





GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 27, 2026

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Psalm 139:14

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 90 (p. 816 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn men back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—
though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

All our days pass away under your wrath;

we finish our years with a moan.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength;

yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy
and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—

yes, establish the work of our hands.

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

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, we believe that your Law is holy, and your commandments are righteous and good. Your Law reveals our sin and how desperately we need your saving grace. The Third Commandment of your Law is, "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Leader: We confess that we have broken this commandment by not treating your name with the honor and reverence that you deserve. We have been distracted in worship and in our prayers and Bible reading. We are ashamed and sorry for how we have sinned against you. Forgive us and guide our thoughts, words, and deeds to be in conformity to what is glorifying and pleasing to you. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to honor and serve you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Esther 8

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 519

Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace

Fountain of never-ceasing grace,
Your saints' exhaustless theme,
Great object of immortal praise,
Essentially supreme;
We bless you for the glorious fruits
Your incarnation gives,
The righteousness which grace imputes,
And faith alone receives.

In you we have a righteousness
By God himself approved;
Our rock, our sure foundation this,
Which never can be moved.
Our ransom by your death was paid,
For all your people giv'n,
The law you perfectly obeyed,
That they might enter heav'n.

As all, when Adam sinned alone,
In his transgression died,
So by the righteousness of One
Are sinners justified;
We to your merit, gracious Lord,
With humblest joy submit,
Again to paradise restored,
In you alone complete. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (p. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 735

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*

Ephesians 2:1-10

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month: Psalm 130)

(music printed on p. 12)

LORD, from the Depths to You I Cry!

LORD, from the depths to you I cry!
O Lord, to me give ear
And give attention to my voice;
My cry for mercy hear.

If you, O LORD, should mark our sins,
Then who, O Lord, could stand?
But pardon can be found with you
That you may fear command.

I wait, my soul awaits the LORD;
My hope is in his Word.
Yes, more than watchmen wait for dawn,
My soul awaits the Lord.

O Isr'el, hope in God the LORD,
For mercy is with him;
With great redemption he will save
His Isr'el from all sin. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Amazing Reversals”
Esther 8

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 660

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*

SERMON NOTES

“Amazing Reversals” Esther 8

1. Poverty to Wealth
2 Corinthians 5:21; 8:9
2. Death to Life
Ephesians 2:4-7
3. Fasting to Feasting
Revelation 19:6-8

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, September 28

Scripture: Isaiah 54:1 - 57:14; Ephesians 6:1-24; Psalm 70:1-5; Proverbs 24:8

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 6

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

Tuesday, September 29

Scripture: Isaiah 57:15 - 59:21; Philippians 1:1-26; Psalm 71:1-24; Proverbs 24:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 62

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

Wednesday, September 30

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1 - 62:5; Philippians 1:27 - 2:18; Psalm 72:1-20; Proverbs 24:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 63

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Equatorial Guinea and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, October 1

Scripture: Isaiah 62:6 - 65:25; Philippians 2:19 - 3:3; Psalm 73:1-28; Proverbs 24:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 64

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

Friday, October 2

Scripture: Isaiah 66:1-24; Philippians 3:4-21; Psalm 74:1-23; Proverbs 24:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 65

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

The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

Saturday, October 3

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:30; Philippians 4:1-23; Psalm 75:1-10; Proverbs 24:17-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 66

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

Sunday, October 4

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:31 - 4:18; Colossians 1:1-17; Psalm 76:1-12; Proverbs 24:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 67

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

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 118:22-26

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Hymn*

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise” Hymn 3

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

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Hymn

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I” Hymn 706

Scripture Reading*

John 14:1-14

Hymn

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” Hymn 353

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

“Step Into the Upper Room”
Acts 20:7-12

Pastor Taylor Kern

Hymn*

“Jesus Shall Reign” Hymn 441

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.

130A LORD, from the Depths to You I Cry!

1. ¹LORD, from the depths to you I cry!

2. ³If you, O LORD, should mark our sins,

3. ⁵I wait, my soul a - waits the LORD;

4. ⁷O Is - r'el, hope in God the LORD,

²O Lord, to me give ear and give at - ten - tion
then who, O Lord, could stand? ⁴But par - don can be
my hope is in his word. ⁶Yes, more than watch - men
for mer - cy is with him; ⁸with great re - demp - tion

to my voice; my cry for mer - cy hear.
found with you that you may fear com - mand.
wait for dawn, my soul a - waits the Lord.
he will save his Is - r'el from all sin.



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