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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 22, 2026

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**Psalm 18:1**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 148 (p. 840 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Praise the LORD.

**Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.**

Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

**Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.**

Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

**Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.**

He set them in place for ever and ever;

**he gave a decree that will never pass away.**

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

**lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

**wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

**young men and maidens, old men and children.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

**his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel,  
the people close to his heart.

**Praise the LORD.**

*\* 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:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for your moral law which is summarized in the Ten Commandments. Each of the commandments reveal your holiness and our sinfulness. The Fourth Commandment is, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

**All:** We confess that we have broken this commandment by not spending each Lord’s Day resting in Christ’s finished work of salvation for us and instead have been distracted by our worldly commitments and recreations. Forgive us and guide our thoughts, words, and deeds to be in conformity to what is glorifying and pleasing to you, for we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Isaiah 60:1-9

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. 91.** *How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?*

**A.** The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him who administers them, but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in those who by faith receive them.

**Q. 92.** *What is a sacrament?*

**A.** A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ, in which, by perceptible signs, Christ and the benefits of the new covenant are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

**Q. 93.** *Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?*

**A.** The sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 735

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\*

Ephesians 1:1-14

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.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Christ In You, the Hope of Glory”  
Colossians 1:26-27

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

**Hymn of Thanksgiving\***

Hymn 642

### *Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tow’r: raise thou me heav’n-ward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all. 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, March 23**

Scripture: Num. 36:1 – Deut. 1:46; Luke 5:29 – 6:11; Psalm 66:1-20; Prov. 11:24-26

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 12

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

## **Tuesday, March 24**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 2:1 – 3:29; Luke 6:12-38; Psalm 67:1-7; Proverbs 11:27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 7

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

## **Wednesday, March 25**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:1-49; Luke 6:39 – 7:10; Psalm 68:1-18; Proverbs 11:28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 8

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

## **Thursday, March 26**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:1 – 6:25; Luke 7:11-35; Psalm 68:19-35; Proverbs 11:29-31

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 9

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

## **Friday, March 27**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:1 - 8:20; Luke 7:36 - 8:3; Psalm 69:1-18; Proverbs 12:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 10

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

## **Saturday, March 28**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 9:1 - 10:22; Luke 8:4-21; Psalm 69:19-36; Proverbs 12:2-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 11

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

## **Sunday, March 29**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 11:1 - 12:32; Luke 8:22-39; Psalm 70:1-5; Proverbs 12:4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 12

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

Union with Christ does not refer to just one benefit of our salvation (like effectual calling, regeneration, justification, adoption, and so on). Instead, union with Christ refers to all the benefits of our salvation. It is an all-encompassing term that describes the fact that we are connected to Christ, and through that connection, we receive every benefit and blessing that comes from our relationship with him. The Bible uses different metaphors to describe our union (relationship) with Christ. For example, Christ is the Vine and we are the branches, meaning we receive life through our connection to him. Also, Christ is the Head of the body, and we are his members, which describes our dependence upon him and our unity with one another.

In Colossians 1:27, Paul applies this doctrine to our eternal security. The reason we can know that we will be with Christ in glory is because we were united to him before time and redeemed by him in time. Our union with Christ transcends the boundaries of time and provides our unshakable hope of eternal glory in his presence.

1. For review, read Colossians 1:24-25. Why shouldn't you be surprised by suffering? What purpose did Paul see in his suffering? How does Paul's perspective help you see the wisdom behind God's providence?
2. Consider the first point of the sermon. What are some examples in the Old Testament of Gentiles coming to faith? How did their conversion reveal God's sovereign grace?
3. Read Galatians 3:28-29. What do these verses reveal about salvation? What do these verses reveal about our unity as a church?
4. Consider the second point of the sermon and review each step of union with Christ by looking up the corresponding verses. How does seeing your salvation as union with Christ encourage you?



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