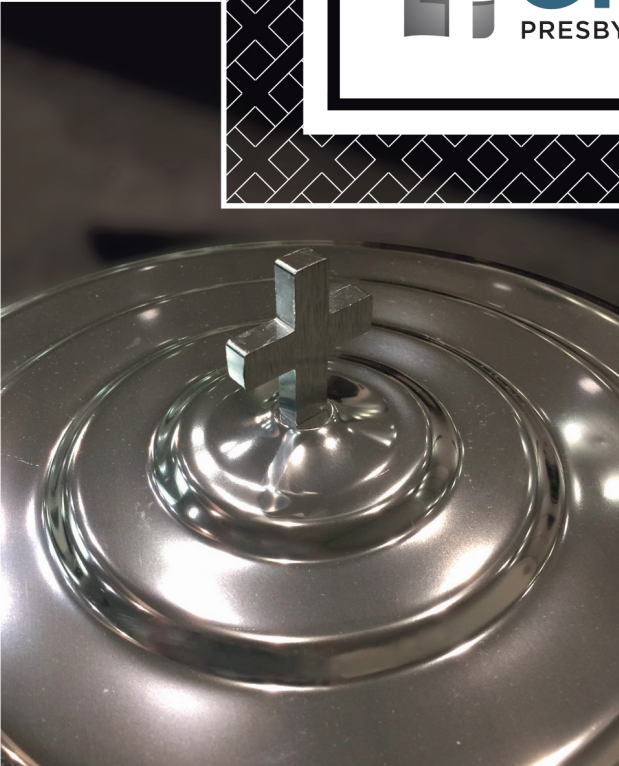




GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

Psalm 57:11

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 5 (p. 786 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing.

Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice;

in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.

The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong.

You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.

But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house;

in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple.

**Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies—
make straight your way before me.**

Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction.

Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit.

Declare them guilty, O God! Let their intrigues be their downfall.

Banish them for their many sins, for they have rebelled against you.

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous;

you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

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

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine. 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.

All: 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."

Leader: 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 focused too much on our worldly employments and recreations.

All: 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*

1 Kings 21:1-16

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 261

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on! Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 4. *What is God?*

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Q. 5. *Are there more Gods than one?*

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q. 6. *How many Persons are there in the Godhead?*

A. There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Doxology*

Hymn 731

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*

Romans 7:7-25

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 5])

Hymn 51

O Jehovah, Hear My Words

O Jehovah, hear my words, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to thee.
With the morning light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise,
And expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou, Jehovah, art a God who delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy favor win.
Evildoers thou dost hate, lying tongues thou wilt defeat;
God abhors the man who loves violence and base deceit.

In the fulness of thy grace to thy house I will repair;
Bowing toward thy holy place, in thy fear to worship there.
Lead me in thy righteousness, let my foes assail in vain;
Lest my feet be turned aside, make thy way before me plain.

False and faithless are my foes, in their mouth no truth is found;
Deadly are the words they speak, all their thoughts with sin abound.
Bring, O God, their plans to naught, hold them guilty in thy sight,
For against thee and thy law they have set themselves to fight.

O let all that trust thy care ever glad and joyful be;
Let them joy who love thy name, safely guarded, Lord, by thee.
For a blessing from thy store to the righteous thou wilt yield;
Thou wilt compass him about with thy favor as a shield. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Tenth Commandment: Be Content in Christ”
Exodus 20:17

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 676

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what he deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow’r.
The protection of his child and treasure
Is a charge that on himself he laid;
“As your days, your strength shall be in measure,”
This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith’s sweet consolation
Offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E’er to take, as from a father’s hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land. Amen.

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.

SERMON NOTES

“The Tenth Commandment: Be Content in Christ”

Exodus 20:17

1. Coveting is a heart issue.

Am I desiring something that is sinful?

Am I desiring something that the Bible warns is spiritually dangerous?

Am I willing to sin to get it?

Do I believe I need it to be happy?

2. We fight against coveting with contentment in Christ.

God has provided all things in his wisdom. (Genesis 50:20)

He has provided all things because he loves us in Christ. (Philippians 4:11-13)

He has provided all things for our sanctification. (1 Thessalonians 4:3; Romans 8:28)

He has promised that the best is yet to come. (Revelation 21:3-4)

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, July 7

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 4:5 - 5:17; Acts 25:1-27; Psalm 5:1-12; Proverbs 18:19

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 7

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

Tuesday, July 8

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 5:18 - 6:81; Acts 26:1-32; Psalm 6:1-10; Proverbs 18:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 106

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

Wednesday, July 9

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 7:1 - 8:40; Acts 27:1-20; Psalm 7:1-17; Proverbs 18:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 107

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

Thursday, July 10

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 9:1 - 10:14; Acts 27:21-44; Psalm 8:1-9; Proverbs 18:23-24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 1

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

Friday, July 11

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 11:1 - 12:18; Acts 28:1-31; Psalm 9:1-12; Proverbs 19:1-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 2

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

Saturday, July 12

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 12:19 - 14:17; Romans 1:1-17; Psalm 9:13-20; Proverbs 19:4-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 3

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

Sunday, July 13

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

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 4

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

The Tenth Commandment forbids coveting, and in doing so, it calls us to be content in Christ. It is amazing to see that while we often covet the things of this world that we think will satisfy us and make us happy, God reveals that he has given us a superior blessing that is infinitely greater than anything the world has to offer—he has given us Christ. Andrew Davis, in his book, *The Power of Christian Contentment*, writes:

Since there is an omnipotent God who rules heaven and earth, and since he knows very well that you need food and clothing, and since God has such an amazing track record of feeding literally billions of living creatures all over the world every single day, and since God carefully clothes wildflowers with wondrous apparel, why should you use your imagination to think of worst-case scenarios that rob you of Christian contentment? Your days were all ordained before one of them came to be, so worrying will not add one second to your lifespan. You are sons and daughters of the living God; you should be living a supernatural life free from the heart-consuming cares that drive the pagans. Instead, you should be seeking first God's Kingdom and his righteousness. That should dominate your thoughts, captivate your heart, and govern your activities for the rest of your days. And if you do seek God and his Kingdom above all things, you will be consistently content in his sovereign provision for your lesser needs. There is no greater example and instructor of contentment than Jesus Christ. In him alone can we find a consistent delight in God's wise plan for our lives and humbly follow that plan day after day.

1. Consider each of the four questions we learned in the first point of the sermon and apply them to what you currently desire or daydream about. How might you better align your desires with what is pleasing to God?
2. Read Philippians 4:11-13. Why is it significant that Paul said he “learned” to be content? What does this teach you about your own spiritual maturity?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33 and consider the hardships that Paul faced in his life. Where do you most often look for contentment? Where did Paul find contentment?
4. Read Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 5 (On Providence). What is the connection between a biblical understanding of divine providence and contentment? Do you find peace and comfort in what paragraph 7 explains?
5. What did you learn in the sermon today that you want to prayerfully apply this week?



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