

**Sunday, January 5, 2014**  
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

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# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

## Song of Preparation

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

John Bacchus Dykes  
Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee;  
Perfect in power in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

## 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

Romans 1:18-27

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

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness*

### Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate Your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in Your sight: Through 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

"My Faith Has Found A Resting Place"

Andre Ernest Modeste Gretry  
Lidie Hornsby Edmunds

My faith has found a resting place not in device or creed;  
I trust the ever-living One; His wounds for me shall plead.

I need no other argument, I need no other plea  
It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me

Enough for me that Jesus saves this ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him; He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God;  
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thru His blood

My great Physician heals the sick the lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed for me, His life He gave.

“By Faith”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty  
Stuart Townend

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design;  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts;  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear;  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost;  
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.

By faith the mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail;  
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

“I Stand Amazed”

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me a sinner condemned unclean.

O how marvelous, O how wonderful, and my song shall ever be;  
O how marvelous, O how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden He prayed, not My will but Thine;  
He had no tears for His own griefs but sweat drops of blood for mine.

In pity angels beheld Him and came from the world of light;  
To comfort Him in the sorrows He bore for my soul that night.

He took my sins and my sorrows; He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see;  
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:1-4

page 855, pew Bible

**Prayer of Illumination**

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

**Sermon**

“Luke's Orderly Account of Jesus”  
*1st in a series on the Parables of Jesus as found in the book of Luke*

Dr. Todd Smedley

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;  
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou, art how great Thou art!*

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art.

**Benediction**

*Pronouncing God's blessing on His people*

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

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

**Next Sunday, January 12, 2014**

**Morning Service**

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

“Two Kings Two Kingdoms” | II Samuel 2:1-11

Dr. Robert M. Norris

**Evening Service**

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Jesus' Birth” | Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20

Dr. Todd Smedley

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

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