

**Sunday, September 15, 2013**

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

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# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

## Song of Preparation

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Brent Milligan, David Crowder  
St. Francis of Assisi  
William Henry Draper

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O praise Him, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,  
O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising moon in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

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## Call to Worship

*The triune God calling His church to worship Him*

## Prayer of Invocation

*Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ*

## Reading of the Law

*God's perfect law condemns and convicts us of our sin and serves as a guide for the Christian life*

Matthew 5:43-48

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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Dr. Robert M. Norris, *Senior Pastor*, Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Associate Pastor*;  
Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer, Rev. David O'Connell, and Rev. Blair Smith, *Pastors*

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness*

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, we come humbly to confess our sins. Forgive us for not loving our neighbor as ourselves. We confess that we are more prone to harsh judgment towards others than to patient forbearance. We are slow to forgive others while we are quick to justify our sins. Forgive the pains we have inflicted on others and while we have sought to indulge ourselves. Have mercy on us in Christ. While our failures and shortcomings present to us a list of accusations, we thank you that they will not stand against us for all have been laid on Jesus. Remind us again of the One whose punishment brought us peace that we might be delivered from all our sins. This we pray in the great name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Reading of the Gospel

Galatians 3:10-14

*The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the penalty and power of sin*

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

## Songs of Thanksgiving

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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"Speak O Lord"

Keith Getty  
Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word;  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority; words of power that can never fail.  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak O Lord and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us;  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us;  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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**Prayer of Illumination**

*Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of His Word*

**Sermon**

“Prayer of Petition”  
*2nd in a Series on the Book of Philippians*

Dr. Todd Smedley

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Song of Response**

“To God Be The Glory”

Fanny J. Crosby  
William H. Doane

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Declaration of Faith—The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution  
Prayer of Consecration  
Sharing of the Supper  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Passing the Peace of Christ

## Closing Song

## “In Christ Alone”

Keith Getty  
Stuart Townend

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, fulness 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 every 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 power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## Benediction

*Pronouncing God's blessing on His people*

*We would like to thank the musicians who participated in this evening's service of worship.*

*If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.*

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## Next Sunday, September 22

### Morning Service, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

“The Grace of Christ”

*1 Corinthians 15:9-11*

Dr. Robert M. Norris

### Evening Service, 6pm

“The Gospel Cannot be Imprisoned”

*Philippians 1:12-18*

Dr. Todd Smedley

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.*