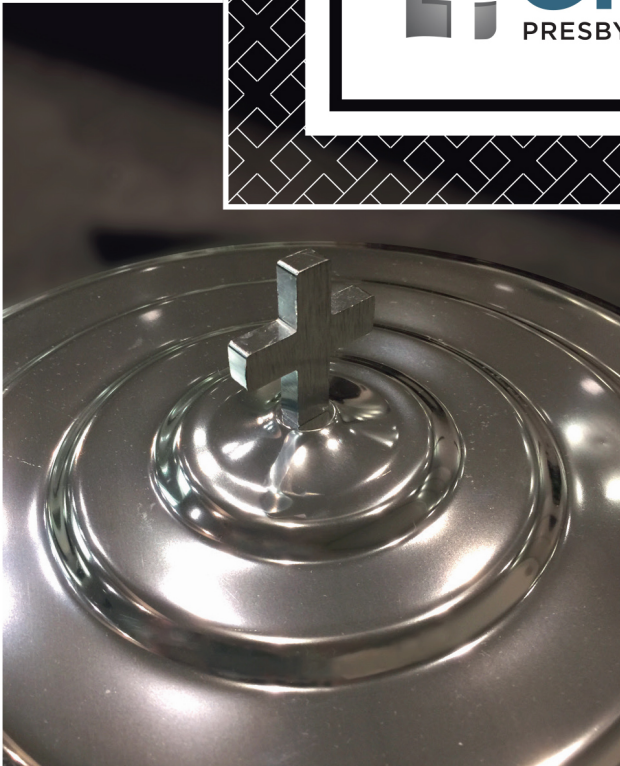




 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 9, 2026

I will give the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

Psalms 7:17

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalms 98 (p. 820 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made his salvation known,

and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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

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

Hymn of Preparation*

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we love your moral law because it reveals your holiness and the way you want us to live for your glory as your people. The Eighth Commandment is, “You shall not steal.”

All: We confess that we have broken this commandment by not being diligent in our work and by envying the prosperity of others. We have not been faithful stewards of your gifts of time, money, energy, health, intellect, and influence. Forgive us and make us people who are marked by gratitude for your blessings and generosity with the possessions you have entrusted to us. We ask all this through the merit and mediation of 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

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*

1 Samuel 20:1-17

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. 22. *How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?*

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Q. 23. *What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?*

A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

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 4:7-18

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

“Confidence in Christ and His Word”
Colossians 4:7-18

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 358

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! 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

“Confidence in Christ and His Word”
Colossians 4:7-18

1. The blessing of faithful and loving Christian friends.
Proverbs 17:17
2. The diversity and growth of Christ's church.
Galatians 3:28
3. The unstoppable power of the Gospel.
2 Timothy 2:8-10; Philippians 1:12-14; Acts 28:30-31

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, August 10

Scripture: Ezra 10:1-44; 1 Corinthians 6:1-20; Psalm 31:9-18; Proverbs 21:3

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 32

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

Tuesday, August 11

Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1 - 3:14; 1 Corinthians 7:1-24; Psalm 31:19-24; Proverbs 21:4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 20

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

Wednesday, August 12

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

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 21

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

Thursday, 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 22

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

Friday, 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 23

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

Saturday, 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 24

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

Sunday, 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 25

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

Paul concludes his letter to the Colossians by naming his close friends and noting how they served Christ along with him. Throughout his difficult ministry, Paul gained many friends who helped him get through significant challenges and obstacles. They were some of the means God provided to enable Paul to fulfill his ministry. This is a good reminder that we should never feel alone as Christians, especially in our service to God. We can always trust that the Lord has his people and will accomplish his will according to his sovereign power. Alistair Wilson, in his commentary on Colossians, writes:

Paul's extensive list of greetings highlights the importance of relationships in the work of the kingdom of God (cf. Romans 16). If we are not cultivating relationships and commending those who serve with us, perhaps we need to read through Paul's final greetings a few more times. Grateful appreciation for those who served with him, expressed both to them and to others, was a significant part of Paul's ministry strategy.

Paul's final phrase prior to his benediction, "remember my chains," is a poignant reminder of the persecuted church. We are now able as never before to become aware of, pray for, and support believers who face serious opposition, including violence and death, on account of their faith. May Paul's brief words bring to mind those who experience chains, literal or metaphorical, because of their Christian testimony.

1. Read Colossians 4:7-9. Who was Onesimus? How does the fact that Paul considered him his friend reveal Paul's encouraging and friendly attitude?
2. Read Colossians 4:10-17. How do the people noted in these verses show the diversity and expansion of Christ's church? How does Epaphras' prayer life encourage you in your own prayers?
3. Read Colossians 4:18. Why do you think Paul ended his letter by telling the Colossians: "remember my chains"? How does remembering Christians around the world who have suffered and who are suffering for their faith in Christ affect your thinking and actions?
4. What stood out to you during our study of Colossians? What are some key passages and ideas that were particularly formative for you?



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