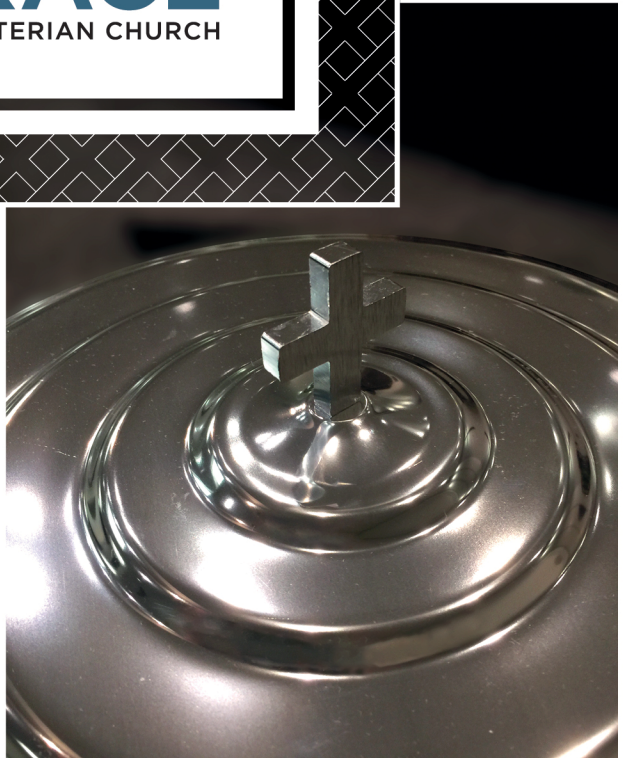


 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

February 2, 2025

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

Psalms 34:9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalms 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

**Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!**

Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.

**Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.**

Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.

**Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!**

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

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

O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose—our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, we come before you to acknowledge our sin, because if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: We confess that we have walked in darkness rather than living according to what you have revealed to us in your Word. We have sinned against you and our neighbors, and we are ashamed and sorry for how we have displeased you.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and renew our wills. We desire to be conformed more and more to the likeness of Christ; grant us grace and work in us by your Holy Spirit to that end.

All: Thank you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 16:1-12

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. 63. *Which is the fifth commandment?*

A. The fifth commandment is, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

Q. 64. *What is required in the fifth commandment?*

A. The fifth commandment requires the preserving of the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their various situations and relationships, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

Q. 65. *What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?*

A. The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty that belong to everyone in their various situations and relationships.

Q. 66. *What is the reason attached to the fifth commandment?*

A. The reason attached to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God’s glory, and their own good) to all who keep this commandment.

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 16:13-36

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 Bread of Life”
Exodus 16

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 647

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer’s ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
’Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treas’ry filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I’ll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death. 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

“The Bread of Life”

Exodus 16

1. God's great patience. (vv. 1-12)
Psalm 86:15; 2 Peter 3:9, 15
2. God's great provision. (vv. 13-36)
Providential (Matthew 6:11)
Consistent
Satisfying

3. God's greater promise.

John 6:30-35, 48-51

We need bread for physical life; we need Christ for eternal life.

We need bread daily; we need Christ daily.

We need bread to satisfy physical hunger; we need Christ to satisfy our spiritual hunger.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, February 3

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 18

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

Tuesday, 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 81

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

Wednesday, 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 82

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Trinidad and Tobago and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, 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 83

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

Friday, 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 84

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

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

Saturday, 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 85

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

Sunday, February 9

Scripture: Exodus 29:1 - 30:10; Matthew 26:14-46; Psalm 31:19-24; Proverbs 8:14-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 86

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

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The Lord revealed his kindness to his people by providing for all their needs in the wilderness. Though they grumbled against him, he was patient with them and provided water and food. In the same way, he continues to be patient with us. Though we are often ungrateful and discontent with his provision, he nevertheless providentially sustains us by providing for all our needs and often even fulfilling our wants. God's provision of bread in the wilderness was ultimately pointing forward to Christ, the true Bread who would be sent from heaven to give life to his people. Richard Phillips, in his commentary on John, writes:

Jesus is the "true bread" that the Father gives (John 6:32). This shows the relationship between the Old Testament signs and the New Testament reality in Christ. The manna given in the exodus was real—it actually fed the people—but Jesus was the true fulfillment of what it represented. This is the case with all the Old Testament symbols, or "types," of Christ. Israel had Moses as a redeemer, but Jesus is the true Redeemer. Jerusalem had a temple, but Jesus is the true temple where God meets with man. John obviously wants us to realize this relationship, because he frequently brings up Old Testament figures that are fulfilled in Christ. The first was Jacob's ladder, which showed "heaven opened," with "angels of God ascending and descending" (1:51). Jesus is the true stairway to heaven. The second was the bronze serpent that Moses lifted up to save those dying from snakebite (3:14). But it is truly by looking to the cross of Christ that we are saved from the curse of sin. Likewise, God sent manna to care for the people's needs, but Jesus is the true Bread that meets our greatest need.

1. Read Exodus 16:2-3. Why was Israel's grumbling unjustified? What does their grumbling reveal about our sinful hearts?
2. Read Exodus 16:4-12. What do these verses reveal about God's patience with his people? How does God's patience encourage you in your sanctification?
3. Read Exodus 16:13-36. How did God provide for his people? What do these verses teach you about how God provides our "daily bread"? Read and reflect on Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A 193 (which is printed on the inside cover of the bulletin).
4. Read John 6:22-59. How does Jesus explain in these verses that he is greater than Moses and that he is the true Bread from heaven?
5. According to Jesus' words in John 6:49-51, what is the difference between the Bread of life and the manna in the wilderness?
6. How will you apply the truths you learned today in worship in the week ahead?

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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
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 thy light we see dy - ing is liv - ing in un - ion with thee.
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