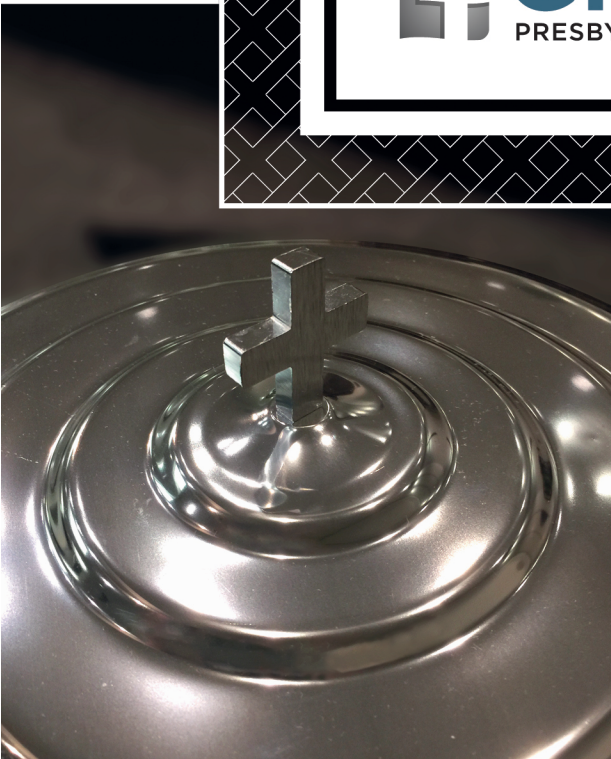


 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

August 11, 2024

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

Psalm 25:5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 8 (p. 786 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise,

because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**what is man that you are mindful of him,
the son of man that you care for him?**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**You made him ruler over the works of your hands;
you put everything under his feet:**

all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

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

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! In his temple God be praised;
In the high and heavenly places be the sounding anthem raised.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah for his mighty acts of fame;
Excellent his might and greatness, fitting praises then proclaim.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah with the trumpet's joyful sound;
Praise with harp and praise with organ, let his glorious praise abound.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! All that breathe, Jehovah praise;
Let the voices God has given joyful anthems to him raise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our strong and faithful God, we come before you acknowledging that you are light and that in you there is no darkness at all.

All: We confess that we have walked in darkness rather than living according to what you have revealed to us in your Word. We have sinned against you and our neighbors, and we are not worthy to be called your children.

Leader: We earnestly repent and are sincerely sorry for our sins. Enable us to receive and rest in the truth that we have been justified by faith and have peace with you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: All glory, honor, and praise be to you, O God, through 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

Acts 10:42-43

And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 17:1-14

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 348

Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

Jesus, with thy church abide, be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried: we beseech thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure; grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in thy promise sure: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in thee: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she find,
And the brokenhearted bind: we beseech thee, hear us.

Save her love from growing cold, make her watchmen strong and bold,
Fence her round, thy peaceful fold: we beseech thee, hear us.

May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear aloft its light
Through the realms of heathen night: we beseech thee, hear us.

Arm her soldiers with the cross, brave to suffer toil or loss,
Counting earthly gain but dross: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in: we beseech thee, hear us. 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 ❖

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*

Colossians 2:6-15

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 103])

Hymn 6

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker, and all within me bless his holy name;
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies, his pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion, most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him, boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

His love is like a father's to his children, tender and kind to all who fear his name;
For well he knows our weakness and our frailty, he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty, like tender grass that soon will disappear;
But evermore the love of God is changeless, still shown to those who look to him in fear.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever, his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion, bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Covenant Life”
Exodus 4:18-26

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 296

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all;
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. 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.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, August 12

Scripture: Nehemiah 3:15 - 5:13; 1 Corinthians 7:25-40; Psalm 32:1-11; Prov. 21:5-7

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 26

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

Tuesday, August 13

Scripture: Nehemiah 5:14 - 7:73; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Psalm 33:1-11; Prov. 21:8-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 38

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

Wednesday, August 14

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1 - 9:21; 1 Corinthians 9:1-18; Psalm 33:12-22; Prov. 21:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 39

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

Thursday, August 15

Scripture: Nehemiah 9:22 - 10:39; 1 Cor. 9:19 - 10:13; Psalm 34:1-10; Prov. 21:13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 40

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

Friday, August 16

Scripture: Nehemiah 11:1 - 12:26; 1 Cor. 10:14-33; Psalm 34:11-22; Prov. 21:14-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 41

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

Saturday, August 17

Scripture: Nehemiah 12:27 - 13:31; 1 Cor. 11:1-16; Psalm 35:1-16; Prov. 21:17-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 42

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

Sunday, August 18

Scripture: Esther 1:1 - 3:15; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Psalm 35:17-28; Prov. 21:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 43

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 | Presbyterian Church in Belize

Dave & Darlene Eby | Africa Reformation Theol. Seminary Uganda

Christ Bible Institute | Nagoya, Japan

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 111:1-4; 9-10

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Hymn*

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” Hymn 35

Congregational Confession of Sin

Our God and Father, we approach your throne because we know that you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Forgive our sins and enable us to receive and rest in the truth that we have been justified by faith and have peace with you through our Lord Jesus Christ. Cause us to continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the Gospel. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn

“O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry” Hymn 485

Scripture Reading*

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hymn

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood” Hymn 253

Prayer

Sermon

“Where Would You Like to Sit?”
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pastor Brad Jones

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn*

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” Hymn 520

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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