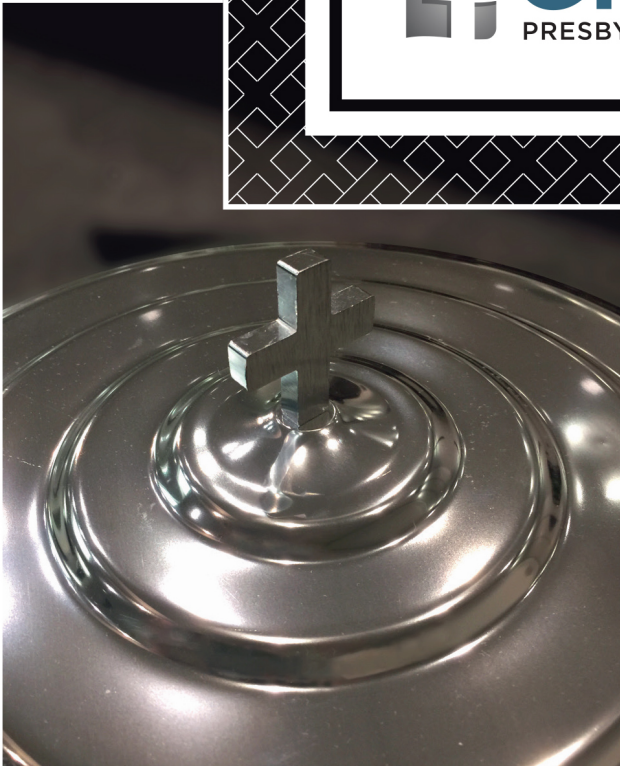




 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 19, 2026

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 97 (p. 820 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;

let the distant shores rejoice.

Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols—
worship him, all you gods!**

Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, O LORD.

For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

Let those who love the LORD hate evil,

for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

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

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

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One, his wounds for me shall plead.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea, it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea, it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea, it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
For me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea, it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, we believe that your Law is holy and that your commandments are righteous and good. Your Law reveals our sin and how desperately we need your saving grace. The Sixth Commandment is: "You shall not murder."

All: We confess that we have broken this commandment by harboring thoughts of sinful anger and hatred toward others. Rather than loving our enemies and praying for those who trouble us, we have instead responded with cold indifference and feelings of contempt. Forgive us and grant us a growing desire to love and serve you and others as we follow after our Savior, 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

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Proverbs 3:1-12

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. 16. *Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?*

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his descendants, all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Q. 17. *Into what estate did the Fall bring mankind?*

A. The Fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Q. 18. *What is the sinfulness of that estate into which man fell?*

A. The sinfulness of that estate into which man fell consists of: the guilt of Adam's first sin, the lack of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin, together with all actual transgressions that proceed from it.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship *

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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 6:1-4

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Family Life”
Colossians 3:20-21

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 535

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o’er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev’ry love the best:
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
’Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
’Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

“Family Life”
Colossians 3:20-21

God's Word to Children

Command: “Children, obey your parents in everything...”

Children need instruction. (Proverbs 22:15)

God uses parents to nurture his elect in their faith. (Proverbs 6:20-23; 2 Timothy 1:5)

Reason: "...for this pleases the Lord." (Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:17)

God's Word to Fathers

Command: “Fathers, do not provoke your children...”

Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

Reason: "...lest they become discouraged." (Acts 2:39)

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, July 20

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 1:1 - 3:17; Romans 6:1-23; Psalm 16:1-11; Proverbs 19:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 29

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

Tuesday, July 21

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 4:1 - 6:11; Romans 7:1-13; Psalm 17:1-15; Proverbs 19:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 2

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

Wednesday, July 22

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 6:12 - 8:10; Romans 7:14 - 8:8; Psalm 18:1-15; Prov. 19:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 3

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Czech Republic and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, July 23

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 8:11 - 10:19; Romans 8:9-25; Psalm 18:16-36; Proverbs 19:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 4

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

Friday, July 24

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 11:1 - 13:22; Romans 8:26-39; Psalm 18:37-50; Prov. 19:27-29

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 5

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

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

Saturday, July 25

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 14:1 - 16:14; Romans 9:1-24; Psalm 19:1-14; Proverbs 20:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 6

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

Sunday, July 26

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 17:1 - 18:34; Romans 9:25 - 10:13; Psalm 20:1-9; Prov. 20:2-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 7

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

Having exhorted wives and husbands, Paul addresses children and fathers in Colossians 3:20-21. It is significant that Paul addresses children directly, because it reveals that children are church members and are to be present in worship along with their parents. The fact that Paul addresses them is also significant because he calls them to obey their parents in order to please the Lord. Their desire for obedience is not out of fear of their parents but out of love for God. Children, therefore, are not to be in the background of church life but are members of the church by baptism and by profession of faith. Praise God that his promises are for us and our children! While we do all that we can to point our children to Christ, we ultimately trust in his sovereign work both to draw them to himself and to keep them for himself. Richard Phillips in his book, *Masculine Mandate*, writes:

One day, your children will encounter outside the home temptations and spiritual attacks of substantial power. The toxic youth culture they will discover can threaten to overwhelm by sheer force almost any child's desire not to disappoint his or her parents. But we have a greater hope. A passion for the glory of Jesus and a living awareness of gospel realities will provide our children with both offensive and defensive capabilities they otherwise never would have possessed. This is why the greatest, most powerful, and most valuable passion a father can give his children is a passion for the Lord and his gospel of grace.

1. For review, read Colossians 3:18-19 and Ephesians 5:22-33. What has stuck with you from what we learned about being godly wives and husbands? How is Christian marriage to be patterned after Christ's love for his church?
2. Read Colossians 3:20 and consider the first half of the sermon. Why do children need instruction? If you grew up in a godly home, what aspects of your parents' instruction (especially your father's) was particularly helpful to you?
3. Reflect on the second half of the sermon and consider ways a father might provoke his child to the point of discouragement. How can a father avoid doing such spiritual harm? What does it mean to bring a child up in "the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4)?
4. 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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