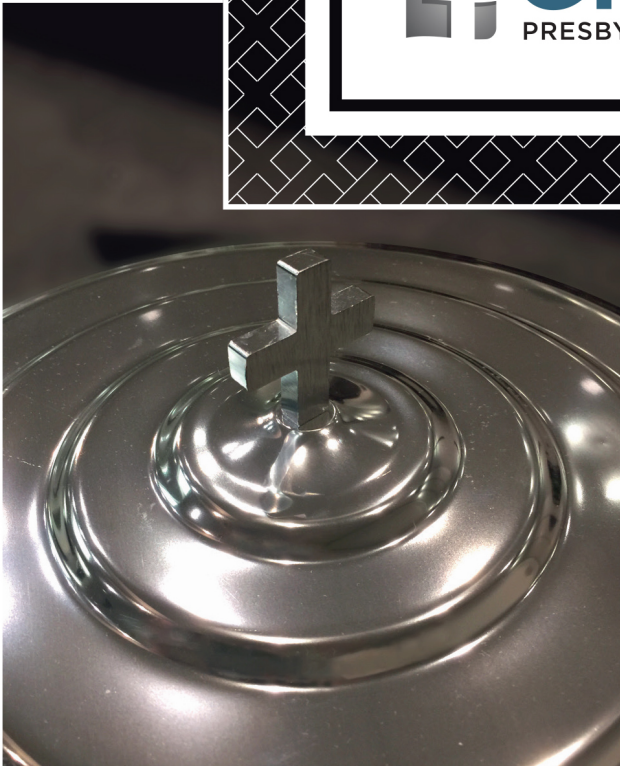




 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 12, 2026

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

John 15:9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 103 (p. 821 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD'S love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,

and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

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

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

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious: see the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious, ev'ry knee to him shall bow.
Crown him! Crown him! Crowns become the Victor's brow.

Crown the Savior, angels, crown him; rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of pow'r enthrone him, while the vault of heaven rings.
Crown him! Crown him! Crown the Savior King of kings.

Sinners in derision crowned him, mocking thus the Savior's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around him, own his title, praise his name.
Crown him! Crown him! Spread abroad the Victor's fame!

Hark! those bursts of acclamation! Hark! those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords!
Crown him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your moral law which is summarized in the Ten Commandments. Each commandment reveals your holiness and our sinfulness. The Fifth Commandment is: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."

All: We confess that we have broken this commandment by not giving proper respect to those whom you have placed in authority over us. Help us to correct our errors and to trust in your sovereignty over every sphere of our lives, including your providence over those whom you have appointed to lead us. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 10:8-11

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 2:15-25

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 719

A Christian Home

O give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
Where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide;
Where every child is taught his love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ, the crucified:
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver,
His faithful Lord is walking by his side!

O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers;
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim:
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines tho' days be dark and grim.

O Lord, our God, our homes are thine forever!
We trust to thee their problems, toil, and care;
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever,
If thou art always Lord and Master there:
Be thou the center of our least endeavor—
Be thou our guest, our hearts and homes to share. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 13. *Did our first parents continue in the estate in which they were created?*

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate in which they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 14. *What is sin?*

A. Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the Law of God.

Q. 15. *What was the sin by which our first parents fell from the estate in which they were created?*

A. The sin by which our first parents fell from the estate in which they were created, was their eating of the forbidden fruit.

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*

Ephesians 5:22-33

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month: Psalm 84)

(music printed on p. 12)

O LORD of Hosts, How Lovely

O LORD of hosts, how lovely the place wherein you dwell!

Your tabernacles holy in pleasantness excel.

My soul is longing, fainting, to see your courts, O LORD;

My heart and flesh are singing to you, O living God.

The sparrow finds a home here, the swallow builds her nest,

Where she may lay her young near your altar, LORD of hosts.

How blest are those who dwell in your house, my King, my God,

How blest, those singing praises to you, the living LORD.

How blest are those you strengthen, who have a pilgrim's mind.

Amidst the vale of weeping, fresh springs and pools they find.

From strength to strength advancing, they on their journey go

'Til each appears in Zion, where they their God behold.

O hear, LORD God of Jacob, to me an answer yield;

The face of your anointed, behold, O God, our shield.

One day within your temple excels a thousand hence;

I'd rather keep God's doorway than live in sinners' tents.

The LORD our God protects us, our shield and shining sun;

The LORD bestows his favor and honor to his own.

No good will he deny those who walk in ways of truth.

O LORD of hosts, how blest is the one who trusts in you! Amen.

Reception of a New Member

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Family Life”
Colossians 3:19

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav’n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God. 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.

SERMON NOTES

“Family Life” Colossians 3:19

“Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.”

