

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Psalm 103:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 99 (p. 820)

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;

he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

The King is mighty, he loves justice—

you have established equity;

in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name;

they called on the LORD and he answered them.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God,
though you punished their misdeeds.

**Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.**

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

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I bless thy name;
Day by day thy throne addressing, still will I thy praise proclaim.

Honor great our God befitteth; who his majesty can reach?
Age to age his works transmitteth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.

They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and greatness dwell,
Speak of thy great acts the story, and thy deeds of wonder tell.

Nor shall fail from mem'ry's treasure works by love and mercy wrought;
Works of love surpassing measure, works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation; all his works his goodness prove.

All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy saints adore.
King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign pow'r. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: O Lord God of heaven, according to your steadfast love and mercy, hear our prayer confessing the sins which we have sinned against you.

All: We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept your commandments. Instead of obeying you we have done what is right in our own eyes.

Leader: Have compassion on us and grant us the daily increase of your Holy Spirit. Cause us to continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the Gospel.

All: For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 71:1-3

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 121

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

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.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 88. *What are the outward means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?*

A. The outward and ordinary means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all of which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Q. 89. *How is the Word made effectual to salvation?*

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith to salvation.

Q. 90. *How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?*

A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation we must attend to it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love; lay it up in our hearts; and practice it in our lives.

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

1 Peter 1

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 16])

(printed on p. 12)

Preserve Me, O My God

Preserve me, O my God; you are my refuge true.
I say, "You are my Lord. I have no good apart from you."
The saints throughout the earth—in them is my delight,
For excellent are they who live as holy in your sight.

Those seeking other gods shall multiply their pain;
Their gifts of blood I offer not; their gods I will not name.
O LORD, you are to me my cup and portion sure;
The lot that you assign to me you guard and keep secure.

The lot that fell to me is beautiful and fair;
The heritage in which I dwell is good beyond compare.
I praise the LORD above, whose counsel guides aright.
My heart instructs me in his love in seasons of the night.

I keep before me still the LORD whom I have proved;
At my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.
My heart is therefore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.
My body, too, will rest secure in hope unwavering.

For you will not forsake my soul unto the grave,
Nor will you leave your Holy One to see the tomb's decay.
Life's pathway you make known, full joy of boundless store
Is found with you; at your right hand are pleasures evermore. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“Jesus Prayed for His Disciples”
John 17:6-19

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict’ry wins.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o’ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end. 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, September 13

Scripture: Isaiah 12:1 - 14:32; 2 Corinthians 13:1-14; Psalm 57:1-11; Proverbs 23:9-11

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 6

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

Tuesday, September 14

Scripture: Isaiah 15:1 - 18:7; Galatians 1:1-24; Psalm 58:1-11; Proverbs 23:12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 89

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

Wednesday, September 15

Scripture: Isaiah 19:1 – 21:17; Galatians 2:1-16; Psalm 59:1-17; Proverbs 23:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 90

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

Thursday, September 16

Scripture: Isaiah 22:1 – 24:23; Galatians 2:17 – 3:9; Psalm 60:1-12; Proverbs 23:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 91

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

Friday, September 17

Scripture: Isaiah 25:1 – 28:13; Galatians 3:10-22; Psalm 61:1-8; Proverbs 23:17-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 92

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

Saturday, September 18

Scripture: Isaiah 28:14 – 30:11; Galatians 3:23 – 4:31; Psalm 62:1-12; Prov. 23:19-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 93

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

Sunday, September 19

Scripture: Isaiah 30:12 – 33:9; Galatians 5:1-12; Psalm 63:1-11; Proverbs 23:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 94

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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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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LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

When praying for his disciples in John 17:6, Jesus testifies to the Father that the disciples have “kept your word.” He also testifies that the words the Father gave him, he gave to his disciples, and they received them and believed that Jesus was sent by the Father (v. 8). Notice the close connection between the Word of God and faith in Jesus. These two things are inseparable, for “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). But hearing the Word of God in a saving manner entails *keeping* the Word of God, and keeping the Word of God involves more than merely doing what it commands. Martin Lloyd-Jones states:

You do not really keep the word of God unless you obey it. It is a word that cannot be kept only in your intellect; it has to be put in your heart and in your will also. The man who keeps the word of God is the man whose whole personality is keeping it, the man who is meditating and rejoicing in it, whose heart warms to it, and so obeys it.

To hear and keep the Word of God, as defined by Lloyd-Jones, is to be changed by the Word. It is through the hearing and true keeping of God's Word that we can be sure that while we are in the world, we, like Jesus, are not of the world.

1. What does it mean to hear the Word of God? How is merely hearing the Word different from believing the Word?
2. What does it mean to keep the Word of God? Read Psalm 1. Does this psalm describe someone who has merely heard the Word of God or is keeping the Word of God? How does Psalm 1:2 answer that question?
3. Read John 17:11, 12. What did Jesus do for the disciples while he was with them? What does he ask the Father to do for his disciples after his ascension?
4. Look up chapter 17 of the Westminster Confession of Faith. How does the Confession define and describe God “keeping” us in his name? How is being kept in God's name connected to Ephesians 1:3-14?

Preserve Me, O My God

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1. ¹Pre - serve me, O my God; you are my ref - uge true.
 2. ⁴Those seek - ing oth - er gods shall mul - ti - ply their pain;
 3. ⁶The lot that fell to me is beau - ti - ful and fair;
 4. ⁸I keep be - fore me still the LORD whom I have proved;
 5. ¹⁰For you will not for - sake my soul un - to the grave,

²I say, "You are my Lord. I have no good a - part from you."
 their gifts of blood I of - fer not; their gods I will not name.
 • the her - i - tage in which I dwell is good be - yond com - pare.
 at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.
 nor will you leave your Ho - ly One to see the tomb's de - cay.

³The saints through - out the earth— in them is my de - light,
⁵O LORD, you are to me my cup and por - tion sure;
 • ⁷I praise the LORD a - bove, whose coun - sel guides a - right.
⁹My heart is there - fore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.
¹¹Life's path - way you make known, full joy of bound - less store

for ex - cel - lent are they who live as ho - ly in your sight.
 the lot that you as - sign to me you guard and keep se - cure.
 • My heart in - structs me in his love in sea - sons of the night.
 My bod - y, too, will rest se - cure in hope un - wav - er - ing.
 is found with you; at your right hand are plea - sures ev - er - more.