

Sunday, November 3, 2013

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Mit Frueden Zart

Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of pow'r, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills, and ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of His might, Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, thru all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud His praises,
That men may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!

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

Exodus 20:1-11

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments. 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. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

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

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your way, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all that displeases You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your own dear Son. Speak afresh to us the Gospel of Your grace, and remind us that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope. Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, and in the end receive us into Your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Romans 3:21-26

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

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“The Stand”

Joel Houston

You stood before creation, eternity in Your hand;
You spoke the earth into motion, my soul now to stand.

You stood before my failure, and carried the cross for my shame;
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders, my soul now to stand.

So what can I say, and what can I do.
But offer this heart, O God, completely to You?

*So I'll stand with arms high, and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all, I'll stand.
My soul Lord to You surrendered, all I am is Yours.*

So I'll walk upon salvation, Your Spirit alive in me;
My life to declare Your promise, my soul now to stand.

“With Everything”

Hillsong United

Open our eyes to see the things that make Your heart cry;
To be the church that You would desire, Your light to be seen.

Break down our pride, and all the walls we've built up inside;
Our earthly crowns and all our desires we lay at Your feet.

Let hope rise and darkness tremble in Your holy light,
That every eye will see Jesus, our God great and mighty to be praised.

God of all days, glorious in all of Your ways;
Oh the majesty, the wonders, and grace in the light of Your Name.

Let hope rise and darkness tremble in Your holy light,
That every eye will see Jesus, our God great and mighty to be praised.

*With everything, with everything
We will shout for Your glory with everything;
With everything we will shout forth Your praise.*

Our hearts they cry be glorified, be lifted high above all names;
For You our King with everything we will shout forth Your praise.

“Be Thou My Vision (O God Be My Everything)”

Ascend the Hill

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, put first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

*Oh, God, be my everything, be my delight be, Jesus, my glory My soul's satisfied.
Oh, God, be my everything, be my delight be, Jesus, my glory My soul's satisfied.
My Jesus, You satisfy my Jesus, You satisfy.*

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach Heaven's joys, bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:1-11

page 981, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“True Confidence”
8th in a Series on the Book of Philippians

Rev. Corey Gray

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Grace Greater than All Our Sin”

Julia H. Johnston
Daniel B. Towner

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair, like the seawaves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater—yes, grace untold points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide what can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide. Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive?

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.

Next Sunday, November 10

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

“Raised Imperishable”

I Corinthians 15:42-49

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service, 6pm

“The Glorious Pursuit of Christ”

Philippians 3:12-4:1

Rev. Dave O’Connell

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

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