1. It is God's design.
 - Created by God. (Genesis 2:18, 22)
 - Corrupted by sin. (Genesis 3:12, 16)
 - Restored by grace. (Ephesians 5:25)
2. It is part of obedience to God. Christ-like love is:
 - Unselfish (Ephesians 5:25)
 - Encouraging (Ephesians 5:26)
 - Caring and Kind (Ephesians 5:28-29; Matthew 11:29)
3. It reveals the good news of the Gospel.
 - A call to daily repentance and faith in Christ. (1 John 1:9)
 - A picture of the Gospel. (Ephesians 5:32)

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, July 13

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 15:1 - 16:36; Romans 1:18-32; Psalm 10:1-15; Proverbs 19:6-7

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 28

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

Tuesday, July 14

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:37 - 18:17; Romans 2:1-24; Psalm 10:16-18; Prov. 19:8-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 103

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

Wednesday, July 15

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 19:1 - 21:30; Romans 2:25 - 3:8; Psalm 11:1-7; Prov. 19:10-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 104

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

Thursday, July 16

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 22:1 - 23:32; Romans 3:9-31; Psalm 12:1-8; Proverbs 19:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 105

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

Friday, July 17

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 24:1 - 26:11; Romans 4:1-12; Psalm 13:1-6; Proverbs 19:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 106

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

Saturday, July 18

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 26:12 - 27:34; Romans 4:13 - 5:5; Psalm 14:1-7; Prov. 19:17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 107

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

Sunday, July 19

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 28:1 - 29:30; Romans 5:6-21; Psalm 15:1-5; Proverbs 19:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 1

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

After exhorting wives to submit to their husbands, Paul addresses husbands and writes in Colossians 3:19, “Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.” The kind of love that Paul is talking about is not left up to interpretation, because in Ephesians 5:25, Paul writes, “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...” How does Christ love his church? Ian Hamilton, in his commentary on Ephesians, writes:

The significant word here is “as”; just as—in the same way—Christ loved his church, so husbands are to love their wives. If wives think their calling to submit to their husbands is daunting, the husband’s calling to love his wife as Christ loved his church is doubly so. If God did not assure us that there is always grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16), these callings would leave us overwhelmed. How did Christ love his church? He loved the church by giving “himself for her” (v. 25). The heart of love, at least of the love of Christ, is selfless sacrifice. To secure the good of his church, the Lord Jesus Christ laid down his life (John 10:18). He did so not as a martyr but as a Savior. This was the destiny foretold of God’s Messiah: “He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

1. For review, read Colossians 3:18. How is a wife’s submission to her husband part of God’s design for marriage? How does it reveal her godliness?
2. Read Colossians 3:19 and consider the first point of the sermon. What does it mean that Eve was created as Adam’s “helper”? What did Adam’s actions after the fall reveal about how sin had corrupted his relationship with his wife? How does the grace of Christ enable couples to live in a godly way?
3. Reflect on the second point of the sermon and think of how a husband’s love for his wife is a type of Christ’s love for his church. What are some practical ways that a husband’s love for his wife (which should be unselfish, encouraging, caring, and kind) might be demonstrated in his marriage to her?
4. Reflect on the third point of the sermon outline, and consider especially how the command for a husband to love his wife as Christ loves his church reveals every husband’s need of grace and Christian maturity. How is marriage a picture of the gospel?
5. Take time to pray for your family and ask the Lord to help each member of your family live according to his design in the Bible.

O LORD of Hosts, How Lovely

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1. ¹O LORD of hosts, how love - ly the place where-in you dwell!
 2. ³The spar - row finds a home here, the swal - low builds her nest,
 3. ⁵How blest are those you streng - then, who have a pil - grim's mind.
 4. ⁸O hear, LORD God of Ja - cob, to me an an - swer yield;
 5. ¹¹The LORD our God pro - tects us, our shield and shin - ing sun;

Your tab - er - na - cles ho - ly in pleas - ant - ness ex - cel.
 where she may lay her young near your al - tar, LORD of hosts.
 • ⁶A - midst the vale of weep - ing, fresh springs and pools they find.
⁹the face of your a - noint - ed, be - hold, O God, our shield.
 the LORD be - stows his fa - vor and hon - or to his own.

²My soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to see your courts, O LORD;
⁴How blest are those who dwell in your house, my King, my God,
 • ⁷From strength to strength ad - vanc - ing, they on their jour - ney go
¹⁰One day with - in your tem - ple ex - cels a thou - sand hence;
 No good will he de - ny those who walk in ways of truth.

my heart and flesh are sing - ing to you, O liv - ing God.
 how blest, those sing - ing prais - es to you, the liv - ing LORD.
 • 'til each ap - pears in Zi - on, where they their God be - hold.
 I'd rath - er keep God's door - way than live in sin - ners' tents.
¹²O LORD of hosts, how blest is the one who trusts in you!



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