

Sunday, January 12, 2014

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

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 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we were conceived and born in sin, and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we transgress Your holy commandments without ceasing, and ever more corrupt ourselves. But we are sorry for the same, and beseech Your grace and help. Have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us Your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please You by a new godly life. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

John 3:16-18

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

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because He has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“I Have Been Redeemed”

Wendy O’Connell

When I am lost, when I am all alone,
Burdened by my sin and shame, there’s one place I can go:
I look towards the cross where my Savior died,
Suffered in my place, the perfect sacrifice
For me so I can know.

*Now I am forgiven, I have been set free
Through the blood of Jesus; I have been made clean,
Now I know of His mercy because He died for me,
I have been redeemed.*

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“As With Gladness Men Of Old”

Conrad Kocher, William Chatterton Dix

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light leading onward beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heav’n and earth adore,
So, may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As their precious gifts they laid at Thy manger roughly made,
So may we with holy joy pure and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring Christ to Thee our heav’nly King.

Holy Jesu, ev’ry day keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20

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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

“Jesus’ Birth”

Dr. Todd Smedley

2nd in the series, “Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke”

Prayer of Thanksgiving**Song of Response**

“What Child Is This” (Greensleeves)

William Chatterton Dix

What Child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails spear shall pierce Him through the cross be borne for me for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

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

“Behold the Lamb”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb Who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ torn for you, eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again.
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.

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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 19, 2014

Morning Service

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

"A Bitter Adversary" | 2 Samuel 2:12-3:39

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Agape & Eucharist Service

6pm in the Upper Room

"Setting Our Hearts in the Right Place" | Colossians 3:1-4

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