

Sunday, July 1, 2012
Evening Worship | 6pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Call to Worship

Calling the congregation to worship the triune God

Prayer of Invocation

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

Songs of Praise

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Robert Robinson
John Wyeth

Come, Thou Fount of every 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 His name! I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blest me Thou has brought me to this place
And I know thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger bought me with his Precious blood.

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

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“A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

Bob Kauflin
Augustus Toplady

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view

The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen, and never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego, or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure, the glorified spirits in heaven.

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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*

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank You for the freedom You have given us through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like You delight in us, we avoid You in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving Your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting Your freedom, we prefer our chains. Forgive us through the mercy of Christ and restore to us the full understanding of our status as Your chosen children that we might live hereafter to please You, for this we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon*Hearing God's pronouncement of forgiveness in Christ*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5

page 599, pew Bible

Prayer of Intercession*Presenting our needs and thanksgiving before God***Song of Thanksgiving**

"Jesus, I Come"

William Sleeper
Greg Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
 Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
 Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
 Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
 Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
 Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
 Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
 Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings*Cheerfully responding to God's generosity with the giving of our resources***Offertory**

New Testament Reading

Matthew 3:1-17

pages 808-9, pew Bible

Sermon

“John the Baptist”
1st in a series on “Encounters with Jesus”

Rev. Ron Meyer

Song of Response

“Come Ye Sinners”

arr. Fernando Ortega
arr. John Andrew Schreiner
Joseph Hart

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus ready, stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance every grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall.
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.

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Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on His people

*Elders and pastors are available in the front of the church for prayer and any questions
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Next Sunday, July 8

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

“Truth that Accords with Godliness” | *Titus 1:1-4*

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service, 6:00pm

“The Devil” | *Matthew 1:1-11*

Rev. Blair Smith

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.