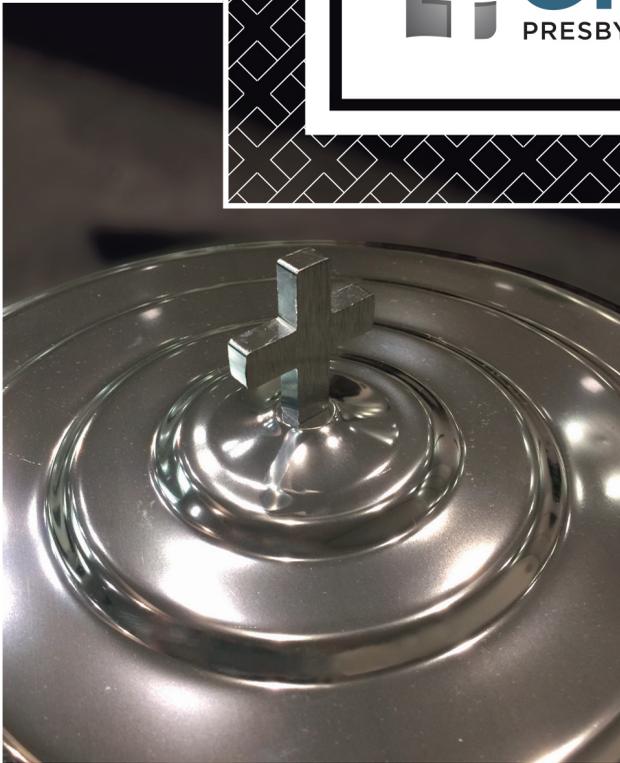




 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him!

Let all the upright in heart exult!

Psalm 64:10

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 9:1-11

- ¹ I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
- ² **I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**
- ³ When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish before your presence.
- ⁴ **For you have maintained my just cause;
you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.**
- ⁵ You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish;
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- ⁶ **The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;
their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.**
- ⁷ But the LORD sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for justice,
- ⁸ **and he judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with uprightness.**
- ⁹ The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
- ¹⁰ **And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**
- ¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

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

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

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.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, we come before you to acknowledge our sin, because if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: We confess that we have broken your commandments by our careless deeds, our hurtful words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and renew our wills. We desire to be conformed more and more to the likeness of Christ; grant us grace and work in us by your Holy Spirit to that end.

All: 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, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 25:31-40; 27:20-21

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 128

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 24. *How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?*

A. Christ executes the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Q. 25. *How does Christ execute the office of a priest?*

A. Christ executes the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Q. 26. *How does Christ execute the office of a king?*

A. Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

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*

Exodus 37:17-24

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11])

Hymn 48

O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

O Lord Most High, with all my heart
Your wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give you thanks
And sing the praises of your name.

The Lord, the everlasting King,
Is seated on his judgment throne;
The righteous Judge of all the world
Will make his perfect justice known.

Jehovah will a refuge prove,
A refuge strong for all oppressed,
A safe retreat, where weary souls
In troubled times may surely rest.

All they, O Lord, that know your Name
Their confidence in you will place,
For you have ne'er forsaken them
Who earnestly have sought your face.

Sing praises to the Lord Most High,
To him who does in Zion dwell;
Declare his mighty deeds abroad,
His deeds among the nations tell. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Golden Lampstand”
Exodus 25:31-40; 27:20-21; 37:17-24

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*

(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.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, September 8

Scripture: Isaiah 1:1 - 2:22; 2 Corinthians 10:1-18; Psalm 52:1-9; Proverbs 22:26-27

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 16

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

Tuesday, September 9

Scripture: Isaiah 3:1 - 5:30; 2 Corinthians 11:1-15; Psalm 53:1-6; Proverbs 22:28-29

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 53

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

Wednesday, September 10

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:25; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33; Psalm 54:1-7; Proverbs 23:1-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 54

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Argentina and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, September 11

Scripture: Isaiah 8:1 - 9:21; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Psalm 55:1-23; Proverbs 23:4-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 55

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

Friday, September 12

Scripture: Isaiah 10:1 - 11:16; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21; Psalm 56:1-13; Proverbs 23:6-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 56

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

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

Saturday, September 13

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

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 57

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

Sunday, 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 58

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 Belize

Dave Eby in Uganda

Christ Bible Institute in Japan

The Shepherd's Church in Riverside

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The golden lampstand in the tabernacle filled the holy place with bright light. It looked like a tree and symbolized the tree of heavenly life that Christ would secure for his people through his life, death, and resurrection. It was God's way of pointing his Old Covenant people to the promised Savior. J.V. Fesko in his book, *Christ and the Desert Tabernacle*, writes:

Remember that the lampstand in the tabernacle was illumined both night and day, reminding the Israelites of the light of the glory from the presence of the Lord. Remember how the book of Revelation concludes: "And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there" (Rev. 21:22–25). In the same way we should be filled with hope as we long for the consummation of all things, when we shall stand in the presence of the light of the glory of our triune Lord. For just as it was never dark in the tabernacle, so too it shall never be dark in the final temple, New Jerusalem, as we shall dwell eternally in the light of the glory of the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb.

1. Read Exodus 25:40 and Hebrews 8:5. Based on what you learned in the sermon, how did the golden lampstand contribute to making the tabernacle a copy of "the heavenly things"?
2. Based on Genesis 3:24 and Revelation 2:7, what is the connection between the golden lampstand and the tree of life? How did God use the golden lampstand to remind his people about the gospel?
3. What does Christ's provision of life and light reveal about our spiritual needs? How does his provision reveal his love and his glory?
4. How does our church as a whole reveal Christ's life and light?
5. How do you reveal Christ's life and light in your personal life among family, friends, and neighbors?



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