p. 12)

### *Union with Thee*

Grace of the Father before there was time,  
Chose us in Christ by the mercy divine.  
Love laid the plans for our rescue to be  
Purchased by blood for our union with thee.

Humbled in flesh, O thou bright shining Son,  
Lord of the universe bearing our sin,  
Long-suff'ring Servant from manger to tree,  
Thy substitution won union with thee.

Raised on the third day, Destroyer of death,  
Sent forth thy Spirit with lifegiving breath.  
Hearts are made new, dead eyes opened to see;  
Life-yielding faith brings us union with thee.

Filled with thy Spirit, we're led by thy Word;  
Cross before crown is our road and reward.  
Dark be the path, yet in thy light we see  
Dying is living in union with thee.

Loved by the Father and bought by the Son,  
Called by the Spirit to service and song,  
Strangers and exiles until we receive  
Pleasures unfading in union with thee. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 70.** *Which is the seventh commandment?*

**A.** The seventh commandment is, “You shall not commit adultery.”

**Q. 71.** *What is required in the seventh commandment?*

**A.** The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor’s chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

**Q. 72.** *What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?*

**A.** The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

## 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\*

1 Corinthians 10:1-11

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 119:33-40])

Hymn 149

### *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth*

Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth,  
And from it I will not depart;  
That I may steadfastly obey,  
Give me an understanding heart.

In your commandments make me walk,  
For in your law my joy shall be;  
Give me a heart that loves your will,  
From discontent and envy free.

Turn now my eyes from vanity,  
And cause me in your ways to tread;  
O let your servant prove your word  
And thus to godly fear be led.

Turn away my reproach and fear;  
Your righteous judgments I confess;  
To know your precepts I desire;  
Revive me in your righteousness. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Rock of Our Salvation”  
Exodus 17:1-7

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

**Hymn of Thanksgiving\***

Hymn 500

### ***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. 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

“The Rock of Our Salvation”  
Exodus 17:1-7

## Genesis 15

1. The Charge: God was guilty of failing to keep the covenant.
2. The Verdict: Israel was guilty of failing to trust the Lord.  
Psalm 95:6-9
3. The Sentence: God took their punishment upon himself.  
1 Corinthians 10:4, "...the Rock was Christ."  
John 19:34; 7:37-39



# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, February 17**

Scripture: Leviticus 4:1 - 5:19; Mark 2:13 - 3:6; Psalm 36:1-12; Proverbs 10:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 20

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

## **Tuesday, February 18**

Scripture: Leviticus 6:1 - 7:27; Mark 3:7-30; Psalm 37:1-11; Proverbs 10:3-4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 93

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

## **Wednesday, February 19**

Scripture: Leviticus 7:28 - 9:6; Mark 3:31 - 4:25; Psalm 37:12-29; Proverbs 10:5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 94

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Turkey and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, February 20**

Scripture: Leviticus 9:7 - 10:20; Mark 4:26 - 5:20; Psalm 37:30-40; Proverbs 10:6-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 95

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

## **Friday, February 21**

Scripture: Leviticus 11:1 - 12:8; Mark 5:21-43; Psalm 38:1-22; Proverbs 10:8-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 96

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

## **Saturday, February 22**

Scripture: Leviticus 13:1-59; Mark 6:1-29; Psalm 39:1-13; Proverbs 10:10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 97

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

## **Sunday, February 23**

Scripture: Leviticus 14:1-57; Mark 6:30-56; Psalm 40:1-10; Proverbs 10:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 98

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 339** “For Your Gift of God the Spirit” (sung to “Come Thou Fount”)

**Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving**

**Devotion**

**Hymn 348** “Jesus, with Thy Church Abide”

**Prayer for Our Church Family (Local and Global)**

**Hymn 469** “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

**Prayer for the Shepherd’s Church and the Manrique Family**

**Hymn 87** “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

**Closing Prayer**

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## Union with Thee

1. Grace of the Fa - ther be - fore there was time, chose us in  
 2. Hum - bled in flesh, O thou bright shin - ing Son, Lord of the  
 3. Raised on the third day, De - stroy - er of death, sent forth thy  
 4. Filled with thy Spir - it, we're led by thy Word; cross be - fore  
 5. Loved by the Fa - ther and bought by the Son, called by the

Christ by the mer - cy div - ine. Love laid the plans for our  
 u - ni - verse bear - ing our sin, long - suf - f'ring Ser - vant from  
 • Spir - it with life - giv - ing breath. Hearts are made new, dead eyes  
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 Spir - it to ser - vice and song, stran - gers and ex - iles un -

res - cue to be pur - chased by blood for our un - ion with thee.  
 man - ger to tree, thy sub - sti - tu - tion won un - ion with thee.  
 • o - pened to see; life - yield - ing faith brings us un - ion with thee.  
 thy light we see dy - ing is liv - ing in un - ion with thee.  
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