



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Psalm 95:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 22:23-31

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ **For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶ **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

²⁸ **For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to
the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰ **Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

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

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

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Amidst us our Beloved stands, and bids us view his pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side, blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board, when at his table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet, when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim, we see the signs, but see not him;
O may his love the scales displace, and bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be, let every saint your glory see! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we approach your throne of grace in sorrow and frustration as we consider how we have sinned against you and others. Your Law reveals our sin and how desperately we need your saving grace.

All: We confess that we depended on our own strength and stumbled. We leaned on our own understanding and made foolish decisions. We sought the things of this world and failed to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness. Grant us your forgiveness and enable us to grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. All glory be to you, O God, through 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

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*

1 Kings 17:8-24

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 103

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you;
All on earth your scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord."

Lo! the apostolic train
Join your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim you,
And adoring bend the knee,
While we sing this mystery. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 82. *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*

A. No mere man, since the fall, is able, in this life, to keep perfectly the commandments of God, but does break them daily in thought, word, and deed.

Q. 83. *Are all transgressions of the law equally wicked?*

A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of aggravating circumstances, are more wicked in the sight of God than others.

Q. 84. *What does every sin deserve?*

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life and that which is to come.

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*

Ephesians 2:11-22

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month: Psalm 22:23-26, 31)

Hymn 9

All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

All you that fear Jehovah's name,
His glory tell, his praise proclaim;
You children of his chosen race,
Stand in awe before his face,
Stand in awe before his face.

The suff'ring One he has not spurned,
Who unto him for help has turned;
From him he has not hid his face,
But answered his request in grace,
But answered his request in grace.

O Lord, your goodness makes me raise
Amid your people songs of praise;
Before all them that fear you, now
I worship you and pay my vow,
I worship you and pay my vow.

For all the meek you will provide;
They shall be fed and satisfied;
All they that seek the Lord shall live
And never-ending praises give,
And never-ending praises give.

The Lord's unfailing righteousness
All generations shall confess;
From age to age shall men be taught
What wondrous works the Lord has wrought,
What wondrous works the Lord has wrought. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Jesus Is Lord Over His Church”
Colossians 1:18-20

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 358

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.

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, March 2

Scripture: Leviticus 25:47 - 27:13; Mark 10:32-52; Psalm 45:1-17; Proverbs 10:22

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 9

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

Tuesday, March 3

Scripture: Leviticus 27:14 - Numbers 1:54; Mark 11:1-26; Psalm 46:1-11; Prov. 10:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 96

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

Wednesday, March 4

Scripture: Numbers 2:1 - 3:51; Mark 11:27 - 12:17; Psalm 47:1-9; Proverbs 10:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 97

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Cabo Verde and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, March 5

Scripture: Numbers 4:1 - 5:31; Mark 12:18-37; Psalm 48:1-14; Proverbs 10:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 98

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

Friday, March 6

Scripture: Numbers 6:1 - 7:89; Mark 12:38 - 13:13; Psalm 49:1-20; Proverbs 10:27-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 99

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

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

Saturday, March 7

Scripture: Numbers 8:1 - 9:23; Mark 13:14-37; Psalm 50:1-23; Proverbs 10:29-30

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 100

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

Sunday, March 8

Scripture: Numbers 10:1 - 11:23; Mark 14:1-21; Psalm 51:1-19; Proverbs 10:31-32

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 101

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 hymn about Christ in Colossians 1:15-20 exalts him as the Lord over creation and the Lord over his Church. While Christ would certainly be worthy to be exalted if he were only a powerful King, the emphasis of his lordship over his Church reveals his sacrificial love for his elect. This hymn describes him as both powerful and merciful, sovereign and gracious. We can be sure that Christ is working all things together for his glory and the good of his elect. Richard Phillips, in his commentary on Colossians, writes:

Christ sustains not only the world's existence but also its purpose, plan, and progress. All of God's promises and prophecies will come true because of him who said, "I am watching over my word to perform it" (Jeremiah 1:12). If Christ were to be removed, all would fall into nothing. But since Christ is enthroned in heaven at the right hand of the Father, not only do all things still exist but all things continue according to his will. Looking on the world with Christ-centered glasses, the Christian never loses heart and never gives up hope... While nature and history so often seem to progress without sense or reason, there is an eternal plan set forth in the eternal mind of God that Christ is now superintending. A chance meeting on a street corner may produce events that shake the world a hundred years later. The end of history when Christ returns will reveal a coherence that is beyond our perception in the midst of time. Therefore, the Christian teenager standing alone for Christ, the believer in the workplace speaking words of grace and truth, the weary Christian mother feeding God's Word to her children together with their daily bread, and the suffering Christians slaughtered without mercy because they would not forsake the name of Jesus—like so many in the early church—all may know that their fidelity to Christ will contribute to his eternal glory.

1. For review, read Colossians 1:15-17. What are some of the words and phrases Paul uses to describe Christ's divine glory and his lordship over all of creation? What does Paul's explanation for the purpose of creation teach you about how you ought to live?
2. Read Colossians 1:18. What does it mean that Christ is the "head" of the church? According to 1 Corinthians 12, what does the image of the church as his body mean for how you interact with and serve fellow Christians?
3. In Colossians 1:18, Paul identifies Christ as the "firstborn from the dead." What does that mean, and why is it comforting for us as Christians?
4. Read Colossians 1:19-20. How did Christ secure our peace with God? How can we be certain this peace will never be changed or take away?



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