



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, February 8, 2026

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

Psalm 37:39

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 97 (p. 820 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;

let the distant shores rejoice.

Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols—
worship him, all you gods!**

Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, O LORD.

For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

Let those who love the LORD hate evil,

for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

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

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Amen.*

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, we believe that your Word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. Nothing and no one can hide from you. The Tenth Commandment you reveal in your Word is, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

All: We confess that we have broken this commandment. We have been discontent with what you have wisely and lovingly provided, and we have envied the possessions and circumstances of our neighbors. Forgive us and renew in us a true sense of thanksgiving and gratitude for all that you have graciously provided, especially for the spiritual blessings we have in our 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**

Romans 5:6-9

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Jonah 3

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. 76. *Which is the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment is, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Q. 77. *What is required in the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor’s good name, especially in testifying as witnesses.

Q. 78. *What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment forbids whatever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor’s good name.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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 Peter 1:13-25

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

“Faith, Love, and Hope”
Colossians 1:1-8

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 535

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o’er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev’ry love the best:
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
’Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
’Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One, O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, February 9

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 6

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

Tuesday, February 10

Scripture: Exodus 30:11 - 31:18; Matthew 26:47-68; Psalm 32:1-11; Proverbs 8:27-32

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 78

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

Wednesday, February 11

Scripture: Exodus 32:1 - 33:23; Matthew 26:69 - 27:14; Psalm 33:1-11; Prov. 8:33-36

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 79

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Bulgaria and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, February 12

Scripture: Exodus 34:1 - 35:9; Matthew 27:15-31; Psalm 33:12-22; Proverbs 9:1-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80

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

Friday, February 13

Scripture: Exodus 35:10 - 36:38; Matthew 27:32-66; Psalm 34:1-10; Proverbs 9:7-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

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

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

Saturday, February 14

Scripture: Exodus 37:1 - 38:31; Matthew 28:1-20; Psalm 34:11-22; Proverbs 9:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 82

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

Sunday, February 15

Scripture: Exodus 39:1 - 40:38; Mark 1:1-28; Psalm 35:1-16; Proverbs 9:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 83

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

The Apostle Paul wrote the letter to the Colossians while he was imprisoned. He did not know the Christians in Colossae, but he received a report of some of their struggles and wrote to encourage and exhort them in their faith. Though he had not met them, Paul knew what to write because they shared the same faith in Christ and were therefore united in Christ.

The church in Colossae is an encouraging example of how faith spreads. While Paul and the apostles were the early missionaries who led the church planting efforts, God raised up other people over time to serve him and to play a central role in the growth of the church. Today there are churches and believers all over the world who share our same faith and who we can call our brothers and sisters. Paul's words in Colossians 1:6 are now more evident than ever: "This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere."

1. Read Colossians 1:1-2. What words in Paul's introduction reveal his authority, and why was that important for the Colossians to know? What words or phrases in this introduction do you notice that reveal Paul's heart for the Lord and for other believers?
2. Paul writes in verse 3 that "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you..." Read verses 9-14 which describe Paul's prayer for the Colossians. What are some things you can draw from what Paul writes for your own prayers for others? Thinking about this will help you prepare for next Sunday's sermon.
3. Read verses 4-5. What is the connection between faith, love, and hope (1 Corinthians 13:13)? How can you practice these virtues in your life? Take a moment to pray and to ask the Lord to increase your faith, love, and hope as you seek to live for Christ.
4. Read verses 6-8. How have you been an Epaphras to others? Who has been an Epaphras to you?



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