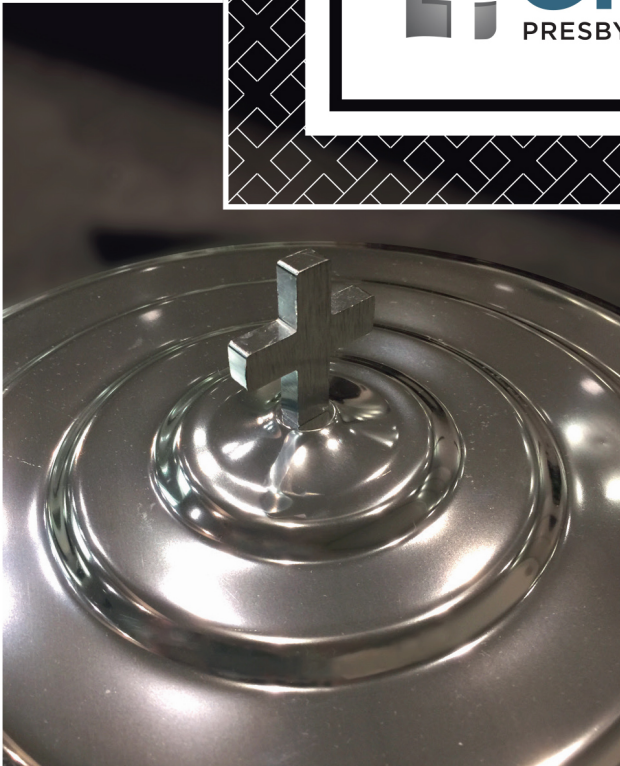




 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 2, 2026

For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 22:22-31

I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

**You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

**From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

**All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow
all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the LORD to the coming generation;

**they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.**

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

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God we approach your throne of grace repenting of the sins we have committed. You know our hearts better than we do. Nothing in all creation is hidden from you. Everything is open and exposed before your eyes, and you are the one to whom we are accountable.

All: We confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Our sins and failures weigh heavy on our hearts, and we feel how our fellowship with you has suffered. Free us from both the penalty and power of sin, and enable us to live in holiness and righteousness to the glory of your holy name. Thank you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Jonah 3

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy,
The heav'nly Kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 19. *What is the misery of that estate into which man fell?*

A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Q. 20. *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?*

A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Q. 21. *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one Person forever.

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*

Mark 4:26-29

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month: Psalm 22:27-30)

Hymn 368

The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear

The ends of all the earth shall hear
And turn unto the Lord in fear;
All kindreds of the earth shall own
And worship him as God alone.
*All earth to him her homage brings,
The Lord of lords, the King of kings.*

For his the kingdom, his of right,
He rules the nations by his might;
All earth to him her homage brings,
The Lord of lords, the King of kings.
*All earth to him her homage brings,
The Lord of lords, the King of kings.*

Both rich and poor, both bond and free,
Shall worship him on bended knee,
And children's children shall proclaim
The glorious honor of his name.
*All earth to him her homage brings,
The Lord of lords, the King of kings. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Intentional Evangelism”
Colossians 4:2-6

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 439

Christ Shall Have Dominion

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth’s remotest regions shall his empire be;
They that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring,
Kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.
*Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth’s remotest regions shall his empire be.*

When the needy seek him, he will mercy show;
Yea, the weak and helpless shall his pity know;
He will surely save them from oppression’s might,
For their lives are precious in his holy sight.
*Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth’s remotest regions shall his empire be.*

Ever and forever shall his name endure,
Long as suns continue it shall stand secure;
And in him forever all men shall be blest,
And all nations hail him King of kings confessed.
*Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth’s remotest regions shall his empire be.*

Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings;
He alone is glorious, doing wondrous things.
Evermore, ye people, bless his glorious name,
His eternal glory through the earth proclaim.
*Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth’s remotest regions shall his empire be. 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

“Intentional Evangelism”

Colossians 4:2-6

1. Pray for yourself and for the people you want to evangelize.
Pray for opportunity. (Acts 16:11-15)
Pray for boldness.
Pray for clarity in sharing the Gospel.
2. Live like a Christian.
Matthew 5:14-16
3. Talk like a Christian.
Ephesians 4:29, 1 Peter 3:15

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, August 3

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 33:14 - 34:33; Romans 16:10-27; Psalm 26:1-12; Prov. 20:19

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 31

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

Tuesday, August 4

Scripture: 2 Chron. 35:1 - 36:23; 1 Corinthians 1:1-17; Psalm 27:1-6; Prov. 20:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 14

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

Wednesday, August 5

Scripture: Ezra 1:1 - 2:70; 1 Corinthians 1:18 - 2:5; Psalm 27:7-14; Proverbs 20:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 15

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

Thursday, August 6

Scripture: Ezra 3:1 - 4:23; 1 Corinthians 2:6 - 3:4; Psalm 28:1-9; Proverbs 20:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 16

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

Friday, August 7

Scripture: Ezra 4:24 - 6:22; 1 Corinthians 3:5-23; Psalm 29:1-11; Proverbs 20:26-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 17

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

Saturday, August 8

Scripture: Ezra 7:1 - 8:20; 1 Corinthians 4:1-21; Psalm 30:1-12; Proverbs 20:28-30

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 18

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

Sunday, August 9

Scripture: Ezra 8:21 - 9:15; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Psalm 31:1-8; Proverbs 21:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 19

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.

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The Shepherd's Church in Riverside | theshepherdschurchpca.com

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Paul's appeal to the Colossians for prayer reveals how much he trusted the Lord and wanted the Gospel to go out to all the world. Though he was in prison while writing to the Colossians, his focus was not on himself and his own comfort—his focus was on Christ and spreading the Gospel. Paul's desire was for the Lord to give him more opportunities to preach and evangelize so that more people would hear the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. John Calvin, in his commentary on Colossians writes:

He is contented with this one thing, that he may, unconquered and undaunted, persevere in a confession of the gospel; nay more, he fearlessly makes his own life a secondary matter, as compared with the glory of Christ and the spread of the gospel.

1. Are there particular people in your life that you want to evangelize? Take a few minutes to pray for them by name and ask the Lord for the opportunity, the boldness, and the clarity you need to share the gospel with them.
2. Take a few moments to think about how you would summarize the Gospel in an evangelistic opportunity. How does your testimony of how the Lord brought you to faith fit into a conversation about sin and salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone?
3. Read Colossians 4:5 and Matthew 5:14-16. What does it mean to live like a Christian? How does the Lord use our actions to glorify himself? What are some ways you can intentionally put this into practice this week?
4. Read Colossians 4:6, Ephesians 4:29, and 1 Peter 3:15. What does it mean to talk like a Christian? What are some ways you can intentionally put this into practice this week?



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