



 **GRACE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!  
Amen and Amen.

**Psalm 41:13**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 111 (p. 826 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Praise the LORD.

**I will extol the LORD with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

**Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

**He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.**

He has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the lands of other nations.

**The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

They are steadfast for ever and ever,  
done in faithfulness and uprightness.

**He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**To him belongs eternal praise.**

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

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

***The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want***

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,  
For thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:  
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Gracious God, we approach you as your children, filled with your Holy Spirit by whom we are enabled and emboldened to cry, "Abba! Father!"

**All:** Though we approach as your children, we confess that we have not behaved as those who are called by your name. We have sinned against you and others, and it grieves us that we continually fall short of what your Word commands.

**Leader:** Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us grace to walk in your ways. Work in us by your Holy Spirit so that we will always seek to do what is pleasing in your sight.

**All:** We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Prophet, Priest, and King, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ezekiel 36:25-28

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 3:1-15

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 695

## *By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven*

By grace I am an heir of heaven:  
Why doubt this, O my trembling heart?  
If what the Scriptures promise clearly  
Is true and firm in ev'ry part,  
This also must be truth divine:  
By grace a crown of life is mine.

By grace alone shall I inherit  
That blissful home beyond the skies.  
Works count for naught, the Lord incarnate  
Has won for me the heav'nly prize.  
Salvation by his death he wrought,  
His grace alone my pardon bought.

By grace! These precious words remember  
When sorely by your sins oppressed,  
When Satan comes to vex your spirit,  
When troubled conscience sighs for rest;  
What reason cannot comprehend,  
God does to you by grace extend.

By grace! Be this in death my comfort;  
Despite my fears, 'tis well with me.  
I know my sin in all its greatness,  
But also him who sets me free.  
My heart to naught but joy gives place  
Since I am saved by grace, by grace. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

*The Nicene Creed (p. 846)*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 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\*

Acts 19:11-20

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 95:1-6])

Hymn 13

### *O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*

O come, let us sing to the Lord, to him our voices raise;  
With joyful noise let us the Rock of our salvation praise.

Let us before his presence come with praise and thankful voice;  
Let us sing psalms to him with grace, and make a joyful noise.

For God's a great God and great King; above all gods he is.  
The depths of earth are in his hand; the heights of hills are his.

To him the spacious sea belongs, for he the same did make;  
The dry land also from his hands its form at first did take.

O come, and let us worship him; let us bow down withal,  
And on our knees before the Lord, our Maker, let us fall. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Third Commandment: Worship Only the One True God  
in the Right Way and with the Right Attitude”  
Exodus 20:7

## Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Pastor Rudy Manrique

# **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

## Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

### *Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me*

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus; all the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me. Amen.

## Benediction\*

### Congregational Benediction Response\*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his communion,  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*



## SERMON NOTES

“The Third Commandment: Worship Only the One True God  
in the Right Way and with the Right Attitude”  
Exodus 20:7

The Ten Commandments reveal:

God’s holiness.

Christ’s obedience.

Our need for Christ’s righteousness imputed to us.

How we are to live as redeemed and thankful followers of Christ.

1. The Third Commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God’s names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

Exodus 3:14-15

Every time we think of God, speak of God, or worship God, we need to do so with a holy and reverent attitude.

2. The Third Commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything by which God makes himself known.

It forbids using God’s name heretically or blasphemously. (Daniel 5:1-4)

It forbids using God’s name thoughtlessly and insincerely. (Matthew 6:7)

It forbids using God’s name under false pretenses. (Acts 19:11-20)

3. The Third Commandment points us to Christ.

Christ perfectly revealed the Father through his words and works. (John 14:10)

By his obedience, Christ received the name above all names. (Philippians 2:9-11)

Through faith in Christ, we have received salvation in his name. (Romans 10:13)

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, April 28**

Scripture: Judges 8:18 - 9:21; Luke 23:44 - 24:12; Psalm 99:1-9; Proverbs 14:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 30

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

## **Tuesday, April 29**

Scripture: Judges 9:22 - 10:18; Luke 24:13-53; Psalm 100:1-5; Proverbs 14:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 46

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

## **Wednesday, April 30**

Scripture: Judges 11:1 - 12:15; John 1:1-28; Psalm 101:1-8; Proverbs 14:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 47

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in the United Arab Emirates and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, May 1**

Scripture: Judges 13:1 - 14:20; John 1:29-51; Psalm 102:1-28; Proverbs 14:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 48

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

## **Friday, May 2**

Scripture: Judges 15:1 - 16:31; John 2:1-25; Psalm 103:1-22; Proverbs 14:17-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 49

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

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

## **Saturday, May 3**

Scripture: Judges 17:1 - 18:31; John 3:1-21; Psalm 104:1-24; Proverbs 14:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 50

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

## **Sunday, May 4**

Scripture: Judges 19:1 - 20:48; John 3:22 - 4:3; Psalm 104:25-35; Proverbs 14:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 51

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

As we have learned so far in our study, the First Commandment teaches that we need to worship only the one true God. The Second Commandment adds an additional requirement that we need to worship only the one true God *in the right way*. The Third Commandment adds a further requirement: we need to worship only the one true God in the right way *and with the right attitude*. We must not approach God wrongly, casually, hypocritically, or insincerely. He is the Lord of the universe, our Creator and Redeemer. He is therefore worthy of our full attention and devotion. Michael Horton, in his book on the Ten Commandments, writes:

With much of popular preaching and evangelism conforming to the mentality of the bumper sticker that sports “God is my copilot,” there ought to be little wonder why God’s name is not hallowed in our society. For it is not hallowed in our churches. Our prophets and priests have falsely handled the Word, attributing more to human beings than to God. In Scripture, God is the potter and we are the clay. Salvation “does not ... depend on man’s decision or effort, but on God’s mercy.... Therefore, God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden” (Romans 9:16–21). But in popular religion, God is there for me. I am the potter and He is the clay. After all, He can’t do anything if I don’t “let Him have His way.” Only if I decide to let Him do this or that can He fulfill his will. After all, “Jesus is a gentleman who will not violate our free will,” or so I was told growing up. The biblical God is clearly something other than this finite god of American religion. Taking God’s name seriously depends on taking God Himself seriously, and that requires a God-centered theological perspective. (*The Law of Perfect Freedom*)

Go to [www.opc.org/lc.html](http://www.opc.org/lc.html) to access a copy of the Westminster Larger Catechism:

1. For review, read Larger Catechism Q/As 103 and 110. Based on what you learned in each of the sermons on the First and Second Commandments, how do these commandments point to Christ?
2. Read Larger Catechism Q/A 112. How do you seek to keep this commandment in your life and worship? What are some of the changes you need to make in your life so that you can be more consistent in doing what this commandment requires?
3. Read Larger Catechism Q/A 113. As you consider what this commandment forbids, reflect on the 3 subpoints outlined in the sermon. Do you find that you have grown callous to seeing how this commandment is often broken by yourself and others? How might you re-sensitize yourself to the seriousness of all that this commandment forbids?
4. Review the way this commandment points to Christ. How does knowing his obedience to this commandment encourage you? How does it inspire you to approach God in worship and to serve God in the world?



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