

Sunday, November 24, 2013

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come People of the Risen King”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Come people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice, one heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ rejoice.*

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight;
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace;
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call;
The truth that cries through ev'ry age our God is all in all.

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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

Matthew 19:16-21

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

And behold, a man came up to Him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you ask Me about what is good? There is only One Who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

O most gracious Father, You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in Him. We confess that we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have failed to take seriously Your holy law. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first Your kingdom. But You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and grace in Him. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. In Your promise is our hope. In Your Son is our salvation and in Your Spirit is our security. Receive us now as Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son that we might live hereafter with singleness of heart for His glory. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Matthew 5:17-20

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

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Jesus Messiah”

Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson
Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

He became sin, who knew no sin, that we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross, love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Jesus Messiah name above all names, blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel;
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn; love so amazing, love so amazing.

All our hope is in You,
All our hope is in You,
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world.

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“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Chris Tomlin, John Newton
Louie Giglio

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free; my God my Savior has ransomed me:
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God Who called me here below will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

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Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:10-23

page 982, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“Contentment”

Dr. Todd Smedley

11th in a Series on the Book of Philippians

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“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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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

“One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”

Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford
Jeremy Riddle

Higher than the mountains that I face,
Stronger than the power of the grave,
Constant in the trial and the change,
One thing remains;
One thing remains:

*Your love never fails,
it never gives up;
never runs out on me.*

On and on and on and on it goes,
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul,
And I never ever have to be afraid,
One thing remains;
One thing remains:

In death, in life I'm confident, and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love,
My debt is paid; there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love.

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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.

Advent
2013

First Sunday of Advent
Next Sunday, December 1

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

“The Seed”

Revelation 12:1-17

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Evening Service, 6pm in the Sanctuary

Advent by Candlelight

With instrumentalists and carols

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