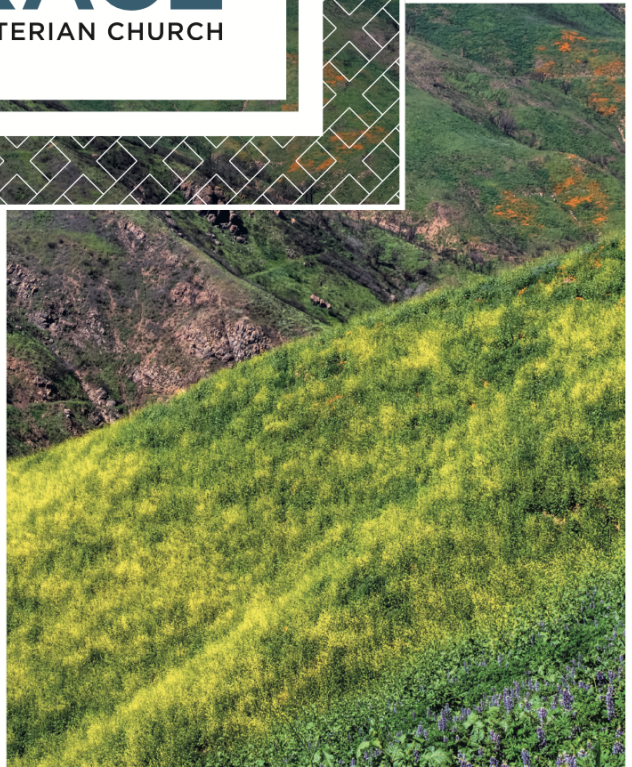




 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

Psalm 66:20

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 90 (p. 816 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn men back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—
though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

All our days pass away under your wrath;

we finish our years with a moan.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength;

yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy
and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—

yes, establish the work of our hands.

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

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

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one. 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*

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 469

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”

’Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming 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*

Philippians 3:1-11

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month: Psalm 51:1-15)

Hymn 486

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord. Amen.

Reception of New Members and Sacrament of Baptism

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Ventura

“Does Christianity Restrict Joy?”
Hebrews 11:23-28; 12:1-2

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*

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

“Does Christianity Restrict Joy?”
Hebrews 11:23-28; 12:1-2

1. Moses chose a greater reward. (Hebrews 11:24-26)
2. Moses chose greater joy. (Hebrews 11:25)
3. Moses had a greater vision. (Hebrews 11:27)

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, June 1

Scripture: 2 Samuel 18:1 - 19:10; John 20:1-31; Psalm 119:153-176; Proverbs 16:14-15

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 22

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

Tuesday, June 2

Scripture: 2 Samuel 19:11 - 20:13; John 21:1-25; Psalm 120:1-7; Proverbs 16:16-17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 67

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

Wednesday, June 3

Scripture: 2 Samuel 20:14 - 21:22; Acts 1:1-26; Psalm 121:1-8; Proverbs 16:18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 68

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in the Congo and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, June 4

Scripture: 2 Samuel 22:1 - 23:23; Acts 2:1-47; Psalm 122:1-9; Proverbs 16:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 69

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

Friday, June 5

Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:24 - 24:25; Acts 3:1-26; Psalm 123:1-4; Proverbs 16:21-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 70

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

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

Saturday, June 6

Scripture: 1 Kings 1:1-53; Acts 4:1-37; Psalm 124:1-8; Proverbs 16:24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 71

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

Sunday, June 7

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1 - 3:2; Acts 5:1-42; Psalm 125:1-5; Proverbs 16:25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 72

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

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 34:1-5

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Hymn*

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” Hymn 7

Congregational Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Our sins weigh heavy on our hearts, and they burden our souls. Forgive us, we pray. Give us a renewed desire to serve you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, for we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Hymn

“Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace” Hymn 519

Scripture Reading*

Philippians 2:1-11

Hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior” Hymn 644

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

“The Mind of Christ”
Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor Rudy Manrique

Hymn*

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” Hymn 299

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.



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